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All Skills and Smiles



West Sacramento little leaguers pose with their baseball gear for a photo during the Nike RBI baseball camp held at Cosumnes River College on July 9.

Story and photos by Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - More than 80 West Sacramento Little Leaguers participated in a three-day baseball camp, hosted by Nike and in partnership with the Athletics baseball club at Cosumnes River College on July 8 through July 10.

Little leaguers of all ages and divisions received free apparel such as a

Nike hat and t-shirt for participating in outfield, batting, infield and pitching exercises with Nike coaches. A's Right Fielder, Lawrence Butler, made an appearance on day two of the camp with the team's mascot, Stomper, after the A's nine-run victory over the Atlanta Braves on June 8, answering questions and signing autographs.

West Sac Little League board member, coach and father, Alex

Graham, talked about the A's impact on his organization and what having a sponsored camp means for him and the players.

"This whole year has been fantastic having the A's in town," Graham said. "Just having pro-ball right down the street from us, it means a ton and just the generosity from the club, having the kids out to a lot of the games, and then this camp, I mean,

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SMUD's Giving Friday Returns to State Fair

Story by SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - SMUD's Giving Friday is back at the California State Fair with a new day and a new nonprofit organization benefiting and with the same big heart of giving.

Moving from Mondays to Fridays (July 11, 18 and 25), attendees can enjoy free same-day entry to the California State Fair with a donation of five nonperishable food items to help stock the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services shelves.

"Giving Friday represents the heart of what SMUD stands for: being there for our community, especially those facing food insecurity," said Farres Everly, SMUD's chief marketing and communications officer. "With rising costs impacting so many families, this partnership creates a simple but powerful way for neighbors to help neighbors while enjoying everything the state fair has to offer."

The numbers tell the story. The Sacramento Food Bank is serving more individuals than ever before. Each item donated helps fill the gap monthly for more than 320,000 children, families and seniors in our region who are struggling to put food on the table.

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Donations are accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cal Expo Main, Blue and Green gates. Upon entry, visitors can enjoy SMUD swag bags, energy-saving tips and induction cooking demos. Also join SMUD from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 19 at the EV Ride and Drive event at the nearby Arden Fair Mall. Test drive an electric vehicle and earn a free State Fair ticket.

SMUD has led successful e-waste, coat, personal care and school supply drives at Cal Expo. These drives have benefited nonprofit organizations such as the Sacramento Children's Home, the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps and the Elk Grove Food Bank.

For more information about SMUD Giving Friday, visit cal-expostatefair.com or smud.org/StateFair.

Breaking Ground on Washington Park

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of West Sacramento on July 10 broke ground on Washington Park, the 40th park citywide, marking a major milestone in the city's ongoing efforts to expand access to green space.

The event brought together city leaders, project partners and community members to celebrate the park's construction as part of the Four40 West housing development, a public-private partnership with BlackPine Communities.

Once complete, Washington Park will offer nearly a half-acre of recreational amenities, including flexible lawn space, shaded picnic areas, a children's play area and



West Sacramento Councilmember Quirina Orozco speaks at the Washington Park groundbreaking. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

a new public art installation by Yolo County artist Roger Berry.

"Economic development and public space go hand in hand," said Traci Michel,

director of Economic Development and Housing. "Through smart, community-centered planning and partnerships like this one with BlackPine

Communities, we're not just building homes; we're building connected, livable neighborhoods that support long-term prosperity."

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West Sacramento Breaks Ground on Washington Park

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Washington Park fills a long-standing gap in recreational access for Washington District residents. Currently, the nearest playgrounds are located more than a mile away, separated by high-traffic roads and other physical barriers. This new neighborhood park ensures families with young children have safe, walkable access to the same types of amenities enjoyed in other parts of the city. The park, located at 6th and E streets, is expected to open in early 2026.

“Every resident deserves access to a clean, safe and vibrant park close to home,”

said West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero. “Washington Park is more than a playground, it’s a symbol of environmental justice, smart growth and our commitment to climate resilience.”

Parks and Recreation Director Kate Smith highlighted the broader significance of the project, saying “This groundbreaking couldn’t come at a better time during Parks Make Life Better Month. Parks are where communities grow stronger, and with this project, we’re planting seeds for a more inclusive, connected West Sacramento.” ★



From left are Economic Development and Housing Director Traci Michel, Economic Development Program Manager Laurie Ledesma, Councilmember Quirina Orozco, artist Roger Berry, and BlackPine President and CEO Mike Paris. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento



The Parks and Recreation Department staff pose for a photo during the groundbreaking. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

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Skills and Smiles for West Sac Little League

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it's been tremendous.

In addition to the A's donating \$10,000 to West Sac Little League and several hundred tickets to multiple, local little league organizations, the camp's third day featured a trip to Sutter Health Park on July 10 for Butler's bobblehead night against the Braves.

Before watching the professionals under the stadium lights, the little leaguers worked to piece their days of practice together for a more game-like experience.

With their hands raised high, little leaguers asked Butler about his gold number four chain, which he was sporting, and what it's like to be a pro. Event organizers shared their experience of putting it all together.

Nike Camp Director Preston Vancil said having great coaches is what makes a great camp. He said the last day of camp is all about putting it together, playing games and having fun.

"It's been quite a process," Vancil said. "There's been a lot of people involved to put this together. A lot of different entities, a lot of people working together. Especially in order to put a camp on for free for people, it takes a lot of hard work from a lot of dedicated people and now we're seeing the fruits of all of our labors."

Brian Sackinsky, the vice president of Nike US Sports Camps for baseball, softball and football, said it took three years of bringing together Nike, Major League Baseball and the Athletics to put on this free camp for West Sac little leaguers under Nike's



A's right fielder Lawrence Butler answers questions from West Sacramento little leaguers during the Nike RBI baseball camp held at Cosumnes River College on July 9.

RBI program umbrella.

According to the MLB website, Nike's RBI camp stands for Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities Program, the MLB's youth initiative to provide baseball and softball playing opportunities for underserved communities.

"Today was the culmination of the cherry on top with having Lawrence Butler come out and speak to the kids," Sackinsky said. "So,

very proud of being able to do that and pulling the community together for what I affectionately say are skills and smiles, and saw a lot of those today."

Harvey Hargrove, a Nike camp coach and CRC Baseball coach, was coaching in the batting cages on July 9 and said his athletes were working with water bags and other tools to refine their batting technique before

hitting a ball.

"Day three, tomorrow, we'll probably have a little bit more fun, making it a bit more game like, but I always like to have them move good, so they can hit good," Hargrove said.

Parents of little leaguers said they felt privileged, grateful and excited for the opportunity for their young athlete to attend the free camp and meet a professional

player from their local team.

Avila's son, Matias Avila, said the camp has been good, getting his green Nike hat signed by both Butler and Stomper. Matias Avila said he was excited to attend the A's game against the Braves.

Little league parent Monica Avila said, "Thank you to Nike and the West Sac little league for organizing this and I think it's a great way to give back to the community." ★



A's right fielder Lawrence Butler holds up his gold No.4 chain after West Sacramento little leaguers ask him questions about it during a Q&A session on day two of the Nike RBI camp at Cosumnes River College between July 8 and July 10.



Stomper, the A's mascot, sits with members of West Sacramento Little League as they raise their hands to ask A's right fielder Lawrence Butler questions during a Q&A session of the Nike RBI baseball camp at Cosumnes River College on July 9.



West Sacramento little leaguers practice drills in batting, pitching, infield and outfield at Cosumnes River College for the three-day Nike RBI camp on July 8 through July 10.



Before the second day of camp is over, West Sacramento little leaguers pose for a photo as they line up to run the bases.

Senate Bill 54 the So Called Values Act



By John McGinness

Much attention has been directed at immigration enforcement in California this year. Donald Trump made several campaign promises in his 2024 presidential campaign. Chief among those were commitments to improve the economy (reduce inflation) and enforce the existing immigration laws. He even went so far as to suggest the possibility of mass deportations. The result of his clearly expressed promises was a decisive win on November 5, 2024. In fact, to the surprise of many, Donald Trump not only prevailed in the electoral college, he won the popular vote and became the forty-seventh president of the United States. Among the first actions of the new president was the appointment of a no-nonsense border czar, Tom Homan who has been unequivocal in his commitment to relentlessly enforce immigration laws in this country.

The United States of America is often referred to as a democracy, when in fact, it is a constitutional republic. However, the method through which we elect candidates for office is through a democratic process. In the case of President Donald Trump, the

voters spoke clearly through the democratic process and chose the candidate who committed to strict immigration enforcement. That development put the state of California, and other blue states at odds with the new administration and the will of most Americans, as evidenced by the 2024 election outcome.

To develop a better understanding of how California got where it is today, we revisit history. In 2017 the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 54, the so-called Values Act which prohibited the practice of state and local law enforcement officers from interacting with personnel from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This action by the legislature was taken without voter approval and against vocal opposition from law enforcement executives and rank and file law enforcement practitioners. It was signed into law by Governor Edmond G Brown, Jr and became law on January 1, 2018. Prior to that time, ICE personnel regularly visited, and in many cases were stationed in, major jails throughout the state of California for the purpose of monitoring the immigration status of criminal suspects booked into the facilities. That practice allowed for the peaceful transfer of jurisdiction from California peace officers - to immigration enforcement personnel. Additionally, when ICE had identified a person that was wanted and subject to arrest under their jurisdiction, they would routinely contact local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of ensuring local police were aware of the presence of armed plain clothes personnel engaged in dynamic law enforcement operations. That course of action ensured effective communication

in the spirit of maximum public and officer safety.

