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Yolo Basin Foundation News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Are you looking for opportunities to spend time in nature, learn more about local wetlands, and share your enthusiasm, expertise and knowledge with school students? Joining the Discover the Flyway docent team might be for you.

Yolo Basin Foundation's Discover the Flyway is seeking dedicated

volunteers to become docents and help inspire young minds through environmental education. They bring science and social science to life in the wetlands.

New docents are needed to meet the demand for this popular K-12 field trip program. Prior experience teaching outdoor education is not required.

Since 1997, more than 85,000 students from both public and private schools in the Sacramento region

have experienced a Discover the Flyway field trip.

A partnership between Yolo Basin Foundation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Discover the Flyway is an environmental education program for kindergarten through 12th-grade students based on California's education standards.

Yolo Basin Foundation offers these field trips with the goal of providing
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Council Approves New AM/PM Liquor License Application

By John McCallum

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The West Sacramento City Council narrowly approved recommending the issuance of a Type 21 liquor license by the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for a proposed AM/PM gas station and convenience store at 15th Street and Jefferson Boulevard in the Old West Sacramento Neighborhood.

The resolution, passed 3-2 by the council at its July 16 meeting, finds "that a Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) would be served" by issuance of the license, which allows for the sale of beer, wine and hard liquor. The application also went before the city's Planning Commission because of the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit for selling hard liquor, with the commission voting 4-1, with two absences, to approve it.

That approval carries 33 specific conditions the station's owner, Kamboj Oil, Inc., must follow. West Sacramento associate planner Elijah Ortega told the council some were standard while others were specific to the property, which has been owned and operated as an Arco station since 2012.

Of these, Ortega singled out condition number 11. That requires the city's Community Development director and police chief to visit the property after a year of operation with the license to ensure compliance with the requirements and identify any recurring problems.

"At that time, if conditions arise and problems are identified, they can then reconsider the conditions of approval at this property," Ortega said.

For Tobin Consultant owner Pete Tobin, Kamboj Oil owner Tony Mehroke's project consultant, the conditions are among the most restrictive he has seen in involvement in more than 200 gas station projects.

"I've never seen anything this restrictive but the owner agreed to it," Tobin
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Etenesh Zeleke Public Boat Dock Opens for Season

Compiled from the City of West Sacramento Website

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Etenesh Zeleke Public Boat Dock is officially open for the 2025 season.

Located along the scenic West Sacramento waterfront, the dock is now available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the week for public day use.

Visitors can enjoy convenient docking with berthing permits priced at \$10 per tie-up cleat, valid for a minimum of four hours and up to 12 hours. The dock is for day-use only; overnight berthing is not permitted.

To enhance safety and enjoyment for all users, dock attendants will be on site daily throughout the season. Attendants will assist with tie-ups, provide oversight while your boat is docked, and help ensure your boat remains safe while you enjoy nearby restaurants, events or ballgames.

Berthing permits must be purchased through the ParkMobile App,



Residents can now use the Etenesh Zeleke Public Boat Dock every day of the week. The 2025 season is now open. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

so boaters are encouraged to download the app in advance. Be sure to have your boat registration and proof of insurance ready when you arrive.

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Sacramento's Etenesh Zeleke Public Dock is situated along the Sacramento River next to River Walk Park.

All recreational boaters are welcome to enjoy this beautiful waterfront amenity named in honor of community

leader Etenesh Zeleke.

For more information, visit the Parks and Recreation page online at www.cityofwestsacramento.org, email dock@cityofwestsacramento.org or call the city's Parks and Recreation at 916-617-4620. ★

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The City of Dharma Realm Veggie Fair



Date: July 20, Sunday, 11 am - 12 pm

A collage of photos portrays past Veggie Fair events. Photo courtesy of the City of Dharma Realm



Students enjoy a recent Discover the Flyway field trip. Photo by David Kalb

City of Dharma Realm News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of Dharma Realm Buddhist Temple held its annual Veggie Fair event, located at the historic former El Rancho Hotel, from 11 a.m. to noon July 20.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of attractive and tasty vegetarian cuisines, with many created by the Temple nuns.

Entertainment included violin and piano performances. This was a family-friendly event. Children were especially welcome and a City of West Sacramento fire truck was there for residents to view and explore, with an opportunity to meet and greet

the local firefighters.

Dress was casual and attendees were prepared for Sacramento's typical summer heat.

The Veggie Fair was located at 1029 West Capitol Ave. West Sacramento.

The Dharma Realm Veggie Fair was first hosted in July 2007 and past events have offered up to 50 different vegetarian dishes for tasting.

The Dharma Realm Temple leadership and nuns are all vegan enthusiasts and plan to open a public Vegan Restaurant on the Temple grounds in the future.

The Dharma Realm Temple hoped that the Veggie Fair guests enjoyed eating healthy, joining them in living kindly and in supporting world peace. ★

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Children with a meaningful outdoor experience that will instill an appreciation for the wetlands and wildlife of the Central Valley and inspire the next generation of naturalists, biologists, historians and scientists.

Everything you need to know about being a docent for Discover the Flyway will be covered during docent training. For program details, visit the Yolo Basin Foundation website at <https://yolobasin.org/schoolprograms/>.

Docent training will

take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 7, Oct. 8, Oct. 9, Oct. 14 and Oct. 16.

To sign up or to learn more, contact the Yolo Basin Foundation community engagement coordinator via email at volunteer@yolobasin.org ★

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Yolo County Awards More Than \$170,000 to Local Organizations

County of Yolo, Office of the County Administrator News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Sustainability Division is pleased to announce the awardees of the Yolo County Community Climate Action Fund, a new initiative supporting community-driven projects that advance the goals of the county's ambitious Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

A total of \$171,240 has been awarded to eight community-based organizations whose projects will help promote climate resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the health and well-being of Yolo County residents.

The fund was significantly oversubscribed, with a competitive review process that prioritized equity, innovation, and alignment with Climate Action and Adaptation Plan priority actions. Selected projects represent a diverse range of resilience strategies from habitat restoration and waste diversion to food recovery, sustainable agriculture, and disaster preparedness.

Awarded organizations

and projects include the De Colores Resource Center –Yolo Farmworker Partnership/Alianza Campesina de Yolo, Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano – Prepared Together: Community Centered Disaster Education for Yolo County, Center for Land-Based Learning – Yolo County Carbon Farm Partnership (YCCFP) Implementation Project, Yolo County Resource Conservation District – Yolo Carbon Farm Partnership Project Implementation, Breathe California Sacramento Region – SacBreathe Food Scraps & Recycling in Schools, Yolo Arts Council on behalf of YoloSol – West Yolo Wetland Restoration Education Project, Yolo Food Bank – Yolo Food Bank Harvest Program Expansion and Internship and Davis Bike Campaign – Teaching Bicycling to Kindergarteners.

These new partnerships reflect Yolo County's commitment to collaborative, community-led climate action. Awarded organizations will receive funding to implement their projects beginning in summer 2025, with progress updates and reporting coordinated

through the Yolo County Sustainability Division.

"These projects demonstrate the power of community-led climate action," said Kristen Wraithwall, Sustainability Manager for Yolo County. "By investing in local organizations that are already trusted in their communities, we're not only advancing our ambitious climate goals—we're also building lasting partnerships that center equity and improve resilience in Yolo County."

The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, adopted in December 2024, outlines Yolo County's roadmap to become carbon negative by 2030 while increasing resilience to extreme heat, wildfire, flooding, and other climate-related hazards. The Community Climate Action Fund is one of several implementation efforts designed to bring the CAAP to life by investing in local solutions.

