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Heroes, Villains Will Float Together

RCHS Student Leadership Creates Homecoming Festivities Backbone



River City High School leadership students pose for a group photo during a float building day on campus, leading up to their homecoming week. Homecoming week starts Oct. 20 and ends on Oct. 25 with the homecoming dance.

Story and photos by Seth Henderson

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Constructing backdrops, props and other decorations for a homecoming celebration, River City High School students are hard at work through their student-led classes and clubs to prepare for a hero and villain-themed homecoming on Oct. 24.

Students in the leadership program and other clubs said they are required to conduct a certain amount of float-building or community service hours to graduate and nearly two dozen out of the 40 total students were present after school to complete that requirement on Oct. 3. Students continued to build floats for their homecoming parade with help from

the Construction Club and Interact Club.

Associate Student Body (ASB) President Mariana Gutierrez, a 16-year-old senior in leadership, said students will spend the next few weeks sketching, outlining, painting and using papier mâché to construct the decorations, including a backdrop for the float and a 45-foot-long banner to be hung up during the homecoming rally.

Gutierrez said that upperclassmen will represent Marvel characters and the lowerclassmen will represent DC characters. The freshman and seniors will be villains while the juniors and sophomores will be heroes. In addition to a hero or villain, each float and poster will represent a certain awareness, such as breast

cancer, child cancer, child abuse and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD).

"We have a rubric, so we're going to require them to do some kind of pomping," Gutierrez said. "It's like tissue paper and you have to add it on the float."

As ASB president, Gutierrez said, she is responsible for grading the decorations as well as the student participation. Floats are required to have both three- and two-dimensional elements. She said the floats' lives might be short lived, as they will most likely be broken down within a week of the rally but the 45-foot-long banners will be displayed approximately until February.

The leadership class instills
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Grant Funding Received for Yolo County Airport

Yolo County Office of the County Administrator News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County General Services Department has been awarded two Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants totaling more than \$240,000 to support planning and maintenance efforts at the Yolo County Airport.

The grants include \$170,620 for runway rehabilitation planning and \$71,250 for development of a Pavement Maintenance Management System. Both projects are part of the county's Airport Capital Improvement Plan, which prioritizes long-term investments to ensure safe and reliable operations for airport users.

"Improvements to the Yolo County Airport is an investment in our local economy and transportation infrastructure," said Yolo County Supervisor (District 2) Lucas Ferichs. "These federal grant funds will ensure that our runway and pavement systems remain safe and reliable, while also supporting the aviation businesses that call Yolo County home."

The runway rehabilitation planning project will address age-related wear and tear, including weathering and cracking. Rehabilitation, rather than full reconstruction, will focus on targeted repairs such as crack sealing, isolated pavement replacement and possible seal coating.

The Pavement Maintenance Management System will provide updated evaluations of the airport's runways, taxiways, aprons and tie-down areas. This system will document pavement conditions, establish maintenance schedules and recommend improvements to preserve the airport's infrastructure. The county will also pursue matching funds from the California Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics, which provides state grants covering 5% of federal awards.

"The Yolo County Airport has been part of this community for generations, and these grants allow us to keep its facilities safe, reliable and ready for the future," said Yolo County General Services Director Ryan Pistochini. "By planning for runway rehabilitation and updating our pavement management system, we're ensuring the airport remains a strong community asset that supports local businesses and aviation activity."

The Yolo County Airport is home to Woodland Aviation, an aircraft maintenance service center, and SkyDance Skydiving.

To learn more about the Yolo County airport, visit online www.YoloCounty.gov/airport.★

Play a Game, Grab a Plate at Stonegate

Annual Harvest Festival Draws Community to Stonegate Elementary

Story and photos by Seth Henderson

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - About 1,000 attendees were at Stonegate Elementary School in West Sacramento Oct. 4 during the annual Harvest Festival, one of the school's biggest fundraisers featuring family-friendly fun, food, games and company.

Stonegate physical education and leadership teacher Miekko Mendenhall said that more than 55 high school volunteers, three-dozen parent volunteers and a number of teachers ran the event. She said that youth and community members have been anticipating the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)-run festival.

"I think what's really special is our family here at Stonegate. It's just such an amazing thing to watch all of our kids come and get so excited," Mendenhall said. "You know it's a fundraiser but the kids really enjoy coming and playing games, and just hanging out with



Youth play among the multiple inflatable attractions at the annual Stonegate Elementary Harvest Festival on Oct. 4. Photo by Seth Henderson

their friends, and being a part of it."