Senate Bill 54 outlawed each of those practices, foreseeably increasing the risk to the public, law enforcement personnel and even the suspects themselves. It is impossible to imagine a safer environment in which to effectuate the arrest of a criminal suspect than simply transferring that person from the jurisdiction of one law enforcement agency to another within the confines of a secure jail, a setting in which no one is armed, and escape is virtually impossible. Similarly, the capture of a fugitive with the presence of uniformed law enforcement personnel present in marked patrol cars, with ready communication capabilities with their federal colleagues, facilitated optimum elements for a safe outcome.

Nonetheless, the California legislature and governors, past and present, embraced this extraordinarily ill-conceived law and in so doing, hampered the safety of legitimate, statutorily, and constitutionally sanctioned law enforcement operations.

Effective January 1, 2018, ICE personnel were removed from the jails forthwith. No communication between and among state and local law enforcement personnel could take place. This eliminated the potential of an illegal immigrant with an egregiously violent criminal history, freshly arrested for a violation of state law to be properly referred to ICE.

For those of us who closely watch the actions of the California legislature, there was specific frustration with this course of conduct. Because the US Constitution (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4) clearly delegates immigration enforcement power to the

Federal Government, preventing individual states from having their own processes for naturalization. Additionally, the US Supreme Court decided in Arizona v United States (2012), that immigration enforcement and naturalization is the sole prerogative of the federal government.

In addition to the Constitutionally enumerated duty of the federal government to enforce immigration law, the U.S. Congress has codified specific laws in statute, i.e.: 8 U.S.C.1325 which makes it a crime for an alien to enter or even attempt to enter the U.S. at a time or place not designated by immigration officials, or to elude inspection. It is a misdemeanor for the first offense, but it can become a felony if the person has been previously deported and re-enters without authorization, or if that person commits other violations of law. Congress has also funded ICE, and the Executive Branch has given clear direction to personnel in ICE to enforce the law. The foregoing represents the law of the land in the United States of America in 2025. A person with a modicum of sixth-grade civics knowledge should understand that if there is dissatisfaction with the law, there are means by which laws can be changed. However, the notion of duly elected members of the legislative and executive branch of any state government simply and overtly defying the law is unconscionable.

The common refrain from Governor Newsom includes an assertion that the actions of the federal government in immigration law enforcement is a denial of democracy. Every Californian should know that federal immigration personnel enforcing the laws created and funded by a duly

elected Congress, and directed by the Executive Branch of the government, in a manner consistent with the language expressed in the U.S. Constitution, is the essence of democracy. Citizens who oppose the law have a right and arguably a duty to endeavor to change the law. Defiance of the law is not the answer.

Apropos of nothing above, but consistent with Governor Newsom's lack of understanding or willful defiance of the fundamentals of democracy is evidenced by another development of last November's election, Proposition 36. Nearly seventy percent of the California electorate passed Proposition 36; it passed in each of the very diverse fifty-eight counties in California. A significant portion of that proposition was the demand for treatment of chronic drug offenders. The people spoke clearly through that democratic act. Yet, Governor Newsom refuses to ensure funding for that critical treatment. It appears Governor Newsom is resistant democracy when he does not like the decisions of the voters.

To be clear, there is room for improvement on both sides of the divide. Constitutional officers should never waiver from their oath to the Constitution, and dignified communication facilitates the optimal outcomes.

Perhaps we heed President Abraham Lincoln and invoke our *Better Angels*.

California and the nation deserve better.

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New Poll Finds Vast Majority of Californians Believe Special Interest Money Has Too Much Influence in Sacramento

By Evan Symon,
California Globe

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According to a new UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) poll released Thursday, the vast majority of Californians believe that special interest money has too much influence in Sacramento politics and decision making, with only 2% of Californians disagreeing in any capacity.

The poll specifically found that 55% of Californians strongly agreed with the question 'Do you agree or disagree: Special interest money has too much influence in Sacramento politics and decision making?', with another 20% somewhat agreeing. With 1% somewhat disagreeing and 1% strongly disagreeing, the rest of the 23% were either in the middle and not agreeing or disagreeing, or simply chose not to respond.

When broken down by party, a grand total of 73% of all Democrats agreed with the question, albeit with only 49% strongly agreeing and 24% somewhat agreeing. Only 3% disagreed. Republicans brought a much stronger response, with 81% agreeing, including 69% strongly agreeing, while only 2% disagreed. No party preference voters stood at 75% agreeing.

The question of special interest money having too much influence in the state capitol also showed significant racial fluctuations, although like the party



The vast majority of Californians believe that that kind of spending has far too much influence in the state. Image MPG file photo

registration section, disagreeing with the question only saw a maximum of 3%. White voters proved far more skeptical, with 82% agreeing (64% strongly and 18% somewhat). Meanwhile, Latino voters were the least skeptical, with only 66% in total agreeing (44% strongly, 22% somewhat).

Finally, voter age showed the largest divisions on the question, albeit once again with only a maximum of 3% disagreeing with the question per age group. As it turned out, the younger the voter, the less skeptical of the question they turned out to be. Heading down from age groups, 85% of those aged 65 and older agreed with the question,

followed by 81% of 50 to 64 year olds, 77% of 40 to 49 year olds, 70% of 30 to 39 year olds, and 59% of 18 to 29 year olds.

If measured by only strongly agreeing, all age demos showed 50% or more agreeing, except for the young 18 to 29 year olds section. There, only 38% strongly agreed.

The IGS team pointed out even more demographic fluctuations, while likewise hammering home the fact that the vast majority of Californians all agree on special interest money having too much of an influence on lawmakers in Sacramento.

"Strikingly, this was a question on which there was little partisan split, with 73% of Democrats,

81% of Republicans, and 75% of No Party Preference voters agreeing. At least 59% of each regional, gender, age, education, income, and racial group also agreed with the statement," said the IGS in their poll findings. "Strong agreement was highest among white (64%), male (63%), and 65 years and older (66%) voters. It was lowest among young voters (38%) and low-income voters (37%). Californians who vote regularly are the most fed up with the money in California's political system: 87% of them agree strongly or somewhat, compared to 67% of respondents who are not regular voters."

"The numbers don't lie.

Californians overwhelmingly recognize that big money wields far too much power over our elected officials," added California Common Cause Deputy Director Russia Chavis Cardenas. "People from every political party, every race, and every walk of life are united behind one urgent demand. They want Sacramento to break the grip of big money on our democracy."

The California Globe has continuously shown the high amount of special interest money flowing through Sacramento, as well highlighting the groups giving the most. This includes pointing out the hundreds of millions being spent by public sector unions each year on lawmakers and groups in Sacramento, and thus, having a huge amount of influence as a result.

In 2024 alone, lobbying groups spent \$540 million to influence the state government, jumping up 10% from 2023. The largest individual private sector group, the Western States Petroleum Association, spent a total of \$17.3 million in an attempt to influence lawmakers, while the largest sector, public sector unions spent, as mentioned earlier, into the hundreds of millions.

As of early July, 2025 mid-year figures are unavailable for special interest funding. However, as the poll showed, the vast majority of Californians believe that that kind of spending has far too much influence in the state. ★

Bombshell Declassified ICA Report on 2016 Plot to Overthrow Elected President



By Harold Pease, Ph. D.,
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The new CIA Director John Radcliffe just released ICA's Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA) revealing the CIA, FBI and DNI's unsuccessful attempt to nullify Trump's 2016 election victory over Hillary Clinton because of alleged Russian collusion in the election. In this, outgoing President Barack Obama and then CIA director John Brennan played major and intentional roles in both. The Russian Hoax and its coverup, is now the biggest political scandal in American history. The Report, showed that "then-CIA Director John Brennan, FBI Director James Comey and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, who were "excessively involved" in its drafting, and rushed its completion in a "chaotic," "atypical" and "markedly unconventional" process

that raised questions of a "potential political motive" ("Obama's Trump-Russia collusion report was corrupt from start: CIA review," by Miranda Devine, New York Post, July 2, 2025). The obvious intent, though not cited, was to leave Trump, the 2016 election victor, unseated, against the will of the people who elected him.

A glaring curiosity was the timing, "on December 6, 2016, six weeks before his presidency ended," and a month after the election, "Barack Obama ordered the assessment, which concluded that Russian President Vladimir Putin 'aspired' to help Trump win the election"—thus Russian collusion (Ibid.). Brennan had an obvious obsession to include in the report the unverified, even discredited Steele dossier, "despite objections of the authors and senior CIA Russia experts, so as to push a false narrative that Russia secured Trump's 2016 victory." Still another unexplained anomaly for a guy leaving the presidency within weeks, is Obama's wire tapping of Hillary's political opponent. Trump responded, "Just found out that Obama had my 'wires taped' in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!" (X22 Report, Ep. 3679b, July 3, 2025, 47:19, X). "Never

has a president left office to collude with others to impede the next sitting president of the United States of America until Obama! (Ibid. 52:23).

The release of the classified "Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment [ICA] on Russian Election Interference" was conducted by career professionals at the CIA's Directorate of Analysis and was commissioned by CIA Director John Ratcliffe last May. It concluded that in 2016, then CIA director Brennan and others rushed the Russia Election Interference Intelligence Assessment. In it "Brennan is shown to have dismissed high-level warnings that the Clinton campaign opposition research, the 'Steel Dossier,' was not credible. The intelligence community CIA, FBI, DNI, etc. intentionally fabricated intelligence information to create an entirely fictitious storyline" and weaponized the fake narrative against Donald Trump to prevent him from taking office after being elected by the people (Ibid., 48:19).

If the Coup d'état. was unsuccessful then why does this matter now in 2025—nine years later? Because those unpunished then remained in place enabling them to cheat even more so in every two year election cycle thereafter, potentially to infinity if

not exposed, punished and stopped.