For more information about the Community Climate Action Fund, visit www.YoloCounty.gov/ClimateFund. For general inquiries, contact the Yolo County Sustainability Division at Sustainability@YoloCounty.gov ★

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added.

Other conditions included limiting the size of containers that alcohol could be sold in, shutting down alcohol sales after 10 p.m. and limits on alcohol advertising. The site must have adequate safety lighting and security cameras must be installed on the premise, with West Sacramento Police Department provided access to footage upon request.

The existing convenience market and smog shop building was built in 1950. The current project, which Mehroke said has grown from \$4.5 million to \$9.5 million, would completely redevelop the property, expand the fuel area, put in an AM/PM convenience store, quick-service restaurant and auto repair building.

Community Development Department staff recommended council approve the project because it would "modernize an aging and underutilized property, would provide frontage and site improvements and the conditions of approval would limit adverse impacts of alcohol sales at the property."

Council concerns about the application centered around availability of alcohol in the area. Councilwoman Dawnté Early asked Ortega if there were any places within two to three miles of the location where alcohol could be purchased.

According to data from the U.S. Census tract, Ortega said, there were six, three that currently had Type 21 licenses and three with Type 20 licenses. A Type 20 license is limited to selling beer and wine.

"So, what I'm hearing is there are places within the vicinity to purchase liquor," Early said.

Councilwoman Quirina Orozco pointed out the list didn't include locations serving alcohol for onsite consumption, mentioning several in the area. Ortega confirmed there were a number of locations serving alcohol, adding ABC differentiates between onsite and offsite consumption with its licensing.

"But bottom line is there is an over concentration or at least a high concentration of locations where liquor can be purchased in that one, two-mile radius around the area," Orozco said.

"In the census tract, yes, there is," Ortega said. "The same is true for the city across the board as a whole."

Mehroke said he had attempted to get a fast-food chain for the remodeled store but was not successful. Both he and Tobin said the only way to make the project work financially was to provide alcohol under a Type 21 license, with these products contributing an estimated 15% of the station's revenues.

"It really helps your return on investment," Tobin added. "If not, these franchises (AM/PM), oil companies just decide it doesn't pencil out."

Tobin said the Type 21 license Mehroke has is not a new license but an existing one he purchased, with use of the license in escrow until approval of the PCN. City Attorney Jeffrey Mitchell noted in this case, part of the question would be the availability of an existing Type 20 license on the market for purchase.

"Right," Tobin said. "It's not adding a new one. It's buying an existing one."

City Manager Aaron Laurel clarified it was ABC handling this part of the process. All council was being asked was to authorize submitting a letter determining a PCN for the

site to ABC.

Ortega said that the police department had originally recommended the Planning Commission not endorse the PCN to Kamboj Oil. At the commission's direction, the city and the department reanalyzed calls for service data and held further discussions with Mehroke, returning to the commission with the conditions of approval and the police department's signoff on the PCN.

Mayor Martha Guerrero asked Ortega about the public notification process for the PCN, noting she had spoken to people in the area recently but had received no comments personally or via email.

Ortega said the city's standard process was followed, notifying residents and businesses within 500 feet of the property along with publication with local media, a process he said happened once for each commission meeting and for the council.

"We did not receive any public comments on this project," Ortega said.

Said Guerrero, "With that, I would feel comfortable in supporting this."

Guerrero, Sulpizio Hull and Councilwoman Norma Alcalá voted to approve the resolution. In voting no, both Orozco and Early said that there were already too many locations providing alcohol in the area.

Orozco pointed out the location was in her "neighborhood," District 4, and was concerned with "what comes with hard liquor."

Early said she was supportive of small businesses but that the project didn't reflect community and family values the city was trying to promote with its development.

"I think we already have ample access to alcohol in this community," Early added. ★

Statement on the Passing of Jeff Bittiger

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - We are heartbroken to share that we've lost a member of the A's family on July 19. Jeff Bittiger, a scout of ours for the past 22 years, passed away in the morning at the age of 63.

Bittiger played parts of four seasons in the big leagues with the Phillies, Twins, and White Sox, and pitched in independent ball all the way to the age of 40. As an area scout, he signed Rookie of the Year Andrew Bailey, and he was a critical voice in many trade acquisitions over the last 10 years as a member of our Professional Scouting staff.

Thank you, Jeff, for your dedication not only to the A's organization, but to the game of baseball.

From Senior Advisor to the Managing Partner, Billy Beane

Bittiger spent his whole life around the game: playing, coaching, and scouting. He was as good a person as he was a scout, and he was a hell of a scout. He knew pitchers inside and out and you could tell how much he loved baseball just by being around him. We're all better for having been lucky enough to spend time with him at a game or in the draft room. We send our love to Alicia and the kids today as we've lost a wonderful friend and colleague. ★



Jeff Bittiger, an Athletics scout for the past 22 years, passed away on the morning of July 19 at the age of 63. Photo courtesy of the Athletics

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Where All the Stars Talk

Mary Jane Popp Brings Back the Stars

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- For decades, Mary Jane Popp has built a legacy as one of the most revered voices in radio and television. From working with radio and TV stations across the country to hosting some of the most iconic interviews in media history, Popp's passion for connecting with people is undeniable.

Now, with the launch of her new podcast, "Popp Star Talk," Popp is offering listeners a fresh look at the stars they thought they knew.

Popp's career, which spans multiple decades and a variety of media, has been anything but typical. She didn't initially set out to be an interviewer but instead was a singer and actress working toward a Ph.D. at Indiana University when a dare changed her trajectory.

"I wasn't going to interview people. People were going to interview me," Popp said. "But then I was dared to audition for a TV show and I went, 'OK, why not? I got nothing to lose.'"

In 1974, Popp landed a gig on WTTV in Indianapolis, where she produced and hosted "Studio Four," a live television talk show. It was a role that required everything from guest booking to producing, an education that would become the foundation of her expansive career. Popp also hosted "Starlight Backstage" at the same studio which launched her celebrity interviews.

Fast forward to today and Popp is in the midst of her latest project, "Popp Star Talk."

"I got a call from a dear friend, Kenneth Segura Knoll, who suggested we should do a podcast with all the interviews I had made. I had around 170 interviews," said Popp.

Launched on April 2, the episodes utilize the vast collection of interviews she has conducted over the years. Throughout each episode listeners can expect to hear updates on the current whereabouts and endeavors of the people Popp has interviewed, giving fans a chance to reconnect with familiar voices, along with the full original interviews.

The podcast brings a unique perspective to celebrity interviews. While many shows focus solely on an entertainer's latest project or achievement, Popp takes a more personal route, delving into the questions that many others overlook.

"I'm not interested in just promoting someone's latest book or movie," Popp said. "I want to know who they are, what drives them, what makes them happy, sad or even what they'd change about their lives. That's what people really want to know."

In "Popp Star Talk," Popp interviews a wide range of celebrities, from actors including "The Birds" star Tippi Hedren to impressionist Rich Little, and from models such as Cheryl Tiegs to "Happy Days" icons Anson Williams and Marion Ross. What sets her interviews apart from the typical soundbites is the depth of the conversation. Popp encourages guests to drop the PR facades and speak candidly about their lives.

"I always tell them I'll mention your latest project but the real conversation will go beyond that," Popp

said. "I want to know what makes you tick. I ask them, 'Who are you in 25 words or less?' and that question always catches them off guard."