Mendenhall said a committee plans the festival well in advance and it meets once a week to secure vendors and other festival features. Some booths present at the festival were the California Highway Patrol, Uplift

Martial Arts, American Medical Response (AMR), West Sacramento Little League and other local craft makers or businesses.

Ryan Cassidy, the vice president of West Sacramento Little League, said that with the Little League season starting up, the organization is

already accepting signups and has almost 600 youth between all ages. Little League members were running around together, going around to different booths and play areas at the festival.

Cassidy said that West Sacramento has a rich
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Heroes, Villains Float Together for Homecoming

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 accountability, Gutierrez said, and the faculty advisor, English teacher Melissa Donnelly-Gowdy, puts the class in positions to thrive, learning to handle interacting more effectively with others. Gutierrez said that she has learned to handle more responsibility as a result of being in leadership since she was a freshman.

"In the real world, you're going to have strict deadlines, you're going to be stressed, you're going to manage multiple things at once," Gutierrez said.

Club liaison Clayton Pour, a 17-year-old senior in leadership, said that building confidence is a skill that is learned when leading peers to a common goal.

"You have to have confidence in your own knowledge" to lead one's peers, according to Pour.

"You have to have the confidence in yourself and your decisions to really lead or be led by other people," Pour said.

Pour said the level of seniority does not always correlate to an officer's rank, meaning that

a junior could direct a senior. "It also puts you in a position to fail, which might sound scary but it's OK," Gutierrez said. "It shows you that failure is OK."

Gutierrez said that leadership class has made her more mindful of others' perspectives, prompting her to treat others how she would want to be treated.

Seventeen-year-old senior and leadership student leading the Royalty Commission, Lana Tobia, said her favorite part of homecoming is the football game. She said the float parade happens during half time and the homecoming king and queen are crowned.

Tobia said she has been leading the royalty commission for the past two years and her role in leadership has made her a stronger communicator.

"(Student leadership) has definitely made me a lot more talkative or willing to talk in front of people," Tobia said. "A lot better at public speaking, you know? It's easier for me to talk to adults. Being able to take initiative, I feel like this

class has helped me a lot." Time management has been a crucial skill to continue developing in leadership, Pour said, because it feels as if they run out of time every year to fully prepare for homecoming. He said most students, especially the ASB officers, have jobs on top of other academic commitments on campus. Pour is a part of the student section for campus sporting events as well as president of a campus club.

Painting designs on a 45-foot-long banner, freshman vice president Jayden Dhillon, 14, said that he had participated in leadership while he was in middle school and was having a nice transition into high school. He said he was becoming more responsible and more professional. He said that the leadership class was one that can help develop important life skills.

Kyliee Clevenger, a 15-year-old junior in leadership, said her favorite part about homecoming is watching all of the success come into fruition at the end. She said he's turned down plenty of opportunities to hang out with her friends to spend hours after class in leadership.

Clevenger said after leadership, she goes to practice, goes home and lays in bed. She said she completes her homework at school to minimize responsibilities while she is at home. Leadership taught her independence, communication, motivation and discipline.

Freshman leadership student Sadie Ramdass, 14, said that the class helps inspire her to persevere no matter what she's feeling, whether she is hungry, happy, sad or angry.

When asked about what he's learned in the leadership class, 14-year-old freshman Clark Huntington, said he didn't expect "how



Banners for each grade level line the floors in a room at River City High School as students paint, sketch and craft their designs for their homecoming floats and banners. The school's homecoming week begins on Oct. 20 and ends with a dance on Oct. 25. Photo by Seth Henderson

much communication you need to help with people and you need to be able to communicate to get stuff done.

"If nobody had communication, then nothing would get done and it would all fall apart."

Sixteen-year-old junior Kylie Carpenter, said she has been in leadership for four total years, starting her experience in the eighth grade. She said there have been many stressful arguments over the years but that there is "no harm done."

The entire class has all spent so many hours together, Carpenter said, but leadership is still her favorite 90 minutes of the day. She said waiting for all the pieces to come together is the hardest part of leadership but that there is only so much one can do in a day.

"I've played sports for nine years," Carpenter said. "I would say leadership was my best experience with a team."

Carpenter said she has been working on plywood cutouts for the construction of the homecoming floats to fulfill the three-dimensional requirements.

She said she designed the floats and the 45-foot posters.

River City High School Homecoming Week kicks off on Oct. 20, ending with the Homecoming Dance on Oct. 25. The homecoming rally, football game and parade will take place on Oct. 24. The rally will take place while school is in session and the varsity football game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. with the homecoming parade taking place during half time. Homecoming will also be Senior Night to honor the graduating Class of 2026

Leadership students will arrive at school at 6 a.m. Oct. 24 to set up for the rally and help clean up after the homecoming game until about 11:30 p.m. or midnight. Leadership students will return to campus on Oct. 25 to help set up for the homecoming dance at 10 a.m. and the dance is slated to start at 7 p.m.