Rasmussen Reports labeled the CIA Directors' recent release as "An Enormous Scandal, Dwarfing Watergate and the Pentagon Papers," much much bigger than Watergate (Ibid., 48:52). To which Lee Smith, an investigative reporter replied, "Useful detail but misses crucial fact. I've reported in three books: Obama ordered ICA and knew by August 2016 [that the] only intel tying Trump to Russia was [the] dossier. That's the scandal, not bad tradecraft or stove piping intel etc: Obama framed Trump" (Ibid. 49:25). Let us repeat, "Obama framed Trump."

General Mike Flynn, who was himself victimized by the Deep State, said, "The newly declassified ICA proves without a shadow of a doubt that the entire operation was a rigged partisan hack job. It wasn't intelligence. It was propaganda meant to undermine the incoming POTUS. And who orchestrated this disgrace – John Brennan, a man who wore the title of CIA Director but acted like a political assassin in service to the Obama/Clinton machine. He didn't just fail in his duties. He betrayed it. He weaponized the CIA to push a lie, boxed out the rest of the intelligence community and engineered a fraudulent narrative that tore our nation apart. He

knew the Intel was a lie yet he led a small handpicked Cabal to hide the truth and manufactured a story that served their agenda Everything they accuse Trump, myself, and others of doing they were doing behind the scenes. That is what Marxists do. And while they pushed their fiction, real Americans paid the price. I exposed all of it in my new book 'Pardon of Innocence.'" General Flynn's suggestion now is that "John Brennan needs to be put under investigation immediately." (Ibid., 49:47). Kash Patel in his book "Government Gangster's" verifies in detail how this was done—this whole attempted Coup d'état.

There are good reasons why Trump could not go after those who went after him and Flynn when he was president before Joe Biden. Then, few knew of the Deep State. Even fewer would have believed him and had he sought justice who would have investigated and who would have prosecuted—a rogue FBI and Department of Justice? And with the corrupt judicial justices that are only now being exposed, who would have convicted? Even now that the vast majority of the people are awakened to these coup conspirators we are probably not ready to give long prison sentences to them—perhaps executions? If justice is not

restored they will be back in power.

Fortunately, "there exists no statute of limitations for conspiring to defraud the US government," none also for criminal Rico activities, more especially, if criminal activities are ongoing or there exist any attempt to cover them up.

This includes cheating in elections in 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024—much of which has been documented. This is why Trump allowed them to continue to do this. It removes the statute of limitations." (Ibid., 52:08). But we must win decisively both houses 2026.

Ratcliffe in an exclusive interview summarized the rationale for the released Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA). "This was Obama, Comey, Clapper and Brennan deciding 'We're going to screw Trump.'" And they did. Others called it treason then and now.

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ARREST REPORTS

Isaac Hernandez, 28, was arrested Tuesday, May 27 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Saul Banuelos de la Torre, 39, was arrested Saturday, June 28 at 2nd and L St. in Sacramento-by-Sacramento County Sheriff for DUI alcohol / drugs and blood alcohol concentration <.08.

Theodoro Efrain Soto, 41, was arrested Saturday, June 28 in Yolo County by Yolo County Sheriff for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia and possession of hard drugs with prior convictions.

Geordell Lamar Davis, 28, was arrested Sunday, June 29 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Shasmita Devi Chandra, 24, was arrested Tuesday, July 1 on I-80 just east of Antelope Road in Citrus Heights by Sacramento County Sheriff for DUI alcohol / drugs with bodily injury and blood alcohol concentration <.08. with injury.

Julius Johnson, 61, was arrested Tuesday, July 1 in Yolo County by Yolo County Sheriff for carrying a concealed weapon in his vehicle, exhibiting a firearm, being armed with a firearm during a felony, committing a felony while released on bail or own recognizance, being an addict in possession of a firearm, possessing ammunition, threatening violence and bringing a controlled substance into prison.

David Jesse Flint, 37, was arrested Wednesday, July 2 on 4th Street by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol recognized Flint and knew he had an outstanding felony warrant. A records check revealed additional warrants, so Flint was detained and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Canaan Sampson, 28, was cited Wednesday, July 2 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. The business wanted to press charges for shoplifting, and Sampson was cited and released from the scene.

Celia Joanna Morales, 32, was arrested Wednesday, July 2 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officers observed a subject riding a bicycle without lights at night. She was stopped, identified as Morales and a records check revealed the warrant. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Sandra Ann Wilson, 36, was arrested Wednesday, July 2 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a robbery. Officer arrived on scene and observed a subject matching the description provided by dispatch, riding a bicycle in the roadway against traffic. Officers activated their lights and siren to initiate a stop and gave clear commands for the rider to stop. The subject, later identified as Wilson, evaded officers by making multiple turns into a parking lot and rode a short distance before ultimately being cut off by an officer's vehicle and detained. Officer contacted the reporting party, who reported that Wilson exited the store through an emergency exit with merchandise inside a small black trash can inside a shopping cart. Wilson then left that merchandise outside the store and reentered with her bicycle several minutes later, this time taking a tent and exiting the store through the automotive section. A search incident to the arrest revealed no money or credit cards belonging to her in order to pay for the merchandise. A records check revealed outstanding misdemeanor warrants, and the store signed a citizen's arrest, so Wilson was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with petty theft, petty theft with two prior convictions, obstructing / resisting a peace officer and the warrants.

Sushil Chand, 42, was arrested Thursday, July 3 on Ikea Court by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol recognized a subject, later confirmed as Chand, known to have an outstanding warrant. Officer contacted him and confirmed multiple warrants. Chand was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Fermin Rudy Gonzalez, 45, was arrested Thursday, July 3 on West Capitol Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed a pickup truck with a cracked windshield and conducted a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Gonzalez, was found to have an outstanding felony warrant and was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Steve Whiteside, 43, was arrested Thursday, July 3 at 5th Street and B Street by West Sacramento Police for DUI and blood alcohol concentration <.08. Officer observed a driver, later identified as Whiteside, turn against a solid red light without stopping. The driver then accelerated to a high rate of speed, nearly losing control of the vehicle. The officer activated his patrol vehicle lights and pulled behind the vehicle. Whiteside hit the brakes and came to a sliding stop as his vehicle turned sideways, ending up in the middle of the roadway, perpendicular to traffic lanes. Whiteside yielded to the traffic stop and displayed objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol. He agreed to perform field sobriety tests but stopped after the second and stated he did not want to continue. Based on his performance and the objective signs already observed, the officer determined he was under the influence and Whiteside was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Olivia Montenegro, 35, was cited Friday, July 4 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. She was provided a notice to appear.

Charles Anthony Bridges, 32, was arrested Friday, July 4 at Jefferson Boulevard and Michigan Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer on patrol observed Bridges at the location and knew him to have an active, no-bail warrant. Bridges was detained and transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

Raymond Xavier Hernandez, 31 was cited Friday, July 4 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting. He was provided a notice to appear.

Konstantyn Kushnir, 31, was cited Friday, July 4 on Evergreen Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. Officer responded to the location for a report of a male subject using narcotics in public. Upon arrival, officers located a male subject who identified himself as Kushnir, inside a vehicle with a clear glass pipe with a bulbous end and burnt white residue in plain view in the center console. A records check revealed Kushnir was on searchable probation until 2027, and a probation search revealed two such pipes and two separate containers of a white crystal-like substance that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine. A criminal history check revealed only one prior conviction for hard drug use and Kushnir was released with a notice to appear.

Carlos Daniel Segura Soriano, 23, was arrested Friday, July 4 in Placer County by Placer County Sheriff for DUI alcohol / drugs and blood alcohol concentration <.08.

Anthony Jesus Cervantes, 42, was arrested Saturday, July 5 on Stillwater Road by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officers were dispatched to the location for a trespassing call – the location reports an unknown male had entered a room and was sleeping on the bed. Officers found Cervantes inside the room, and a records check revealed the warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Judith Cortez Jaimas, 39, was arrested Saturday, July 5 at 5th Street and A Street by West Sacramento Police. Officers responded to a call for service regarding a female throwing a kitten. Officers responded to the scene and contacted a female matching the description provided, who identified herself as Jaimas. A records check revealed an outstanding warrant, so she was detained and transported to Yolo County Jail. The kitten was located and turned over to Animal Control with no injuries.

Rosario Del Toro, 31, was arrested Sunday, July 6 at 3rd Street and G Street by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding warrant. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle with no license plates at the location and conducted a traffic stop. A records check on the passenger, identified as Del Toro, found the warrant. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Christopher Shae Allen, 34, was arrested Monday, July 7 at the westbound Hwy. 50 connector to southbound I-5 in Sacramento-by-Sacramento County Sheriff for DUI alcohol / drugs and blood alcohol concentration <.08.

Rigoberto Sanchez-Gomez, 37, was arrested Monday, July 7 at 25th Street and J Street in Sacramento-by-Sacramento County Sheriff for DUI alcohol / drugs and blood alcohol concentration <.08.

Patrick James Bobo, 40, was arrested Tuesday, July 8 in Placer County by Placer County Sheriff for possession of burglar's tools, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, possession of hard drugs with prior convictions and outstanding warrants.

Jace Bernard Zajackowski, 38, was arrested Tuesday, July 8 at West Capitol Avenue and Maple Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a subject riding his bicycle in the wrong direction against traffic and conducted a traffic stop. A records check revealed the rider, Zajackowski, was on active searchable probation, and a search revealed a substance that tested presumptive positive as methamphetamine. A probation search of Zajackowski's hotel room revealed property that had been stolen in previous cases. He was charged with burglary, possessing burglary tools, receiving stolen property and possessing a controlled substance, and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Munoz Juan Bolivar, 22, was arrested Tuesday, July 8 at L Street and 10th Street. in Sacramento-by-Sacramento County Sheriff for driving without a license and resisting a peace officer.