What started as an idea to share interviews from her past has now grown into an international success. With Popp's show available on platforms such as YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts, "Popp Star Talk" is now heard in 17 countries, attracting listeners curious about the untold stories behind the stars.

But it's not just about the interviews themselves. Popp works tirelessly behind the scenes, researching each guest, ensuring that her listeners are not only entertained but also educated on the people they're hearing from. It's a method that pays off; whether it's a fun anecdote or a deeply personal reflection from an iconic figure, Popp's audience gets to hear it all.

It's not always easy. As with any new project, there are challenges, technical issues, scheduling conflicts and finding the balance between entertaining and informing. But for Popp, it's all part of the process.

"The research is the hardest part. I don't want to just throw an interview up and call it a day," Popp said. "I want to add depth. I want to give people more than just what's on the surface."

As for her own career, Popp's love for what she does has only grown over the years. She firmly believes that if you're doing something you love, it's never really work.

"People always ask me when I'm going to retire and I tell them, 'When I drop dead,'" Popp said with a smile. "If you love what you're doing, you'll never work a day in your life. There will be frustrations but that's all part of the game."

Popp has always been known for her down-to-earth nature and her genuine curiosity, qualities that have undoubtedly contributed to her success. She is driven by a desire to connect with her guests in a way that is honest and authentic.

"I don't need to be the star of the show. The guest is the star," Popp said. "If you truly care about someone, they'll open up to you. That's the magic of it."

As for her listeners, Popp has one main goal: to entertain and to reveal the true, multidimensional lives of the people they admire.

"I want people to remember these stars for who they really are, not just what they see on TV or in the movies," Popp said. "Everyone has a story to tell. My job is to help share it."

With her wealth of experience and genuine care for the people Popp interviews, "Popp Star Talk" promises to continue offering listeners an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the stars who have shaped our culture. Whether you're tuning in for the first time or catching up with the archives, Popp's engaging, heartfelt conversations are sure to leave a lasting impression.

To listen to "Popp Star Talk," visit <https://redcircle.com/shows/poppstartalk> or find it on your favorite podcast platform.

Each new episode airs every Friday, with archived interviews available for those wanting to explore the wealth of content. ★



Mary Jane Popp, as a pickelittle lady, is with John Davidson in "Music Man." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Movie star Claude Akins embraces Mary Jane Popp in a hug. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Melissa Gilbert from television show "Little house on the Prairie" smiles alongside Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Lou Ferrigno, actor and former bodybuilder, was in the movie and TV show, "The Hulk." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left are Richard Thomas from "The Waltons", Mary Jane Popp and George Wendt from "Cheers." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Here are actor and former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mary Jane Popp in 2006. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



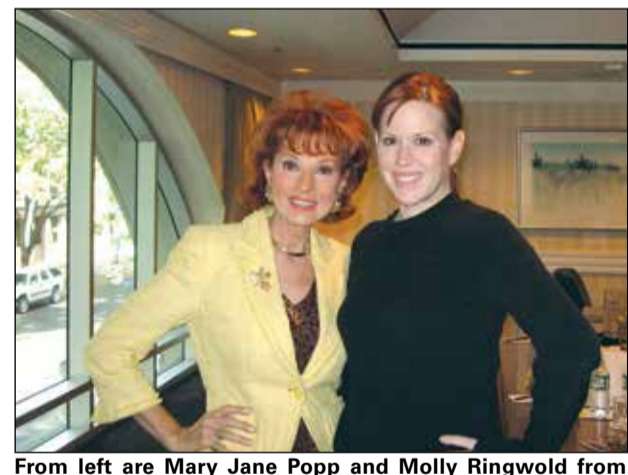
Mary Jane Popp stands alongside Carol Channing, movie and Broadway star. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left, Helen Reddy singer famous for "I AM Woman" and Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Mary Jane Popp smiles alongside Cathy Rigby, Olympic champion and Broadway star, during her performance in "Peter Pan." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left are Mary Jane Popp and Molly Ringwald from Sacramento, an actress in multiple movies. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Robert England from the "Nightmare on Elm Street" movie series holds a prop alongside Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Tim Russ was Tuvok on the TV series, "Voyager in the Star Trek" follow up. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp

Newsom's 'California Way' Would Take Away Your Gas-powered Car



Gov. Gavin Newsom

By Kerry Jackson and Tim Anaya, Pacific Research Institute

Congress recently voted to give Californians weary of expensive government green energy burdens relief from the state's electric vehicle mandate and its stricter-than-the-rest-of-the-country emissions standards.

You'd think Gov. Gavin Newsom and other officials would look for an off-ramp upon hearing this news to avoid the inevitable crash they have orchestrated. But they not only ripped right on by the exit; they rushed east toward Interstate 80.

Newsom has joined a new coalition with other states to spread the "California Way" across the Sierras. Like Newsom, the other governors in this group want to take away your choice to drive a more affordable gas-powered ride, force you to drive a much more expensive electric vehicle, and outlaw oil and gas production coast to coast. Drivers in other states should beware.

"We are firm and committed in our efforts to continue our leadership in the state of California," Newsom said at a recent press conference, while state Attorney General Rob Bonta declared that "California will not stand idly by" after Congress voted to give Californians a break from the high costs of driving.

The three congressional resolutions President Donald Trump signed will hamper the state's decades-old habit of making its own emissions rules.

Behind a placard that read "Trump's GOP Is Making

California Smoggy Again," Newsom complained that California is under "attack" so that companies can "pollute more."

"This is all about polluters being able to pollute more — big oil buying off politicians," he said.

Let's stop right there, governor. Today's internal-combustion engines aren't emission-free, but they are close. "New passenger vehicles are 98 to 99% cleaner for most tailpipe pollutants compared to the 1960s," says the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Newsom also ignores the fact that his policies will curb refinery production. Two major state refineries will shutter for good in the coming year. A recent USC study estimates the closures will raise gasoline prices in California to as much as \$8.25 per gallon. At a recent hearing, state environmental officials conceded that they don't review the impact of gas regulations on consumers. No kidding.

California is determined to

make its emissions standards the national standard. And if Newsom has his way, gasoline will become unaffordable to millions.

Newsom announced 11 states are part of the Affordable Clean Cars Coalition, which says it's committed "to safeguarding Americans' fundamental right to clean air." The other 10 states might be convinced that following the California way will give off cool vibes and boost their green street cred but it will translate into higher costs and fewer choices or consumers.

Research from the Pacific Research Institute bears this out. Seventy-nine percent of taxpayer-funded electric car subsidies are claimed by households making more than \$100,000 per year. Meanwhile, California will be 21% short of the power needed to meet demand each day once both the state's gas car ban and 100% renewable energy mandates are on the books in 2045.

The state's green mandates

impose 56% higher electricity costs on Californians than the national average despite state residents using 34% less energy. And taxpayers and ratepayers will be stuck with a bill upward of \$20,000 per household to fund the cost of the green transition.

Drivers want affordable energy and more car-buying choices. When policymakers propose having your state follow the California way on green energy, give them the message that we've been there, done that and it costs too much.

Kerry Jackson is the William Clement fellow in California reform at the Pacific Research Institute. Tim Anaya is Pacific Research Institute's vice president of marketing and communications. They are co-authors of "The California Left Coast Survivor's Guide." This piece was originally published in the Washington Examiner. ★

Kiley Applauds End to High-Speed Rail Funding

Office of Congressman Kevin Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA), author of H.R. 213, legislation to prohibit further federal funding for High-Speed Rail, issued the following statement in response to President Trump and Secretary Duffy's announcement

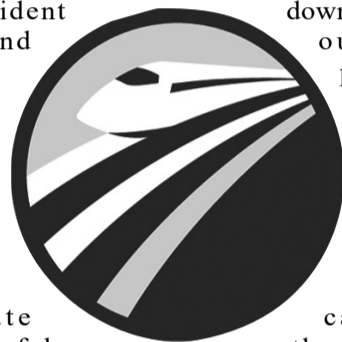


Kevin Kiley

that they are ending federal funding.