River City High School is home of the Raiders and located at 1 Raider Lane in West Sacramento. To see the calendar of campus events, visit <https://rivercity.wusd.k12.ca.us/Calendar>



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Play a Game, Grab a Plate at Stonegate

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 history, allowing for strong community connection, not only through Little League but through opportunities for the players to bond in the community at events such as the festival. He said the Little League program is lucky to have so many volunteers.

Clayton Pour, a 17-year-old senior at River City High School, said that as part of his leadership class, he and multiple classmates of his volunteered at the festival to run kids' games and play areas. He said that they volunteered for about four hours.

Stonegate Elementary Harvest Festival event coordinator Tiesha Washington said that

an intense amount of planning goes into coordinating all of the amenities, vendors, crafts, games and volunteers needed to operate the festival. Washington said that she heard students talking about the festival in the days leading up to it, even while holding events such as the Worldwide Day of Play.

"I just kept hearing in the background, 'I cannot wait for the Harvest Festival,' so just hearing those words, it feels good," Washington said. "It makes you want to come back and do it again and try to bring a different surprise to it."

One festival aspect that Washington said she wanted to improve was the organization of how

the food was distributed and that she didn't want attendees waiting too long for their order. Planning for the event started about a month and a half before the festival and Washington said she is excited to hear feedback to improve next year's festival.

"I feel like it's my contribution to society and just seeing the different smiles, the people come out, it feels very safe," Washington said.

Stonegate Elementary School, part of the Washington Unified School District, is at 2500 W. La Jolla St. in West Sacramento. To learn more about the campus and its events, visit the website at <https://stonegate.wusd.k12.ca.us>. ★



Youth participate in several carnival-style games, including a ring toss, face painting and corn hole annual Stonegate Elementary Harvest Festival on Oct. 4. Photo by Seth Henderson



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Sacramento River Cats mascot Dinger joins youth inside the petting zoo at the annual Stonegate Elementary Harvest Festival on Oct. 4. Photo by Seth Henderson

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Council Upholds Commission Variance Denial, Asks staff to Look at Others

By John McCallum

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A West Sacramento City Council denial of an appeal of a Planning Commission decision to deny a local homeowner a variance in siting a protective structure for his RV yielded fireworks at the council's Oct. 1 meeting.

It also elicited an agreement by planning and code enforcement staff to look into lists of similar residential structures in the city provided by the appellant and a council member to determine if more violations of city codes by owners of similar nonpermitted structures exist.

The issue began Jan. 28 when code enforcement received a complaint regarding a utility structure being built by a homeowner, Mark Reyes, on his property at the corner of Michigan Boulevard and Portsmouth Avenue.

Planning Manager Tristan Osborne told council that Reyes had been to the department in late 2024 to discuss the project but had proceeded with the work without approvals from the city.

Code enforcement visited the site on Jan. 29 and issued a "Stop Work" order. Despite the order, the city alleges that Reyes continued with the work, and after no progress was made in compliance discussions, the city issued a "Notice to Abate" on Feb. 14.

A deadline of March 18 was

set for removal of the structure, with Reyes subsequently granted a deadline extension to April 14.

Osborne said nothing has been done to correct the issue, resulting in the city issuing an "Administrative Citation" on May 23 and Reyes filing for a variance on May 28.

The Planning Commission denied Reyes' request after a public hearing at its Aug. 21 meeting, resulting in Reyes' filing an appeal to the council one week later.

Reyes has requested a variance in the city's regulations requiring structures be set back at least 15 feet from a property's front edge and five feet from side edges. Codes also restrict the height of utility structures to 12 feet.

To fit the 47-foot-by-15-foot RV structure on the front yard of his property, Reyes reduced those setbacks to zero. At 15 feet high, the structure also is in violation of height codes.

To be granted a variance, Osborne said that Reyes had to show the structure didn't violate four findings required not only by city codes but also by California law. The variance couldn't grant the owner a special advantage not afforded nearby property owners; had to be the result of a hardship not imposed by the owners' actions; not be detrimental to public safety, health or general welfare; and its granting be consistent

with zoning and the city's General Plan requirements.

Osborne said that the commission determined none of these requirements were met.

Reyes contends enforcing the setback requirements on his structure were unfair and arbitrary because other property owners in the city appeared to be in violation of the codes as well. Reyes provided photos and addresses of 24 similar structures he found while driving around the neighborhood he contends are in likely violation.