Harsimrat Singh, 24, was arrested Tuesday, July 8 at Highport Drive and Yellow Leaf Avenue in Sacramento-by-Sacramento County Sheriff for grand theft, caretaker theft of over \$400 from elder adult, and obtaining food or property by false pretenses.

Jordan Hasani Knollton, 23, was arrested Wednesday, July 9 at Power Line Road and Del Paso Road in Sacramento-by-Sacramento County Sheriff for receiving a stolen motor vehicle, evading a peace officer and driving on the wrong side of a median, and evasion with wanton disregard for safety.

Larry Dean Armstrong, 37, was transported from the Sacramento County Main Jail to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant.

Jaylin Ronald Warr, 18, was arrested Wednesday, July 9 at Power Line Road and Del Paso Road in Sacramento-by-Sacramento County Sheriff for conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor, possession of burglar's tools, and receiving a stolen vehicle.

Aramiya Burrell, 34, was arrested Thursday, July 10 in Alameda County by Oakland Police for possession of ammunition, carrying a loaded firearm on person or in vehicle in a public place, and for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Friday, July 4 – business on Riske Lane reports unknown suspects vandalized the business by climbing on the roof and spray-painting graffiti on multiple locations. They estimate it will cost approximately \$1,000 to cover the graffiti.

Friday, July 4 – victim reports an unknown suspect broke the window of her car in a parking lot on Lake Washington Boulevard and took a pink lunch bag. Total loss valued at \$1,692 including the damaged window.

Monday, July 7 – victim reports their storage unit at a commercial facility on West Capitol Avenue was broken into. An unknown subject was caught on video around the storage unit. Stolen items include sports memorabilia and jerseys, jewelry, vintage coins, designer glasses, and tools. Total loss estimated at \$32,301.

Community Calendar

July

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

Friday, July 18: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. LEGO block party, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 19: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join Yolo County Animal Services and some adorable kittens for a special adoption event right at the library.

Monday, July 21: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22: Hug-a-Bye baby, 11 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, July 23: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 24: 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, July 25: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Retro family movie “The Sandlot”, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 26: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. CD mosaic craft, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for a fun, eco-friendly craft event where recycling meets creativity. Turn old, broken CDs into stunning mosaic art. All materials provided.

Monday, July 28: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29: Hug-a-Bye baby, 11 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, July 30: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Sacramento Friends of the Library monthly meeting, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 31: 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, Aug. 1: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 2: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. A Studio Ghibli celebration, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Play a special game of bingo with characters from the movies and enjoy creating your own Studio Ghibli-inspired crafts. Costumes encouraged.

Clarksburg Branch Library, located at 52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg has the following events this week:

Wednesday, July 23: Anime watch, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Summer reading program – tie dye tote bag, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All materials provided.

Wednesday, July 30: Summer reading program – tiny art, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All materials provided.

Call 530.666.8005 for more information on any of these events at any Yolo County Library branch.

Friday, July 18: Mandela Day 2025: A Celebration and Community Conversation, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at International House, 10 College Park, Davis. Join us as we honor the legacy of Nelson Mandela on his birthday with an afternoon of reflection, connection, and celebration. More information at www.internationalhousedavis.org

Friday, July 18: Art Reception – Next Level, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gallery 1075, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Join us for this exhibition by students at Sacramento City College, open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through July 31.

Saturday, July 19: Yoga on the farm with Monica Cortez, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Three Sisters Gardens (River City Farm), 485 Regatta Lane. Join us for this free nourishing yoga experience. Donations welcome. More information at www.eventbrite.com

Saturday, July 19: Hella Good Market, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn, 985 Riverfront St. Listen to music, shop vintage clothing, meet local makers and see ultra cool cars in one convenient and fun spot. Dog- and kid-friendly.

Saturday, July 19 through Monday, Sept. 1: Claude Monet – the Immersive Experience, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This exhibit features Exhibition Hub's award-winning, 4K digital mapping techniques through which guests are fully enveloped in Monet's brilliant and contemplative works. Tickets and more information at www.monetexpo.com/sacramento

Saturday, July 26: Back-to-School Resource Fair, 8 a.m. to noon at River City High School, 1 Raider Lane. Washington Unified School District and community schools of Washington Unified will be partnering with Yolo County Children's Alliance to provide resources and community connections to help your students succeed. More information and updates at www.facebook.com/YoloCountyChildrensAlliance

Saturday, July 26: The Midnight Mass Car Show and Swap Meet, noon to midnight at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. This annual summer extravaganza fuses garage-built hot rods, customs, vintage motorcycles, dragsters, lowriders and retro trailers with rockabilly bands, pin-up contests, and over 50 vendors. More information available at www.midnightmasscarshow.com

Sunday, July 27: Pear Fair, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Courtland, on River Road / Hwy. 160, 17 miles south of Sacramento. A tradition since 1972, this is a special event that offers something for everyone. Enjoy live music, a parade, pie-eating contest and all kinds of pear food. Schedule and more details at www.pearfair.com

August

Saturday, Aug. 2: Mega Glow Party, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. This family-friendly event with glow

and disco lights features demos of Zumba routines for all ages. Tickets and information at www.westsacfun.org

Saturday, Aug. 2: Peach Party at Good Humus Farm, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 12255 County Road, 84A, Capay. No cost, but donations are welcomed. This is a potluck, and peach pies, peach ice cream, peach salsa and many more peachy things will be provided. Join us to give thanks for the year's fruit harvest. Please bring your favorite seasonal potluck dish to share, along with your own dishes, silverware, cups and a blanket to sit on. More information at www.goodhumus.com

Friday, Aug. 8: Dive-in movie, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 2801 Jefferson Blvd. Bring your swimsuits, blankets, snacks and sit around the pool deck while you watch a family-friendly movie together. Tickets and information at www.westsacfun.org

Ongoing Activities

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

Bat Talk & Tour, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., evenings through September 26 at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Road 32B, Davis. Start with a presentation on bat natural history and see live ambassador bats up close, then carpool out to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area for a brief tour of the wetlands and rice fields. Then we get into position to watch the flyout of the largest urban colony of Mexican free-tailed bats in California. For more information or to schedule, visit www.yolobasin.org

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@mowyo.org.

California State Fair, daily July 11 through 27 at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Schedules, details and ticket information at www.castatefair.com

Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, twice each month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Park, 5th and B St., Davis. Expect to see friendly vendors with local handmade and original art, crafts, quality vintage items, upcycled treasures, earth-friendly creations, good food and more. Next fair is Sunday, July 20. Information and other dates at www.daviscraftandvintage.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 creating a space odyssey on Saturday, Aug. 2. Registration required by using the following link: www.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 Messi Soccer Shootout on Saturday, July 19. Registration required by searching “events” at www.lowes.com

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

Riverfront Farm's Farm Stand, every Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, 985 Riverfront St. Stock-up for your weekend with fresh vegetables harvested that morning. You'll also find seasonal fruits from local farms. Support local agriculture right in your neighborhood.

Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

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: www.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, July 19.

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: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas> The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The NBA summer league represents an entertaining time of the year for NBA fans and franchises alike. But for owners, GM's and coaches, it represents much more.

Validation of the thousands of hours of pre-draft work and now it's time to see how the hopeful new members of the team are going to perform.

For the Sacramento Kings, that means particular attention to first round pick Nique Clifford and second round pick 7'1" Maxime Raynaud.

With two games in the books, the Kings are 2-0 and their draft choices are holding up their end of the bargain.

Nique Clifford is averaging 18 points per game while hitting the boards with a level of ferocity that helped him set a Colorado State school record for rebounds just a season ago.

Clifford has shown a level of confidence on both ends of the floor that has raised eyebrows and brings back memories of other standout first round picks like DeAaron Fox and Keegan Murray.

Both Fox and Murray stepped into the starting lineup and never looked back. Clifford may face a challenge, as the Kings' starting lineup is stacked with talent, including Zach LaVine, Keegan Murray, DeMar DeRozan and new point guard Dennis Schröder. One of these four players would have to move to the bench if Clifford is to break into the starting lineup. In addition, last year's first round pick Devin Carter is playing like an NBA veteran and fans wonder if Carter will challenge newcomer Dennis Schroder for the position of starting point guard.

A good problem to have? Not sure, as the Kings have been shopping sharpshooter DeMar DeRozan from coast to coast with no apparent takers.

It's a long way from the start of the regular season, so no reason to spend time worrying about something that may never become a problem.

Clifford isn't the only draft choice raising eyebrows, as second round pick Maxime Raynaud is making his presence felt in Las Vegas. Raynaud, a four-year player out of Stanford, scored 16 and 17 points respectively in the two opening games, displaying his talents around the rim and scoring from

beyond the arc.

After a tepid start in game one with eight points and three boards, last year's rookie guard Devin Carter lit it up against the Bulls, scoring a team-leading 30 points while securing eight boards in the process.

Isaac Jones had identical stats in both games, scoring 11 points while grabbing six rebounds. Jones remains an enigma and at 6'9" with a gigantic wingspan, has the body the Kings are looking to duplicate. A second-year man, Isaac is hoping to find more playing time than last season when he played in just 40 games averaging a paltry seven minutes per contest.

There is a lot of legitimate talent on this team, and summer league is all about showing what you can bring to the table.

The Kings appear to still be high on Devin Carter, despite his name popping up in trade rumors but I would like to see what the Kings can do with Carter in the upcoming season, and at the very least, put him to back up the starting point guard. Carter has shown growth in his ball handling skills, and I believe he can be a strong contributor.

Big man Maxime Raynaud may be a project that takes time, as at 7'1" I would expect to see more rebounding than what he showed us in his first two games. While 6'6" guard Nique Clifford led the team in rebounding with 12 against the bulls, Raynaud had only five boards for the contest. Raynaud had just six boards in game 1 versus the Magic but his penchant for scoring the ball is very apparent.