"California High-Speed Rail is the worst public infrastructure disaster in U.S. history," Rep. Kiley said. "A project that was supposed to be finished five years ago at a cost of \$33 billion is now projected to take until the end of the century at a cost of \$130

billion. I am grateful that President Trump and Secretary Duffy are sparing our taxpayers by cutting off federal funding. The state must now follow suit, wind this



disastrous project down, and spend our transportation dollars where they are needed: our roads." Rep. Kiley is calling on the House to pass his legislation

to assure future Administrations cannot try to revive the doomed project.

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

LaMalfa Applauds Trump Administration for Revoking High-Speed Rail Funding



Doug LaMalfa

Office of Representative Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement July 17 after the U.S. Department of Transportation officially revoked \$4 billion in federal funding for California's long-troubled high-speed rail project. The project, first approved by voters in 2008, has faced repeated delays, skyrocketing costs, and has yet to deliver.

"What I've suspected since 2008 as a state legislator has been born out of years and years of pie in the sky projections, fake promises about the number of people to be employed, the

timeline in which high speed rail would be completed, and the price tag for the taxpayers of California, and now the entire U.S.," said Rep. LaMalfa. "In 17 years, they've managed to raise about \$17 billion for this project, and the price has ballooned from \$33 billion to \$128 billion. That puts them \$111 billion short of what they say they need to complete it. There is no way the federal government and 50 states worth of taxpayers should be on the hook for a single dollar more as the promises have been broken and the contracts have been violated on this boondoggle. President Trump and Secretary Duffy's instincts to pull back this Biden-era funding are right, and I greatly appreciate them taking back this \$4 billion. We should be dedicating that money to real infrastructure—water storage and highway repairs that will be much more productive for Californians and Americans than continuing this boondoggle that is over \$110 billion short and at least 20 years behind. I appreciate the Trump Administration and Secretary Duffy for

finally putting a stop to this."

President Donald Trump and Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy have both called out the project for failing to meet its contractual obligations and wasting taxpayer dollars. The administration's decision is a serious blow to this project's future, which has lost public trust and federal confidence.

The high-speed rail project, originally estimated to cost \$33 billion, has ballooned to \$128 billion and is now primarily focused on a short 119-mile stretch from Merced to Bakersfield through the Central Valley that comes nowhere near connecting San Francisco to L.A., and even this short segment is not expected to be operational until at least 2033.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties. ★

Secretary of State Announces Proposed Initiative Entered Circulation Initiative Limits Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services



Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. Courtesy photo

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures on July 16.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures.

The Secretary of State then provides a calendar of deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows: Limits voters' ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by raising the vote approval threshold requirement for such ballot measures from a simple majority (over 50%) to two-thirds.

In charter cities, prohibits voters from approving real estate transfer taxes other than the existing 0.11% transfer tax authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 11911.

Overtakes all existing voter-approved property-related taxes that do not comply with these requirements two years after the measure is enacted. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Annual loss of revenues to local governments totaling up to a couple of billion dollars,

predominantly affecting certain charter cities.

Potential future reduction in what local governments would otherwise collect in revenues due to a higher vote threshold for certain taxes and fewer types of taxes that local governments can adopt. (25-0004A1.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1981 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 25-0004A1.

The proponent of the measure, Jon Coupal, must collect signatures of 874,641 registered voters (eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 general election) for the measure to become eligible for the ballot.

The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than Jan. 12, 2026. The address for the proponent is 921 11th St., Suite 1201 Sacramento, CA 95814. ★

Cap-and-Invest Critical to State's Economic Future

Governor's Press Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As Governor Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders continue to work on extending the state's preeminent climate program — Cap-and-Invest — new reports out last week highlight how critical the program is to the state's economic future and how uncertainty is costing

the state billions.

According to a study released by the Environmental Defense Fund and Greenline Insights, extending Cap-and-Invest, also known as Cap-and-Trade, through 2045 is "expected to generate 287,000 jobs, \$55 billion in economic growth and \$232 million in net savings for households." Extending the program is estimated to "raise a minimum of \$47 billion for

California Climate Investments."

That builds on the program's \$28 billion already invested in the last 10 years, which has wiped out emissions equivalent to taking 80% of the state's gas cars off the road.

This comes as another report released last week shows the need for extension this year. According to Clean and Prosperous California, the program has lost up to \$3 billion

in potential revenue in the past year due to poor auction results "caused by uncertainty over legislative extension."

Clean and Prosperous California reports: "We expect California will continue losing between around \$600 million and \$1 billion in revenue from each quarterly auction until the California legislature reauthorizes the cap-and-trade program."

As Governor Newsom, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Senate Pro Tempore Mike McGuire said in April announcing efforts to extend the program this year: "Cap-and-trade is a huge success and, working together, we'll demonstrate real climate leadership that will attract investment and innovation to deliver the technologies of tomorrow, right here in California." ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Summer league has grown exponentially, and fans are tuned in today like never before.

Sunday night saw our Sacramento Kings vying for their third summer league championship, as they faced off with the Charlotte Hornets in Las Vegas Nevada.

With identical 5-0 records the Kings got a dose of what their first and second round draft choices were capable of, so it remained to be seen how they would perform when the lights were brightest.

After an auspicious summer league audition, Nique Clifford struggled finding his shooting stroke, and had just 4 points entering the fourth quarter. The Kings would never give up on this game. After being down by 18 points, the young squad fought back to a single point deficit with less than 2 minutes remaining.

A pass from Isaac Jones to Clifford well beyond the arc, and Nique did not disappoint draining a deep three. Clifford followed up with an acrobatic jump shot in the corner for another three, and the Kings looked like winners.

Charlotte would not go quietly as sharpshooter Kon Knueppel pulled up for a back breaking three. Moving the ball quickly into the frontcourt Isaac Jones sized up his first 3-point shot of the night and when Isaac converted the three the Kings were knocking on the door once again.

Kings fans can be proud of how the team fought for a win that ultimately would escape them, as a much needed rebound careened off the foot of Isaac Jones, and the Kings would go on to lose 83-78.

Neither the loss of the game nor the championship is the real story. The Sacramento Kings got more than just a glimpse of what their first and second round draft choices are capable of.

Talented, for sure and yes, they are raw.

Nique Clifford put together a string of games that stated loudly, I've arrived and ready to make a difference!

Although I don't like using that word, Maxime Raynaud is more of a project. Raynaud, like every rookie, is going to need extended playing time, and time to play through his mistakes.

What the Kings really wanted to know, is can this 7'1" big man make an impact and play alongside Domantas Sabonis. I believe

he can, but confidence building is what will determine how quickly Maxime Raynaud will arrive.

Not to be left behind was the electric play of second year man Isaac Jones, who coming off a stellar 36-point performance, led all scores again with a 24-point performance. Jones made his lone 3-point attempt and added 11 big boards while chipping in with 2 assists.

Isaac Jones summer league performance came as no surprise to me. What's sad is the lack of playing time he received in his rookie year. It's my hope, as Isaac is receiving accolades from other coaches and pundits, that the staff pay close attention to what is possible.