Reyes also contends the reason that the complaint was filed in the first place was personal.

"It stemmed from a hateful neighbor who had a complaint and is trying to hurt me and my family," Reyes said.

Part of Reyes' information to council include his timeline for the project in which he noted he had contacted Councilmembers Quirina Orozco and Norma Alcalá, along with Mayor Martha Guerrero. Guerrero, Alcalá and Orozco all acknowledged prior to the hearing they had been contacted by Reyes.

While Alcalá only stated she had spoken with him, Orozco and Guerrero went into more depth, with Orozco saying she received an email from Reyes regarding a driveway extension at his home in late 2024.

Guerrero said that Reyes contacted her prior to his current appeal to council and asked her for a "favorable" decision,

to which she replied she could not do so and would have to note their conversation for the record.

"After that, we stopped talking, so that's where we concluded," Guerrero said.

Contacts with Orozco and Alcalá were noted in Reyes' timeline but in a Dec. 21, 2024 notation, he wrote that Alcalá had verbally told him to "Go ahead and build the carport."

That caused concerns, particularly with attorney Ryan Raftery.

Raftery, in his role as hearing examiner advising council on procedures, said the statement could be construed as a conflict of interest since it indicated Alcalá might have played a larger role in the issue.

Raftery seemed to hint a prudent move might be for Alcalá to disqualify herself from the appeal decision. Alcalá said her comments had been misstated by Reyes, something Reyes also acknowledged.

Mayor Pro Tem Verna Sulpizio Hull said that she felt Alcalá had come to the hearing with a definite opinion on the issue.

Alcalá affirmed that she felt the variance should be granted since she believed it was being arbitrarily applied to Reyes in light of other similar structures in the city being in possible violation.

During council questioning of Osborne, Alcalá stated several times that the codes were being arbitrarily and unfairly applied

and said council should change the ordinance. Alcalá also said after her conversation with Reyes, she did her own research by driving around and found 17 more instances of car ports built in possible non-compliance with codes.

"It's up to you," Raftery told Alcalá. "I'm just trying to protect the City Council and the city."

"I don't feel I have a conflict," Alcalá said.

City Attorney Jeff Mitchell said any possible conflict likely hinged on the outcome of the council vote on the appeal.

If council overturned the Planning Commission decision in a close vote, there might be grounds for someone to challenge the decision in court.

Mitchell also reminded council that, while they were free to consider whatever evidence they wished, state law required they base any decision on whether all four findings applied to Reyes' situation. In the end, they voted to uphold the variance denial 4-1, with Alcalá voting no.

As for the two lists of residences with possible violations, council members asked Osborne and Code Enforcement Manager Josh Hurley if submitting those would constitute a complaint and thereby compel city staff to look into each case to see if there were possible violations. Both staff members said it would and promised to investigate those cases as soon as possible. ★

Sierra Donor Services Honors DMV Partners During Appreciation Month

Sierra Donor Services News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sierra Donor Services (SDS) proudly honored Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) partners across Northern California and Nevada, celebrating DMV Appreciation Month during the month of September.

As a critical link in the donation and transplantation process, DMV staff play a vital role in helping individuals register as organ, eye and tissue donors, bringing hope to 20,000 people waiting in California and more than 100,000 patients in need of lifesaving transplants across the nation.

Every year, September highlights the invaluable 20-year partnership between DMV offices and Sierra Donor Services in

promoting the Donate Life California registry. About 95 percent of Californians who register as donors do so through the DMV, making frontline staff essential advocates for donation.

They are more than just DMV staff or state employees; they are life ambassadors.

"Our DMV partners are everyday heroes," said Sean Slyck, Chief Executive Officer of Sierra Donor Services. "Many times, they are the first people to introduce Californians to the option of donation. Their dedication and compassion directly impact lives saved through transplantation."

Throughout September, Sierra Donor Services visited DMV offices across its 13 service county areas to personally thank staff, present to staff about the life-changing work they



Sierra Donor Services visiting Grass Valley DMV. Photo courtesy of Sierra Donor Services

provide and share stories of lives saved through donation. DMV employees were also recognized on social media and the organization's website, highlighting their contributions to the donation community.

Sierra Donor Services supports more than 19 DMV offices across 13 counties in Northern California and Nevada. DMV Appreciation Month is part of a national campaign led by Donate Life America and state donor registries.