Domantas Sabonis would love to have a little more company on the glass this season, so time will tell if rebounding is a part of Raynaud's game that just needs time to ferment. What better teacher to school a young big man than the NBA's rebounding champ for the past three seasons?

There are many reasons for optimism, Kings fans, and summer league is just one. Vivek Ranadive, Scott Perry and Doug Christie are smiling like Cheshire cats as their young draft picks show the NBA world what they can do.

Stay tuned and enjoy the NBA summer league!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

Why Can't I get my SS Payment plus my Railroad Pension from my Ex-spouse?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have a question. I now get a Railroad Pension from my ex-husband. I did not know it was from the Social Security Administration. I want to collect my SS benefits and my Railroad pension. Can I do that? I do not understand why I cannot collect both. Please advise. Thank you. **Signed: Railroad Ex-spouse**

Dear Railroad Ex-spouse: Railroad pension benefits and Social Security benefits are fully coordinated – that is, your Railroad pension payment from your ex-spouse already includes your earned Social Security retirement benefit. That's because the two government agencies (the RRB - Railroad Retirement Board - and SSA (Social Security Administration) work together and pay your benefits in one single

payment, usually managed by the RRB if some of your benefit includes a railroad pension component. The RRB and SSA are two separate government agencies, but they fully coordinate benefits for beneficiaries.

This is exactly the same as if you were collecting regular SS ex-spouse benefits (instead of RR benefits) from your ex-husband; your personal SS retirement benefit is always paid first, and you receive an additional amount (a spousal boost) from your ex-husband. In your case, your "spousal boost" is the difference between your personally earned SS retirement benefit at your full retirement age (FRA) and half of your ex-husband's Tier I Railroad retirement benefit amount at his full retirement age. A railroad pension usually consists of two pieces – a Tier I benefit and a Tier II benefit, with Tier I benefits being the equivalent of the pensioner's Social Security.

Your ex-spouse benefits under the RRB are handled the same way. The two agencies fully coordinate with each other, evaluate your SS entitlement, and then reduce the amount of your RRB Tier I ex-spouse benefit by your

SS retirement amount and pay both amounts together. In this way, you only get one payment, consisting of both your earned SSA component and the RRB component. And whenever there is a railroad component, the RRB (Railroad Retirement Board) is usually responsible for making pension payments.

You may find the information at this RRB website helpful: https://rrb.gov/RB-9/Social_Security_Benefits and you can also contact your local RRB field office by accessing this link: <https://www.rrb.gov/Field-Office-Locator>.

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The Joy of Banana Ball

Major League Baseball is currently debating various rules changes to improve the game, when what it really needs is more players wearing capes and doing backflips.

That, at least, is the lesson of Savannah Bananas, the barnstorming team that has come up with a madcap version of baseball that is widely popular and selling out stadiums around the country.

The Bananas, or the Nanners, as devotees call them, sold out Clemson University's Memorial Stadium back in April, with 81,000 in attendance. Tickets for a couple of games at Yankee Stadium in September are selling on secondary sites at rates significantly higher than any Yankee game.

Who's your ace Max Fried compared to Dakota Stiltz, the Bananas pitcher who bestrides the mound standing at 10 feet and 9 inches on, yes, stilts? The Bananas and their handful of spin-off clubs have made the American pastime even more American.

Banana Ball, currently on what it calls a "world tour," is the baseball equivalent of the carnival coming to town. It taps into the barnstorming baseball tradition that goes back to the 19th century, into the antic spirit of minor-league baseball with its corny entertainment between innings, and into the

showmanship of the Harlem Globetrotters. Twerking and behind-the-back catches are all encouraged.

The Savannah Bananas were originally part of the Coastal Plain League, a summer league for college ballplayers. When the team's exhibition games with modified rules proved more popular than their staid standard fare, they went all exhibition.

We associate baseball with lazy summer afternoons, but there's nothing lazy about Banana Ball. It takes everything dull or overly subtle about baseball and smashes it underfoot while dancing to a pop song.

At the end of the day, does anyone besides the true connoisseur enjoy seeing a batter try to bunt? In Banana Ball, bunting is strictly prohibited and any attempt will get the offending batter ejected from the game.

Then, there are walks. Who walks in a real sport? What is this, golf? In Banana Ball, after the pitcher issues a base-on-balls, every fielder besides the pitcher and catcher has to touch the ball before the runner can be tagged out. This creates an incentive for runners to actually run out of the batter's box, and very often they reach second base.

Banana Ball, correctly, views incessant and unnecessary delay as the enemy of fan engagement. Batters can't step out of the batter's box. There are no visits to the mound. The game is timed and can't last more than two hours. (MLB has taken steps in this direction with the wondrously successful innovation of the pitch

clock, but can still do more to hustle things along.)

In loud and intense football stadiums, the fans are called "the 12th man." In Banana Ball, the fans are literally the 10th fielder -- if one of them catches a foul ball on the fly, the batter is out.

"Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America," the French-American historian Jacques Barzun famously wrote, "had better learn baseball."

Intellectuals aren't going to rhapsodize about Banana Ball, but it says something about America, too. Its popularity shows how much we prize speed, constant entertainment and, oh yeah, viral moments on social media (which Banana Ball provides in abundance). Kids, in particular, love it.

Banana Ball isn't a sacrifice against the game, any more than wiffle ball or beer-league softball are. It is a popularization of baseball and advertisement for it, demonstrating how a game that is perceived as dull and uneventful can be the occasion for rollicking fun.

We won't be arguing decades from now about who was the best Banana Ball player of this era. We can enjoy the spectacle all the same.

The supposed inventor of baseball, Abner Doubleday, got much right. So, who can blame him for not realizing how much the game could be enhanced by adding musical numbers and having pitchers throw from trampolines?

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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California GOP Members of Congress Might Regret Backing Trump's Megabill



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last Thursday (July 3), just minutes after the House of Representatives passed President Donald Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" to overhaul federal taxes and health care spending, the National Republican Campaign Committee issued a statement touting Rep. David Valadao's vote for the controversial measure.

"In a major win for Californians, David Valadao just voted to pass landmark legislation that lowers taxes, boosts economic growth, strengthens essential benefits, and restores law and order in California," the NRCC declared.

"Congressman David Valadao is doing exactly what he promised: delivering real results, restoring fiscal sanity, and fighting for California families," NRCC spokesman Christian Martinez said. "His vote is proof that strong leadership and commonsense still matter in Washington."

A couple of hours later, Protect Our Care California, a health care advocacy organization with close ties to Democratic Party leaders, announced that it will air video ads criticizing Valadao and nine other Republican congressional members for their votes.

"Representative David Valadao just voted for the largest health care cuts in history in order to fund tax

breaks for billionaires and big corporations, and we're going to make sure that every single one of their constituents knows it," said Matthew Herdman, director of Protect Our Care California.

The ads are aimed at Valadao and other members of California's Republican congressional delegation, including Young Kim and Ken Calvert, because they are considered to be the most vulnerable incumbents as the two major parties battle over control over the House in next year's elections.

Republicans have a paper-thin House majority — as demonstrated by the 218-214 final vote on Trump's high priority bill — and Valadao, Kim and Calvert barely survived past challenges. Valadao first won a congressional seat in 2012, lost it in 2018 and regained it in 2020. He successfully fended off Democrat Rudy Salas in 2022 and 2024.

What happens in the three targeted districts next year could easily determine which party will prevail, with potentially major consequences for the final two years of Trump's presidency.

Valadao's vote for the bill is especially noteworthy because Democratic voters outnumber Republicans by 12 percentage points in the San Joaquin Valley's 22nd Congressional District, two-thirds of his constituents rely on Medicaid (California's version of Medicaid) for their health care, and he had repeatedly promised not to vote for any reductions in the program.

The Fresno Bee's editorial page quickly excoriated him for seemingly abandoning that pledge under pressure from Trump.

"At a height of 6-feet-4, Rep. David Valadao can cast a

giant presence in Washington, D.C.," The Bee's editorial board wrote. "Unfortunately, he doesn't measure up when it comes to looking out for the best interests of his community."

The editorial continued, "The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan agency, estimated that the Senate version of the bill, which was eventually passed, reduces federal Medicaid spending by \$1 trillion over 10 years and increases the number of uninsured people by 11.8 million."

"What happened to Valadao in five days to change his mind? For one thing, he visited the White House on Wednesday. His office didn't provide details of that reunion, but Trump has used such meetings to pressure reluctant lawmakers to do his bidding over that of the people."

Valadao insists that he received assurances from the White House that the Medicaid cuts will "be structured in a way that benefits our providers and keeps our hospitals and communities running."

Aware of his precarious hold on the seat, Valadao has continuously stressed his independence, even being one of only 10 Republicans who voted to impeach Trump during his first presidential reign.

However, Valadao's vote for Trump's bill undermines that independent image and will almost certainly be weaponized as Democrats try again to capture his seat next year.

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. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250507

The following person(s) is doing business as: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 860 West Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento, Inc, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 19, 2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/17/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025
CEMETERY 7-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250496

The following person(s) is doing business as:

1. **Ames Taping Tools, 2. TapeTech, 1030 Riverside Pkwy, Ste 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605**, County of YOLO.

Ames Tools Corporation, 1327 Northbrook Pkwy., Ste 400, Suwanee, GA 30024

This business is conducted by Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/1/2025

/s/ Craig D. Apolinsky, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/09/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MORGAN BRAUN, Deputy
6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18/25
CNS-3937874#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250526

The following person(s) is doing business as: Placerville Paving & General Engineering, 3382 Bonaire Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Robert Lazrovich, 3382 Bonaire Road, 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 August 8, 2000.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 20, 2025.

By: Karla Lopez, Deputy
Publish: July 4, 7, 18, 25
PAVING 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250509

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Craft Design Build, 2426 Westrenesse Rd, Davis, CA, 95616, County of Yolo.