Jones 6'9" frame and 7'3" wingspan make him a difficult guard for any team. He has a definite knack around the rim. He's active, and if he finds himself in a rotation that gives him 20 minutes plus per game, look for both Isaac and the Kings to take a step forward.

There is much to shout about as the Kings close out their summer league schedule. The confident presence that Nique Clifford brought every night is one of many things to be happy about.

Nique lived up to his billing as he played hard at both ends of the court, and like Isaac Jones, Clifford will need to find his place on the team that gets him minutes every game.

Doug Christie has his work cut out for him with a crowded guard rotation, including second year man Devin Carter, who acquitted himself admirably and played dominantly. Devin needs to continue working on his shot, but the upside for Carter is huge. No need for the Kings to question their decision to draft a player that could only contribute half a season due to injury. Carter is winning fans with every game he plays. I look for Devin to be more than just a contributor in the upcoming season.

Yes, Kings fans, you got what you were hoping for, and without a doubt this summer league squad has got the city of Sacramento excited.

Scott Perry isn't done just yet, so stay tuned Kings fans!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

What is the Formula for Deciding When to Claim?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am curious about the "formula" to decide when to take Social Security while still working. I am past the Full Retirement Age. How do you best address such? Should we schedule a call?

Signed: Wondering When

Dear Wondering: Well, you can always contact us by phone on 1.888.750.2622 to speak to one of our certified Social Security Advisors, or you can send your questions to us via email at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. You don't need to pre-schedule a meeting, as we have multiple advisors answering the phone on most normal business days. If they all happen to be busy when you call, simply leave a voicemail and an Advisor will return your call promptly.

For starters, since you have reached your full retirement age, know that your work earnings will no longer negatively affect your Social Security benefits. You can earn as much as possible, and your monthly SS amount will be the same, based on your average lifetime monthly earnings (for your highest 35 years), and based on your age when you claim.

Since you have not yet claimed SS, you are already earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which increase your monthly SS amount by .667% for each month you continue to delay. That's 8% for each full year you delay past your full retirement age (FRA). You should not, however, wait longer than age 70 to claim because that is when you will get your maximum SS benefit amount. For you, that means that your age 70 amount will be 28% more than the amount you would have received at your FRA of 66 years and 6 months (in Oct. 2023), and about 15% more than if you were to claim now.

Note too, that if your more recent income is among the highest of your lifetime, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly SS retirement amount to account for that event. They will check your work earnings each year to see if you are entitled to a larger SS amount because of your recent earnings.

Since (according to your AMAC member record) you are married, you may also wish to consider whether your wife will get a spousal benefit from you when you claim. If your wife's personal SS retirement amount at her FRA is less than the amount you were entitled to at your FRA, then she will get a spousal boost when you claim. With her spousal boost (if claimed at her FRA), her total SS benefit should be about 50% of your FRA benefit amount (not half of the higher amount you will get because you waited longer to claim).

But your wife cannot get a spousal boost until you are collecting your SS.

And here is something else to think about: received SS benefits will become part of your overall income taxed by the IRS when you submit your income tax return. If you file your income tax as "married, jointly" and your combined income from all sources is more than \$32,000 then some of your SS benefits will become taxable income. If your combined income is between \$32,001 and \$44,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. Or, if your combined income from all sources exceeds \$44,000, then about 85% of your received SS benefits will become part of your income taxed by the IRS. Just something to keep in mind, especially since you are still working.

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It's Time to Cut Off Public Broadcasting

In the past, whenever Republicans have tried to cut federal funding for public broadcasting, the 8-foot-2-inch-tall yellow bird has been trotted out as an exemplar of all that is good and necessary about public broadcasting, and the federal dollars have been preserved.

Perhaps our Jim Henson-created feathered friend will continue his undefeated streak, but a Trump-backed recessions bill represents the best chance to defund public broadcasting in decades, if not ever.

The bill, clawing back previously appropriated funding, has already passed the House and is now being considered in the Senate, where the filibuster doesn't apply. The measure targets \$9.4 billion in federal spending, including funds for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The CPB gets about \$500 million a year from the federal government, and parcels it out to NPR, PBS and local public radio and TV stations.

NPR maintains that it only gets about 2% of its funding from the federal government, with more coming indirectly via member stations. PBS gets about 15% of its funding from the feds.

If NPR and PBS programming is as compelling and vital as its defenders say, it shouldn't be a heavy

lift to get foundations, philanthropists and devoted listeners and viewers to fill any funding gap. The organization's already given out a lot of tote bags during fundraising drives. Surely, they can give out some more.

Decades ago, with the rise of cable TV and a proliferation of sources of news and entertainment, it seemed absurd for the government to have to prop up a few select media sources. How much more ridiculous it is now, in the age of YouTube, social media, satellite radio, Substack, streaming services and podcast platforms.

Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Public Broadcasting Act, creating the CPB in 1967, and like many other Great Society programs, public broadcasting is an anachronism that won't go away. Big Bird himself is approaching the age when he'll soon begin to be eligible for senior-citizen discounts.

Supporters of public broadcasting extol the virtues of "All Things Considered," the "PBS NewsHour" and "Frontline," and yes (political bias aside), journalists do some good work for these programs. They also (again, political bias aside) do some good work at The New York Times and CBS News, yet neither of these outlets depend on federal tax dollars.

Oh, defenders also ask, How can we possibly do without the wonder of educational programming like "Sesame Street" and "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood"? "Sesame Street" is, indeed, an American institution. Even if PBS collapsed tomorrow, the show would certainly go on. For about a decade now, new epi-

sodes have been featured on HBO or Netflix, demonstrating how a venerable 50-year-old project can adapt to the times.

It's simply not true, by the way, that we depend on PBS for good shows for kids. There's been educational programming developed by Nickelodeon ("Blue's Clues & You!"), Scholastic Entertainment ("The Magic School Bus") and Netflix ("Ask the StoryBots" and "Ada Twist, Scientist"). And somehow, such iconic children's programming as "Dora the Explorer," "Peppa Pig" and "Bluey" were created without the involvement of PBS.

Then there's the argument that a cut-off of federal funding will be devastating to local public radio stations in rural communities. It's true that small stations could go out of business, but as anyone who has been paying attention has noticed, we live in an era of great media churn. Private media entities are going out of business -- and being created -- all the time. The government shouldn't extend its favor to a few select outlets. Especially when these outlets are so blatantly and pervasively biased. NPR and PBS provide left-of-center content for left-of-center audiences under the guise of objectivity. As many legacy media organizations have long demonstrated, there is a business model there, but it's not one that deserves or needs taxpayer support.

Big Bird should, finally, make his own way in the world.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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New California Budget Ignores Day of Reckoning



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders were drafting a more-or-less final 2025-26 state budget last month, they were closing what they described as a \$12 billion deficit, a number that the state's media repeatedly cited.

It was the wrong number; it minimizes the state's chronic gap between income and outgo, as the state's official budget summary released this week confirms.

The budget projects that the state will receive \$208.6 billion in general fund revenues during the fiscal year that began on July 1, but it will spend \$228.4 billion, a gap just shy of \$20 billion.

The \$12 billion figure stems from counting a \$7.1 billion diversion from one of the state's reserve accounts as revenue — an assumption that violates common sense as well as any legitimate accounting scenario.

The more accurate figure of \$20 billion is important because it squares with projections by Newsom's Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office that California has what's called a "structural deficit" in the range of

\$10 billion to \$20 billion a year.

In other words financing all of the programs and services now in state law will indefinitely cost that much more each year than the state is likely to receive in revenues.

The budget closes about a third of the \$20 billion gap with an aforementioned \$7.1 billion shift from the emergency reserve — money that's supposed to be used to cushion the impact of an economic downturn or calamities such as the wildfires that devastated Los Angeles, earthquakes or destructive storms.

The deficit isn't a genuine emergency because it resulted from irresponsible political decisions, particularly Newsom's declaration in 2022 that the state had a \$97.5 billion budget surplus and thus could afford a sharp increase in spending.

The surplus was a mirage, based on assumptions of a \$40 billion annual increase in revenues that never happened. Last year, the Department of Finance acknowledged that revenues over four years would fall short of expectations by \$165 billion.

However, much of the phantom money was already spent, thereby creating the structural deficit that Newsom and the Legislature basically ignored in putting together the current budget.

The \$12 billion gap left after the reserve fund shift was mostly papered over with on- and off-budget loans from special funds, shifting some spending into future years and using

accounting gimmicks, such as shifting some current year spending, the June 2026 state payroll for instance, into the next fiscal year.

One could liken the state budget to a family that takes out loans on its credit cards to finance a lavish lifestyle, or a city that provides pension benefits it cannot afford.

Sooner or later, the debts pile so high that they can no longer be ignored and the day of reckoning arrives. That's one reason why more than 30,000 Californians file for bankruptcy each year and why several California cities have gone bankrupt in recent years.

States cannot file for bankruptcy, no matter how distorted their finances. If they could, California would not qualify because of its almost unlimited ability to borrow money from special funds.

However, there will be a day of judgment if California's spending continues to outpace its revenues, particularly if the state's economy continues its sluggish performance.

Newsom and legislators implicitly assume that at some point revenues will increase enough to cover their spending and pay off their debts — just as a debt-ridden family buys lottery tickets in hopes of avoiding bankruptcy.

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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America Ai Inc.

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DENTISTS OF WEST SACRAMENTO, INC., 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, IRVINE, CA 92614

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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S/ ahmad Mokbil, Treasurer,

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RANDS ENTERPRISES LLC, 26435 Grafton St, Esparto, CA 95627

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

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RANDS ENTERPRISES LLC

S/ Austin Sifford, Managing Member

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250598

The following person(s) is doing business as:

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
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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.

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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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20250600

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

Love's Alternative Energy, 1380 Shore Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of YOLO

Mailing Address: 10601 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE, OKLAHOMA CITY, CA 73120

Trillium USA Company, LLC, 10601 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73120

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

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

Trillium USA Company, LLC

S/ Spencer W. Haines, Vice President

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

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20250601

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

Love's Alternative Energy, 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, OK 95776 County of YOLO

Mailing Address: 10601 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE, OKLAHOMA CITY, CA 73120

Trillium USA Company, LLC, 10601 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73120

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

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

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S/ Spencer W. Haines, Vice President

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2025-1659

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
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

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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.
 1. Construct 8" x 200' Domestic Well
 2. 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.

This is a public works project and the Contractor's and all Subcontractor's employees must be provided certain benefits pursuant to Section 1720 et. seq. of the Labor Code, including the payment of prevailing wage rates. The District has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the prevailing wage rates applicable to the work. Copies are available on DIR's website at www.dir.ca.gov. Prospective bidders are responsible for determining the applicable wage classifications for this project.

All contractors and subcontractors who bid or work on a public works project must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and pay an annual fee. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with DIR. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a public works contract unless registered with DIR.

The contractor must post all job site notices required by regulation. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by DIR.

In accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, the Contractor may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the Contract from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payment, by entering into an Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention.

Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents, on the forms therein or copies thereof, and shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid. Upon being awarded the contract, Contractor shall provide a 100% Public Works Payment Bond and a 100% Performance Bond for the project. At the time of Award of Contract, the successful Bidder must be in possession of at least a Class B General Engineering Contractor license issued by the California Contractors State License Board. No Proposal will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the laws of this State to perform the work herein described and who does not possess a Class B Contractor license or its equivalent for the type of work called for under this project.

This contract is subject to the California Air Resources Board Off-Road Diesel Regulation (Title 13 CCR § 2449). In order to be eligible to perform work under this contract, you must submit to the agency copies of the valid Certificates of Reported Compliance, as described in section 2449(n), for the fleet selected to perform work for this bid and any listed subcontractors, if applicable. If you do not submit said Certificates with your bid, your bid will be disqualified.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

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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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by **CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC** as Agent for Owner 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento Ca, 95691 to satisfy a lien on August 13, 2025 at approx. 12:00PM at www.storage-treasures.com

Janet Burger, Deborah Cannon, Juana Weathers, Desi Castillo, Londa Varner, Sheree Massey, Abraham Chavez, Kenneth Blevins, Luis Lopez, NORMA GARCIA

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Del Monte Troubles Shake Up Pear Season

With harvest underway, California pear growers say there's little doubt that crop yield has improved this year. Looking into the future, however, growers are grappling with uncertainty after Del Monte Foods, which operates one of two pear canneries left in the state, filed for bankruptcy this month. California pear growers typically ship more than half their crop to canneries, selling the rest as fresh fruit. Del Monte's bankruptcy is "going to obviously cause some type of rebalancing" in the sector, said Alex Wilson, who grows pears for his family's Rivermaid Trading Co. in Lodi. "There's a giant question mark on what that rebalancing is going to look like."

Abandoned Crops Bring Pest Plague to Nearby Farms

California farmers are sounding an alarm about a troubling symptom of the state's struggling farm economy. With wine-grape and almond prices less profitable in recent years and farmers in the San Joaquin Valley no longer allowed to burn discarded trees and vines, an increasing number of growers—unable to afford farming or removal costs—have simply walked away from their orchards and vineyards. Tens of thousands of acres have been abandoned, leaving neighboring farms to fight insects and rodents that spill over from the neglected trees and vines. "If you're right next door, it's pretty difficult," said Michael Naito, who grows winegrapes, almonds and pistachios in

Fresno and Madera counties.

Grasshopper Damage, Losses Down as Infestations Decline

Grasshoppers and Mormon crickets, which in past years traveled great distances and destroyed tens of millions of dollars of Northern California crops, have emerged again this year, although farmers say there's been a small reprieve. During the past several years, grasshopper populations were so thick that "the cows had their eyes shut walking across the meadows," Plumas County rancher Susy Pearce said. The infestations forced her to spend upwards of \$20,000 in pest control from 2021–2023. Pearce said she has seen some grasshoppers this year, "but nothing to panic about."