John Lavezzo, 2426 Westrenesse Rd, Davis, CA, 95616
This business is conducted by Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/09/2025

/s/ John Lavezzo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/17/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25
CNS-3942823#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250491

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. USVETS MATTER, 2. @USVETS360, 3. USVETS360.COM, 4. USVETS360.ORG, 1260 Lake Blvd Ste 239, Davis, CA 95616 - 2687 County of YOLO

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 25, Yolo, CA 95697 - 0025
USVETS 360 Inc., 1260 Lake Blvd Ste 239, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 10th, 2025.

USVETS 360 Inc.
S/ Theodore Harrison, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/06/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
ZURI HERNANDEZ, Deputy
7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25
CNS-3941865#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250504

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Roam Ready, 3415 Tanager Ave, Davis, CA 95616, County of Yolo.

Asher Property Management, 3415 Tanager Ave, Davis, CA 95616

This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.

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

/s/ Aimee Hasson, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/16/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25
CNS-3942828#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250552

The following person(s) is do-

ing business as: The Reception Connection, 2660 Independence Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Jonathan Wiltshire, 2660 Independence Avenue, 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 6/27/2025.

By: Karla Lopez, Deputy
Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025
RECEPTION 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250566

The following person(s) is doing business as: Center for Integrative Neurology, 2050 Lyndell Terrace, STE 120, Davis, CA 95616. Rochelle Frank MD., 1401 21st Street, STE R, Sacramento, CA 95811. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 7/1/2025.

By: Morgan Braun, Deputy
Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025
INTEGRATIVE 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250528

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TRAC, 503 North St, Woodland, CA 95695 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 503 North St, Woodland, CA 95695
Christopher Borlas, 503 North St, Woodland, CA 95695

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/3/25.

/s/ Christopher Borlas
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/23/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KQUAM, Deputy
7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1/25
CNS-3933780#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250547

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. **AMERICA AGENTIC AI, 2. AGENTIC AI LABS, 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, Davis, CA 95616** - 2687 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 25, Yolo, CA 95697 - 0025
America Ai Inc., 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, Davis, CA 95616

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on APRIL 25TH, 2025.

America Ai Inc.
S/ Theodore Harrison, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/26/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
MAORGAN BRAUN, Deputy
7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1/25
CNS-3943338#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250545

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Courtside Towers, 320 W Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695 County of Yolo
Mailing Address: 2150 River Plaza Drive Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95833
Weylin Eng, 2150 River Plaza Drive Suite 120 Sacramento, CA 95833, Sacramento, CA 95833
This business is conducted by a Trust

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/27/2000.

S/ Beckye Murrain,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/26/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
Jesse Salinas, Deputy
7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1/25
CNS-3944365#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20250557

The following person(s) is doing business as:

1. **FORTILINE WATERS 2. REECE WATERWORKS, 3650 SEAPORT BLVD WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691**, County of YOLO.

FORTILINE, INC., 15850 DALLAS PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75248
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/ SHERRY BECKEN, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/30/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1/25
CNS-3944380#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250550

The following person(s) is doing business as:

SCOOP TROOP, 401 WESTACRE RD APT 61, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO.

DANIEL SLAGLE, 401 WESTACRE RD APT 61, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691

This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.

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

/s/ DANIEL SLAGLE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/27/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1/25
CNS-3944707#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250587

The following person(s) is doing business as: Campers Inn RV Park, Campers Inn RV Park and Golf Resort, Campers Inn R V Park and Golf Course, 2501 County Road 88, Dunnigan, CA 95937.

Theresa Jauregui and Alex Jauregui, 48 Ranger Court, Alamo, CA 94507. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 9, 2003.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 7, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025
CAMPERS 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250574

The following person(s) is doing business as: Far West Leavitt Insurance Services, 650 North Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Lincoln-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc, 650 North Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453. This business is conducted by A Corporation.

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 July 2, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025
FAR 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250559

The following person(s) is doing business as: Summit Pest Control, 432 Tod Hunter Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605
Timothy Tkachev, 432 Tod Hunter Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. 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 July 1, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025
SUMMIT 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250556

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DENTISTS OF WEST SACRAMENTO, 775 IKEA COURT, SUITE 130, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, ATTN: LEGAL DEPARTMENT, IRVINE, CA 92614

DENTISTS OF WEST SACRAMENTO, INC., 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, IRVINE, CA 92614
This business is conducted by a Corporation

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

DENTISTS OF WEST SACRAMENTO, INC.
S/ ahmad Mokbil, Treasurer,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/30/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
kquam, Deputy
7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8/25
CNS-3940073#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 9005631841

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. Aelaessaendrae, 2. Raesae, 5902 condon Ave, Windsor Hills, CA 90056 County of YUBA
AELAESSAENDRAE FEARAE PAEGLEAE, 5902 condon Ave, Windsor Hills, CA 90056
MAERAE RAESAE PAEGLEAE, 5902 Condon Ave, Windsor Hills, CA 90056

This business is conducted by a Married Couple

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on HAENNAE L HAELSAEUSAER.

S/ AELAESSAENDRAE,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/10/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
HAENNAE L HAELSHAEUSAER, Deputy
7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8/25
CNS-3947307#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-8-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20250495

The following person(s) has

(have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: 1. **Ames Taping Tools 2. TapeTech, 1030 Riverside Pkwy, Ste 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605**, County of YOLO

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office in YOLO County on 08/18/2021 Current File No. F20250495.

Axia Acquisition Corporation, 1327 Northbrook Pkwy, Ste 400, Suwanee, GA 30083 USA
This business was conducted by CORPORATION.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

S/ CRAIG D. APOLINSKY, SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of YOLO County on 06/09/2025.

6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18/25
CNS-3937876#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-18-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1659

Farzaneh, Khorsandi Kouhanestani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Farzaneh, Khorsandi Kouhanestani to Farzaneh, Khorsandi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 19, 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: June 23, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025
FARZANEH 8-1-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1809

Janice Marie Jackson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Janice Marie Jackson to Janice Marie Fister Pina.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 20, 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: June 27, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025
JANICE 8-1-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1746

Rebecca Anne Leader has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rebecca Anne Leader to Rebecca Anne Anderson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, 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: July 3, 2025
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025
LEADER 8-8-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GAIL ANN WILLIS CASE NO. PR2025-0175

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Gail Ann Willis.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kimberely K. Willis, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Kimberely K. Willis 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: August 5, 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. Attorney for Petitioner is: Gina Lera, ESQ., Lera Tiberini PC, 2110 21st Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95818; 916-403-5180
Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 2025
RHODES 8-1-25

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to satisfy Extra Space's lien, by selling personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.

1022 Gibson Rd, Woodland, CA, 95695 on 7/23/25 @11am: Saimone Toroca

19389 County Rd 102, Woodland, CA, 95776 on 7/23/25 @2pm :Summer McCrickard: Michaelson B Ballard

975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 7/23/25 @11am: Michelle Santos: April Godwin: Kaku Medina: Jerry Soliz: Cathy Mikaelson: Joseph Browning II: Mary Bowles

1100 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620 on 7/23/25 @2pm :DYLAN WAGNER

3280 Jefferson Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 7/23/25 @11am:David Bayan

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid

at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

7/11/25
CNS-3945201#
NEWS-LEDGER 8-1-25

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 014-345-010-000 TS No: CA09000249-24-1 TO NO: 240512038-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to

Yolo County Landfill Celebrates 50 Years of Waste Innovation

County of Yolo, Office of the County Administrator News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Central Landfill invites the community to attend a special 50-Year Anniversary Celebration Event on July 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., alongside the Blue Barn

Thrift Store for their 50% Off Sale, located at 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland.

The Yolo County Central Landfill opened its gates on July 14, 1975, at which time its sole purpose was to provide a regional solution to waste disposal.

Over the last 50 years, Yolo

County has invested in innovative infrastructure, expanded recycling and composting operations, and prioritized the top of the waste hierarchy in waste reduction through initiatives such as the Big Blue Barn Thrift Store and by supporting numerous Extended Producer Responsibility legislative efforts.

“At 50, our emphasis has shifted to what legacy we want to leave behind,” stated District 3 Yolo County Board of Supervisors, Chair Mary Vixie-Sandy. “Even though the landfill still has 99 years of capacity left, we still plan to continue to grow in the areas of environmental sustainability and materials

management, making this not just one of the best landfills in California but in the nation.”

Looking ahead, a new gas-to-energy facility is planned for 2026 to enhance methane capture and energy production.

To learn more about the landfill, visit www.YoloCounty.gov. ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000249-24-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend

the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA09000249-24-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more

than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: June 27, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000249-24-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0476184 To: NEWS LEDGER 07/18/2025, 07/25/2025, 08/01/2025 NEWS LEDGER 8-01-25



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The City of West Sacramento is soliciting sealed proposals for professional engineering design services for:

Well 22 Rehabilitation; Project ID:25-058-RFP

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 PM local time on August 5, 2025**. Additional information and contact information available on Open Gov.

West Sac News Ledger 7-18 and 7-25-2025

NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that Reclamation District No. 537, Lovdal, hereinafter called the District is inviting sealed proposals to construct a

Domestic Water Well

Sealed bids addressed to “Reclamation District No. 537 – Domestic Water Well”, will be received by mail or hand delivery until 2:00 PM , Tuesday August 5th, 2025. Bids delivered by mail shall be sent c/o Project Management Applications, Inc., 1450 Harbor Blvd. Suite C, West Sacramento CA 95691 and will be publicly opened at the office of PMA as soon thereafter as business allows.