Foundation Provides Programs and Services for California Farmworkers

Joe Garcia, president of the California Farmworker Foundation, founded the organization in 2016 to improve farmworkers' quality of life. A child and grandchild of farmworkers, Garcia said he was motivated to start CFF after seeing a lack of political will to solve problems impacting farm employees. "This inspired me to establish a foundation aimed at addressing the needs of our farmworker communities," he told Ag Alert®. Today, the biggest challenge facing California farmworkers, he said, is the federal government's mass deportation program. "As an organization, our greatest responsibility is to continue standing alongside farmworkers and our communities, offering our support and education," Garcia said. "We aim to be a reliable resource they can trust." ★

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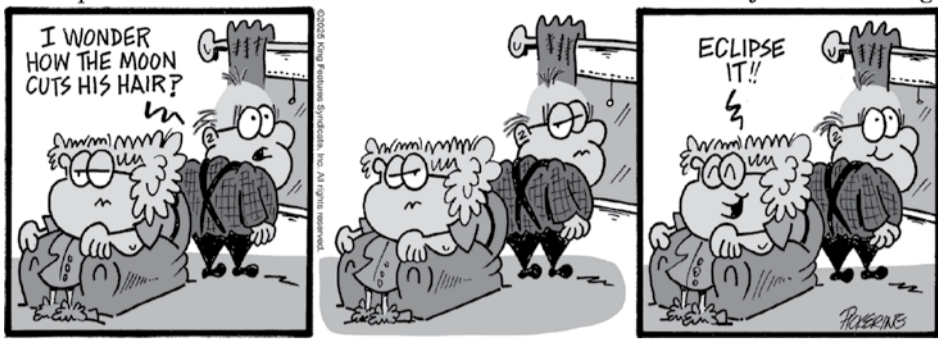
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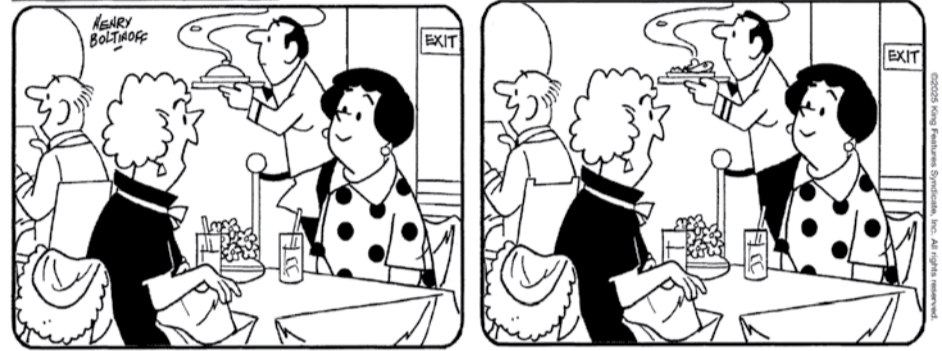


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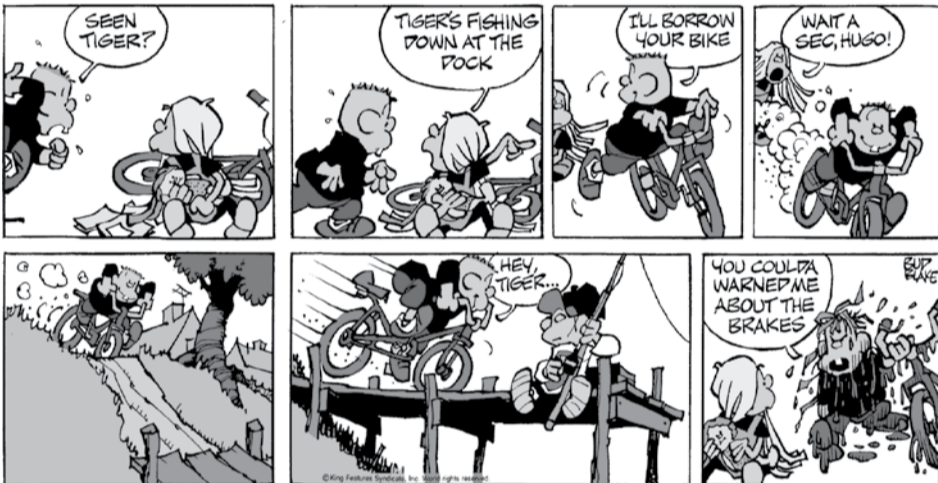
by Gary Kopervas

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TIGER



by Bud Blake

GRIN & BEAR IT



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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • IN THE KITCHEN

- CLUES**
- ACROSS**
- Basilica feature
 - Cameron, to friends
 - ... and flow
 - One of the Bridges
 - Have the blues
 - Op-ed piece
 - Blondie's hit "___ Me"
 - Certain something
 - *Granny Smith
 - *Broth-making container
 - Big name in map-making
 - Inexperienced
 - *Group of dishes or pots
 - Deprived of ovaries
 - Medusae
 - Got an Oscar, e.g.
 - Kind of license
 - Crescent
 - Description for twins
 - "___ the season!"
 - Orthodox Judaism adherent
 - Class roster item
 - Between lights and action
 - Source of pork
 - *Shredding devices
 - Bear-like
 - Florida key
 - French farewell
 - Physicist Niels ___
 - *Kitchen hand protector (2 words)
 - Holey confection
 - Track event
 - ___ of the trade, sing.
 - 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
 - Charlie Parker's nickname
 - Shrek or Fiona, e.g.
 - Word of compliance
 - Actor Stallone
 - *Spice ___ or pot
- DOWN**
- Beginning of the alphabet
 - *Often go with carrots
 - *NaCl
 - Speech at a funeral
 - *Flute alternative
 - *Cook's garb
 - *Veal or venison, e.g.
 - Sport spectator's TV acronym
 - Like white-headed eagle
 - "Farewell" to Birdie
 - Manage (2 words)
 - Like cornstalks
 - "Flat-edged utensil
 - *Flapjack alternative
 - Blink of an eye, abbr.
 - Swing, ___ swing
 - Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location
 - Carl Jung's inner self
 - *___ en place
 - *Seaweed-wrapped dish
 - Opposite of cation
 - Swamp plant
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 - Timothy, to friends
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Softball Western "B" National Championship Tournament Features 500 Players



Above: Teams are comprised of all-star players or are select teams, where girls try out for squads and practice and play together for several months.

Middle: Almost 40 teams, including about a dozen from the Sacramento region, swing into action with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. July 22 at Maidu Regional Park, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville for USA Softball's Western "B" National Championship.

Right: About 500 players between the ages of 9 and 11 will compete in the World Series-like tournament that draws teams throughout California and the western states. Photos courtesy of Lisa Zeng



By Ron Trujillo

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Clutch hits, defensive gems and must-win games will highlight USA Softball's Western "B" National Championship 10-under girls'tournament that runs from July 22 through July 27 in Roseville, bringing about 2,500 athletes, coaches and fans and generating more than \$1 million for Placer Valley.

Almost 40 teams, including about a dozen from the Sacramento region, swing into action with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. July 22, after press time, at Maidu Regional Park, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville.

The first games start at 9 a.m. July 23 at Maidu Regional Park and Mahany Park, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd. in Roseville and continue into the evening. The championship games are on July 27 at Maidu Regional Park.

About 500 players between the ages of 9 and 11 will compete in the World Series-like tournament that draws teams throughout California and the western states.

Fans can enjoy the games for free. Drinks and snacks

are available for purchase at the parks.

"You're going to see some very good softball," said Pocket Aces 10-under team manager Corey Chatman.

The Pocket Aces 10-under team, from southwest Sacramento, has practiced since December and has compiled a record of 27-17 this season.

"The teams that are seeded at Nationals are very sound," Chatman said. "It's top tier."

Teams are comprised of all-star players or are select teams, where girls try out for squads and practice and play together for several months.

"They've worked so hard for this," said Woodland Elite manager Fabi Michel.

The 13-player Woodland Elite team has practiced since January and started playing games in February.

"They've learned to communicate with each other on the field and have grown as a team," Michel said. "They go on the field and play their hearts out."

Placer Valley Tourism has hosted the Western Softball "B" Nationals Championship for

various age groups more than a dozen times since 2010, according to organizers.

"It's a long-standing relationship that helps make the tournament go very smooth," said USA Softball of Sacramento tournament director Karla Burket. "Roseville has great fields and all of the leagues in our association have such amazing volunteers."

Placer Valley Tourism, which competes with other communities for the high-profile Western National tournaments, has made significant improvements to local softball fields in the past few years.