As set forth in the Contract Documents, bids shall include all Work shown within the following plans and Specifications except as modified in the Special Provisions:

- Plans prepared by Geosyntec Consultants (Coleman Engineering) dated October 3, 2024 titled “Reclamation District 537 Corporation Yard Water and Waste Water System (including Sheets WWG1 – WWG2 & WWC1 – WWC4).

Copies of the Bid Document Package are available from Project Management Applications, Inc. (PMA). Contact Gary Albertson by e-mail at galbertson@pmasacramento.com or by cell phone at (916) 769-6464. There are no costs to view or download the plans and specifications. All questions shall be directed via e-mail to PMA at least 72 hours in advance of the bid date and time.

- The estimated cost for Construction is \$260,000.
- A Pre-Bid Meeting will not be held for this project.
- The expected contract award date for construction is on or around 08/29/2025.
- All work shall be completed within 50 working days.
- The work includes providing all the labor, materials, equipment, certificates and supervision for construction of the following tasks in accordance with Specification Section 33-11-13.
 - Construct 8" x 200' Domestic Well
 - Test Pump Well and Install Permanent Domestic Pumping Plant.
- Work shall be completed and progressive payments made in accordance with the Construction Contract for the work.

Bids must be accompanied by a Proposal Guarantee or other acceptable security amounting to ten percent (10%) of the bid. Said guarantee shall be applied toward any damages sustained by District in case that bidder depositing the same, does not within ten (10) days after written notice that the Contract has been awarded to them, (1) enter into a contract with the District and (2) furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond as included herewith.

The District reserves the privilege of rejecting any and all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding procedures, or to postpone the bid opening for good cause. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for opening the bids, within which time may an award be made.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under them to pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract work.

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California Farmers Adopt a Southern Staple to Diversify Their Offerings

While most U.S.-grown okra is produced in the Southeast, California farmers such as Andrew and Eric Walker, owners of Farmboy Organics in Yolo County, have found success growing the tropical vegetable in the Central Valley. Okra isn't the primary crop at many California farms, but its appeal to shoppers seeking ingredients for African, Asian and Southern recipes has helped the Walkers attract new customers to their booth at farmers markets. “It adds a nice, little different thing,” Andrew said, highlighting okra’s role in the farm’s crop mix. Eric added, “People who like okra really like it, and they want to find it.”

California Farmers Look to ‘Liberate the Fig From The Newton’

Most California figs end up as dried fruit, the bulk of which is turned into paste and other food ingredients, perhaps most famously at one time as the filling in fig Newtons. But the fresh fruit—in season now through October or November—is increasingly showing up in different culinary takes on familiar dishes. Figs are featured in sauces, charcuterie boards and grilled pizzas, providing new experiences for diners and marketing opportunities for growers. “We’ve really seen it go beyond the Fig Newton,” said Karla Stockli, CEO of the California Fresh Fig Growers Association.

Sonoma County Farmer Grows Heirloom Apple Varieties

At Gold Ridge Organic Farms in Sonoma County, farmer Brooke Hazen is on a mission to preserve and celebrate heirloom apples. Though only 10% of his apple production is heirloom, Hazen grows 70 varieties, making him one of the largest heirloom apple growers in the country. Some varieties, such as Strawberry Parfait and Pitmaston Pineapple, mimic the flavors of other fruits. “Because heirlooms are not grown on a large scale, they are in danger of being lost,” Hazen said. “It’s important to preserve them for the genetic diversity that protects us from disease.”

Sugar Beet Farmers Grapple with Closure of Processing Plant

There were once dozens of sugar beet processing facilities in California, but earlier this year, Spreckels Sugar announced the closure of its Imperial County plant, the last remaining in the state. The processing plant’s closure was due to “rising costs, water challenges, labor pressures and, of course, California’s regulatory requirements and costs,” Shelby Trimm, executive director of the California Beet Growers Association, said in a recent episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, which is produced by the California Farm Bureau. Trimm spoke with podcast host Gary Sack about the consequences of the plant closure for sugar beet growers in the region. ★

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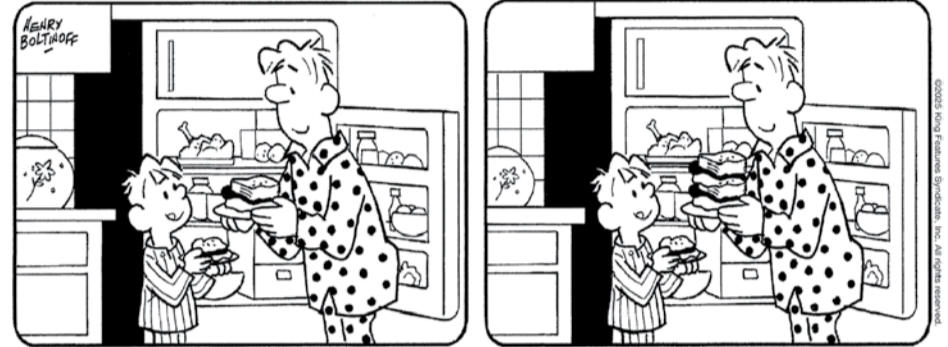
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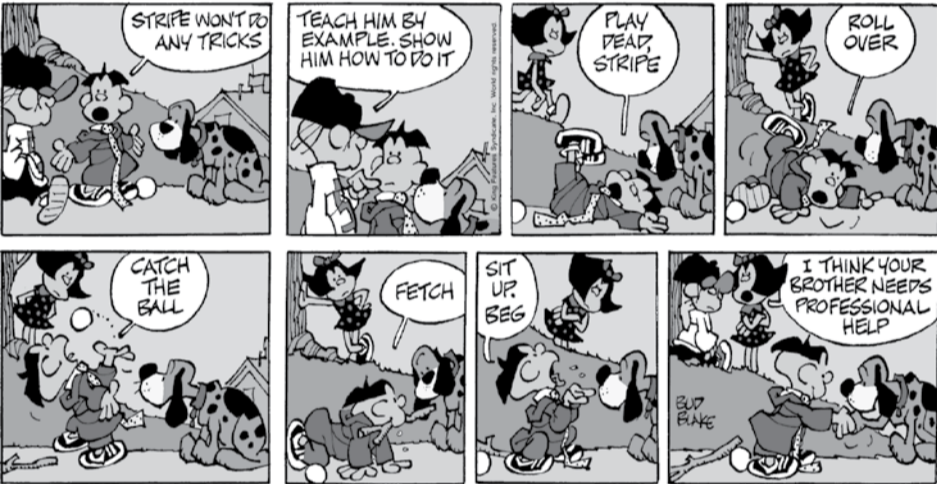
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- "The Famous Five" author _____ Blyton
- Back of the neck
- Letter-shaped girder
- *Feats-of-strength circus performer
- Indian restaurant bread
- In need of a muffler
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- Net sales minus cost of goods sold
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- Approximately, as in date
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- Frying pan
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- Traffic accident
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- *Sara Gruen's novel "Water for _____"
- *Lion tamer's tool or counter seat
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- Run off, as in couple
- Was in the hole
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- Something _____
- Movie "Saturday Night" subject matter, acr.
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- *Like circus audience's experience, hopefully
- Bow-like structure
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Women's Soccer Adds Six Commitments to 2025 Class



From left are Sacramento State Women's Soccer assistant coach Chris Malenab, head coach Randy Dedini and Joey "Uncle" Lum, the director of soccer operations. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Reigning Big Sky Conference Tournament champion, California State University, Sacramento women's soccer team added six more new faces to its roster for the upcoming fall campaign, gaining four transfers and a pair of standout freshman to the fold, head coach Randy Dedini recently announced.

"We're thrilled to welcome six new additions to our program coming off of our Big Sky championship season in 2024," Dedini said. "These talented student-athletes bring skill, drive and passion to our roster and we're confident that they'll play key roles in helping us chase another conference title this fall."

The quartet of transfers is midfielder Lakshmi Vallabhaneni from Sonoma State, a pair of local junior college All-Americans in Hope Martin-Northrup and Tea Reyes from nearby Folsom Lake College, and high-scoring forward Shawna Larson from Peninsula College in Washington. The incoming freshman duo of Sia Bharadwaj (San Ramon, Monte Vista High School) and Elyse McGinnis (Fort Collins, Colorado/Fort Collins High School) round out the group.

Brief bios on the six newcomers are included later in this article.

This group joins the four high school student-athletes who committed to the program in November, bringing the number of newcomers to the program to 10. That collection of new faces are midfielder Bailey Fuller (Loomis/Del Oro High School), defender Ella Hershey (Folsom/Folsom High School), forward Aryana Martinez (Rancho Cucamonga/Rancho Cucamonga High School) and goalkeeper Cynthia Waller (Chicago, Illinois/Lane Tech High School).

Sacramento State wrapped up its storybook 2024 season with an appearance in the National Collegiate Athletics Association Tournament against the University of Southern California, falling to the Trojans in the first round. The Hornets finished 5-7-9 overall on the season, setting a new school record for draws in the process, while claiming its third Big Sky Tournament title and the National Collegiate Athletics Association Tournament postseason berth for the third time in the program's history.

At the end of the regular season, five Sacramento State players were named to the All-Big Sky team while six student-athletes were named to the Big Sky All-Tournament team, including gaining the MVP, following the Hornets' run of penalty kick victories over No. 4-seeded Northern Arizona, No. 1 Montana and No. 2 Idaho.

Bharadwaj was a two-year varsity letter winner at Monte Vista High School, helped the Mustangs to a Collegiate Interscholastic Federation North Coast Section title as a senior, finished her final prep season with eight goals and three assists, including a hat trick against Livermore High School. She was a California Interscholastic Federation section Scholar-Athlete in 2022 and 2025, played club soccer for the Bay Area Surf ECNL in San Jose for four years, helping her club to three ECNL NorCal Conference championships. Bharadwaj started a non-profit organization, Kicks and Goals (kicksandgoals.org), dedicated to promoting

diversity and inclusion in the sport.

Larson was the Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was a first-team all-conference selection as a sophomore in 2024. Her career goal total of 31 and her 17 career assists both rank fifth on the school's all-time list and her 79 career points are fourth on the school's list. Larson led the Northwest Athletic Conference in goals, assists and points as a sophomore. She was a first-team All-Northwest Athletic Conference selection as a freshman in 2023, scoring 18 goals and 44 points. Her 18 goals are the third-most by a freshman in school history.

Martin-Northrup helped Folsom Lake college to its second straight California Community College Athletic Association state title and a Big 8 Conference crown in 2024. She was United Soccer Coaches Junior College Division III National Player of the Year and a first-team All-American who also earned first-team All-West Region honors. Martin-Northrup was the California Community Colleges Athletic Association's North All-Region and all-state honoree and was named the Big 8 Conference Defender of the Year, in addition to being the state tournament's most outstanding player. Martin-Northrup was part of a defense that posted 19 shutouts en route to a 23-1-2 overall record and a 9-1-1 mark in Big 8 Conference play. She finished with four goals and eight points, putting five of her seven shots on the year on goal and began her career at San Jose State in 2023, appearing in nine matches.

McGinnis was a three-time All-Northern Colorado 5A selection in soccer, including first-team honors twice in 2023 and 2025. She accumulated 27 goals and 14 assists in 42 matches in her prep career and as a senior, finished with 10 goals and four assists for 24 points in 14 matches, including a four-goal performance against Greeley West High School. McGinnis added seven goals and five assists as a sophomore and 10 more goals to go with five helpers as a freshman. She was also a standout member of the Lambkins' track and field team in the 400m and 800m as well as a pair of relay teams

Reyes helped Folsom Lake College to a pair of California Community College Athletic Association state titles in 2023 and 2024. She was United Soccer Coaches second-team All-American, second-team All-West Region selection, Big 8 Conference Attacker of the Year, California Community College Athletic Association All-State selection as a sophomore. Reyes finished with 21 goals and nine assists for 51 points, including six game-winners. She was United Soccer Coaches All-American and All-West Region selection as a freshman, scoring nine goals and 11 assists.

Vallabhaneni attended Sonoma State but did not appear in a match for the Seawolves in 2024. She scored five goals and added an assist as a sophomore at Cosumnes River in 2022 while starting all 22 matches for the Hawks. Five goals were tied for third on the team while ranking fourth on the squad with 11 points. She finished with a pair of goals and two assists as a freshman at Cosumnes River College in 2021, starting 20 matches. Vallabhaneni earned a spot on the Big 8 Conference All-Tournament Team twice and earned all-conference honors as a sophomore. ★

Former Aggie Lifts USMNT to Gold Cup Semifinals

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Former UC Davis soccer standout Max Arfsten delivered a career-defining performance for the U.S. Men's National Team (USMNT) on June 29, powering a 2-2 (4-3 PKs) quarterfinal victory over Costa Rica in the Concacaf Gold Cup and earning Man of the Match honors.

The Columbus Crew star directly contributed to both U.S. goals in regulation. Arfsten provided an assist in the 43rd minute, setting up Diego Luna for the equalizer.

Just 90 seconds into the second half,

Arfsten followed up his assist in the first half by scoring his first international goal, a right-footed finish inside the box, to give the U.S. Men's National Team a 2-1 lead in the 47th minute.

After Costa Rica leveled late in regulation, the match advanced to a penalty shootout, where the U.S. Men's National Team prevailed 4-3, clinching its semifinal berth.

Arfsten and the U.S. Men's National Team faced Guatemala on July 2, at Energizer Park in St. Louis, winning the series 2-1 and punching their ticket to the Gold Cup Final. ★

A's Players Receive Recognition



Above left: A's designated hitter Brent Rooker is batting .273 (97-for-355) with 55 runs scored, 19 doubles, 18 home runs and 48 RBI in 91 games this season. Above: In June, Athletics' first baseman Nick Kurtz hit .264 with a .926 On-base Plus Slugging (OPS), seven home runs, 17 RBI, seven walks and 10 extra-base hits. Photos courtesy of the Athletics

Athletics News Releases

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Athletics' first baseman Nick Kurtz has been named the American League Rookie of the Month for June. This is the second consecutive month that an A's player has won American League Rookie of the Month after shortstop Jacob Wilson won the award last month.

In June, Kurtz hit .264 with a .926 On-base Plus Slugging (OPS), seven home runs, 17 runs batted in (RBI), seven walks and 10 extra-base hits. Among rookies with 70 or more plate appearances, the On-base Plus Slugging, home runs and RBI were the most in the Majors for the month. Kurtz's extra-base hits were tied for first and five of his seven home runs were go-ahead shots, which led rookies, and was second only to Cal Raleigh in all of baseball.

For the year, Kurtz is hitting .241 with an .800 OPS including 12 home runs, 32 RBI and five go-ahead home runs. He leads all rookies in go-ahead home runs, is tied for first in home runs and ranks fifth in On-base Plus Slugging and RBI, as of press time.

Prior to the 2025 season, the last A's player to win a monthly award was Mason Miller who was named Reliever of the Month for March/April 2024. Before this season, the last A's player to win American League Rookie of the Month was Zack Gelof in August 2023.

A's designated hitter Brent Rooker has

been selected to the American League All-Star team for the 95th Major League Baseball All-Star Game on July 15 in Atlanta, after press time. It is his second career selection.

Rooker batted .273 (97-for-355) with 55 runs scored, 19 doubles, 18 home runs and 48 RBI in 91 games this season.

Among American League batters, Rooker ranked fourth in runs, tied for eighth in hits and tied for 10th in home runs, as of press time.

As of press time, he leads the American League in home runs as a designated hitter (14) and his 79 hits while at the position are tied for first. Rooker is the only Athletic to play in all 91 games and he has a streak of 131 consecutive games played, dating back to Aug. 17, 2024.

Rooker finished second in player balloting at designated hitter to Baltimore's Ryan O'Hearn. He joins teammate Jacob Wilson, who was elected by fans as the starting shortstop.

This is the first time that the A's have had two All Stars since 2021, when Chris Bassitt and Matt Olson represented the Athletics and it is just the second time over the last 33 years that they have had two or more non-pitchers.

Rooker is the A's first two-time All Star since Stephen Vogt (2015-16). Head strength and conditioning coach Josh Cuffe was also chosen to represent the Green and Gold in Atlanta. ★

Republic FC Inks Vitiello and Timmer to Multi-Year Contracts

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

Republic FC announced that the club has reached agreements with goalkeeper Danny Vitiello and defender Jared Timmer, signing both players to new multi-year contracts, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contracts were not disclosed.

"Danny and Jared have established themselves as top players in our league and as vital members of our core roster," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "We're thrilled to keep them here for years to come and know they'll both play a key role in the pursuit of our next championship."

Vitiello has continued to raise the bar for goalkeeping success since joining Republic FC in 2022. With 44 shutouts, he is the club's all-time clean sheets leader. In his first season in Sacramento, Vitiello made national headlines in the club's historic run to the U.S. Open Cup Final and at one point didn't allow the opponent to score for 479 minutes. In the Semifinal match against MLS' Sporting Kansas City, Vitiello claimed his place in the Open Cup record book when he denied U.S. Men's National Team player Graham Zusi in the fifth round of a penalty shootout, setting up Rodrigo Lopez to punch the team's ticket to the Final.

"Sacramento has become home for me and my family. I'm incredibly grateful to this city, this club and the fans for their love and support," said Vitiello. "I'm proud to keep fighting for the crest and for this community. I am looking forward for all



Goalkeeper Danny Vitiello and defender Jared Timmer of the Sacramento Republic FC sign multi-year contracts with the club, pending league and federation approval. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



that is to come and for the privilege to keep building something special with this team and this community."

Since joining Republic FC in 2023, Timmer has seen the pitch more than any other player with 92 appearances across all competitions and has been a key figure in the club's defensive success, featuring in all but one of its 33 clean sheets in league play.

Timmer's breakout came in 2024, when he helped The Quails put out the best defensive performance in the Western Conference with 15 clean sheets, just 127 shots on target faced, and a plus-12 goal differential. Timmer ranked fourth in the league with 3,024 minutes and set new personal bests in clearances (87), duels won (195), and tackles won (27), earning him the honor of Team Defensive MVP. On the offensive end, Timmer scored his first professional goal and added two assists.

"I love this city. I love this organization," said Timmer. "I am grateful to be here and I will give everything I can for Sacramento."

Vitiello's 2023 performance was recognized with a slew of awards, including Goalkeeper of the Year, a selection to the USL Championship All-League First Team and his second career Golden Glove Award (0.83 goals-against average). Vitiello recorded 11 regular season clean sheets

and tallied a career-high 82 saves, as well as a 76.2% save percentage.

Last season, Vitiello marked new milestones with a career-best 14 clean sheets and his 50th shutout across all competitions. He dominated the league with eight Save of the Week nominations and was also named a finalist for June Player of the Month. The campaign wrapped up with another Goalkeeper of the Year nomination and a selection to the All-League Second Team. This year, Vitiello has earned five shutouts and on June 28 made history as the third player to record 50 clean sheets in the USL Championship regular season.

After missing the first three games of the 2025 campaign due to injury, Timmer has picked up right where he left off last year. Timmer is currently tied for the team lead with four assists across all competitions and in league play is in the club's top five for clearances (27), interceptions (10), and passing accuracy (84.7%). Timmer is also on track to become the 13th player to mark 100 Republic FC appearances.

After four straight weeks on the road, Republic FC returned home to host El Paso Locomotive FC on July 12 in the first of two 8 p.m. matches during the California State Fair. The other match at the state fair is versus Lexington. ★