"The Western Nationals is always a big hit with the community, from the athletes and their families to area businesses that enjoy the boost in revenue," said Kim Summers, CEO of Placer Valley Tourism and @the Grounds, home of the Roebelen Center. "Placer Valley's good quality fields combined with the area's amenities make it a great destination for the athletes and their families."

More than 25 teams will be traveling and staying in hotels during the tournament. Area

teams appreciate the ability to stay close to home, saving time and money, while playing against some of the best teams in the West.

"It's a luxury to be so close to home," said Chatman, whose team will come home every night. The close-to-home tournament "is an easy sell to parents."

Winning a championship is the goal but building camaraderie and meeting new girls, especially during the opening ceremonies, are also a huge part of the six-day tournament. Players will exchange pins and wear costumes (the outfits are a surprise until the event) as part of a long-standing opening ceremonies tradition.

"They are super excited about Nationals," Michel said. "Winning is obviously great but having more time to bond and playing together is special. They are so proud to represent Woodland."

Softball has been generating more interest among girls and fans in recent years.

Almost 30,000 girls played for their high school softball teams last year in California, an 11.4% increase compared to

five years earlier, according to the California Interscholastic Federation. Several thousand girls play the sport in the Sacramento region.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's College World Series had a record 1.3-million viewers on average per game for the 15 games this spring on ESPN, including a record 2.4-million viewers for the third and deciding game between the eventual national champion University of Texas Longhorns and Texas Tech Red Raiders.

In June, the Major League Baseball-sponsored Athletes Unlimited Softball League (AUSL) started with four teams that will play a 24-game season this summer. The league has already announced plans to expand to six teams in 2026.

So some of the girls competing in the tournament could continue playing the sport in high school, college or even in a pro league.

"It could be a groundbreaking moment, where they fall in love with the sport," Chatman said. "Western Nationals is going to be something they will remember forever." ★

Baker Claims Championship at Women's Amateur

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Taylor Baker of Sacramento emerged victorious at the 2025 Sacramento Valley Women's Amateur Championship, capturing the Championship Flight title at the Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks on July 13.

Baker led wire to wire, firing a superb opening round 66 and closing with an even-par 72 for a two-day total of 138 (-6).

Hot on her heels was Rancho Murieta's Hannah Camara, who surged with a final-round 70 (-2) to finish just one stroke back at 139 (-5).

Defending Champion, Rocklin's Kaylyn Noh rounded out the podium at 140 (-4), carding rounds of 68-72.

When asked about the 10-foot birdie putt on hole #18 to win, Baker replied "I was really shaking but I decided to commit to my routine. Ellis (Baker's caddy) and I really liked our line and I just decided to make my best stroke."

The leaderboard was packed with impressive performances, including Erica Villegas (Suisun, -2) in fourth and a tie for fifth at -1 between Darla May Dela Torre (Fairfield) and Tavia Burgess (Mather), who posted low rounds of 70 and 69, respectively.

Notably, Ellie Bushnell of Granite Bay recorded a blazing 68 (-4) on Sunday to vault into a tie for eighth at +1, demonstrating the depth of talent in this year's field.

Karen Garcia of Cool emerged as the Senior Championship Division winner. Garcia posted rounds of 72 and 74 to finish at +2 (146 total), claiming a decisive four-shot victory.



Taylor Baker of Sacramento holds her championship trophy from the 2025 Sacramento Valley Women's Amateur Championship at the Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks on July 13. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Karen Garcia of Cool emerged as the Senior Championship Division winner, posting rounds of 72 and 74 to finish at +2 (146 total), claiming a decisive four-shot victory. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council

It was another victory for Garcia before she heads to the United States Women's Senior Open at San Diego Country Club in August.

Tied for second at +6 (150) were Deborah Robertson of Martinez and Tina Barker of Fairfield. Both players battled in the final round, with Robertson carding a 79 and Barker a 77.

Rounding out the top five were Deanna Payne of Lakehead in fourth at +11 (155) and Melissa Spencer of Santa Cruz in fifth at +13 (157).

The Low Net Champion was Michele Ross of San Leandro with a net score of 137.

The Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks is among California's most historic public courses. ★

Opened in 1932, it was designed by Dr. Alister MacKenzie, the legendary Scottish architect famed for Augusta National and Cypress Point. Known for its masterful routing, undulating greens and deceptive bunkering, the MacKenzie Course has long been a test for amateurs and professionals alike.

Haggin Oaks has hosted numerous USGA championships, state championships and local events, cementing its place as the "people's championship course" in Northern California.

The course's blend of tradition and challenge made it an ideal venue for this year's Sacramento Valley Women's Amateur, continuing a proud legacy of women's competitive golf in the region. ★

Zack Mate Wins Men's Amateur Championship

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The 2025 Sacramento County Men's Amateur Championship was held on July 12 to July 13 at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course in Carmichael.

Zack Mate of Elk Grove captured the title with an impressive final round 66, paired with an opening 71, for a two-day total of 137.

Finishing just one stroke back in second place was Taylor Knoll of Rancho Cordova, who carded rounds of 70-68 for a total of 138.



Zack Mate of Elk Grove wins the 2025 Sacramento County Men's Amateur Championship, held at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course in Carmichael on July 12 and 13. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council

Rounding out the top three was Sacramento's Keith

Okazaki, who posted consistent rounds of 70-70 for a total score of 140.

The prestigious 36-hole stroke-play event was open to all male amateur golfers with a GHIN (Golf Handicap & Information Network) index of 3.0 or less.

The tournament was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, which oversees all city and county amateur golf championships.

Chuck Honeycutt served as tournament chair, with assistance from Scott Bland.

For more information about upcoming events, visit sacgolfcouncil.org. ★

Republic FC Signs 2024 Breakout Striker Khorri Bennett



Sacramento Republic FC's newest forward, Khorri Bennett. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Republic FC announced on July 17 that the club has signed forward Khorri Bennett. He will be added to the team's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Khorri is an important addition for us at this stage in the season to bolster our front line," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "He brings strength, physicality and tenacity in front of goal

and we are looking forward to quickly integrating him into our group."

The 27-year-old was a breakout star in 2024. He led the Western Conference with 15 goals to help Las Vegas Lights make their first post-season appearance in club history. Bennett helped the team with six goals and an assist in June 2024, culminating in his selection as Player of the Month. He earned a second Player of the Month nomination in August with a four-game scoring streak. In the playoffs, Bennett netted the game-winning goal in Las Vegas' upset over first-place New Mexico United to punch its ticket to the Western Conference Final.

Bennett's play was recognized beyond the league and in November, earned his first call up to the Jamaican National Team for the Concacaf Nations League Quarterfinals. Earlier this year, Las Vegas announced that he had been transferred to Kuwait Premier League club Al-Nasr SC for

a record fee, where he added one goal and two assists in eight appearances.

Bennett made his professional debut in 2022 for USL League One club Charlotte Independence and across two seasons scored 18 goals and added three assists in 64 appearances. Bennett recorded his first career hat trick on July 28, 2022 and was later named USL League One Player of the Month. The Jacks reached the post-season in both years Bennett was there and in 2023 made its first appearance in the USL League One Final.

Originally from Saint Andrew, Jamaica, Bennett first came to the U.S. to play collegiately at Northeastern University and in three years made 44 total appearances with five goals and three assists. For his senior year, Bennett transferred to Radford University where he started in 15 of 16 games and added three goals and one assist to reach the Big South Conference Semifinals. ★