"Donate Life California is proud to continue its strong partnership with Sierra Donor Services and the California DMV," said Lacey Felder, Program Manager of Donate Life California. "Since more than 95 percent of Californians register as donors through

the California DMV, this partnership provides a trusted and accessible way for individuals to make this important decision. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the DMV for its critical partnership, dedication, and commitment to saving and improving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation."

Sierra Donor Services encourages all Californians to say "yes" to donation when visiting the DMV and to thank DMV employees for their role in saving lives. As Sierra Donor Services reflects on 40 years of impact, the organization remains committed to its mission of saving lives, honoring donors and educating the public.

Be part of this life-changing legacy. Register today at registerme.org. ★

Yolo County Invites Community to Domestic Violence Awareness Forum

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Supervisor Vice Chair Sheila Allen, Supervisor Lucas Frerichs, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office and the City of Davis Police Department invite the community to attend a Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Forum on Monday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center located at 646 A Street in Davis.

This supportive community gathering will bring together local organizations, service providers and advocacy groups to share resources for survivors of domestic violence and raise awareness about prevention efforts. The 2025 theme is "With Survivors, Always."

Attendees will hear from a panel of experts, have the opportunity to ask questions and connect directly with services. To foster a safe space and inclusive environment, participants will also be able to submit anonymous questions during the forum.

"We must continue to build spaces

where survivors feel safe and empowered, resources are known and the public knows signs of abuse," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors, Vice Chair Sheila Allen. "I'm proud to support this event and the organizations working tirelessly to break the cycle of violence in Yolo County."

Lucas Frerichs, Yolo County Board of Supervisors said, "By bringing together partners across law enforcement, service providers and advocacy groups, we are creating a stronger safety net for survivors and their families."

"Survivors deserve to be heard, believed and supported. Our office is committed to seeking justice and ensuring that resources are accessible to those who need them most," said Jeff Reising, Yolo County district attorney.

Todd Henry, Davis Police Chief said, "Law enforcement plays a critical role in both prevention and response. We're committed to working alongside community partners to ensure survivors receive the justice and care they deserve."

Community members are encouraged to attend and can RSVP by emailing District4@YoloCounty.gov. ★

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Yolo County to Host Energy and Resilience Resource Fair

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Sustainability Division, in partnership with Valley Clean Energy (VCE), the De Colores Resource Center and Cool Davis, will host a free, family-friendly Energy & Resilience Resource Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18, from noon to 3 p.m. at

the RISE Community Center located at 17340 Yolo Ave. in Esparto.

The fair will connect residents with tools and resources to save money, improve home comfort and strengthen community resilience. Attendees can receive free DIY weatherization kits – including take home supplies like LED bulbs, weather-stripping and insulation materials to cut energy

costs, while supplies last.

There will be information about electric bills and incentives, with the opportunity to chat with Valley Clean Energy representatives about your electric bill and learn about Valley Clean Energy's free Electric Advisors Hotline.

Additionally, attendees will receive natural disaster preparedness

resources, expert advice on home improvements and electric vehicle (EV) guidance, as well as the opportunity to meet local electric vehicle drivers.

Enjoy activities for all ages, free refreshments and community connections.

This event is part of the Yolo Energy Partnership (YEP), a county program designed to help

residents lower utility costs, improve energy efficiency and build resilience, particularly in unincorporated and rural areas. Yolo Energy Partnership supports the County's goal of achieving carbon negativity by 2030 while centering equity and serving households most in need of support.

For more information about the workshop and Yolo

Energy Partnership, visit www.YoloCounty.gov/YoloEnergyPartnership. Stay connected by emailing Sustainability@YoloCounty.gov or by signing up for our E-Newsletter at YoloCountySustainabilityNewsletter.com. You can also follow the Sustainability Division on Instagram and Facebook @yolosustainability. ★

Community Calendar

OCTOBER

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

Friday, Oct. 10: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Fun & Frames**, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us to decorate picture frames for back-to-school photos or artwork.

Saturday, Oct. 11: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 13 Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Drop-in tutoring for grades 1 through 8, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Get homework help in math, science, and more with a high school volunteer. Spots first come, first served, and are limited to 20 minutes if other students are waiting.

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Hug-a-Bye baby, 11 a.m. to noon.

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

Thursday, Oct. 16: Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. LEGO block party, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pumpkin decorating, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We provide the pumpkins and decoration supplies; you just bring your creativity and imagination. One pumpkin per child so we have enough for all.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Friends of the Clarksburg Library monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

Now open through Sunday, Nov. 30: 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

Continuing through Sunday, Oct. 12: Fall for the Arts fundraiser to support film and theatre creators at River City High School. Your donation celebrates creativity, supporting student artists in media and entertainment and enriching our community through theatre and film. Some donations will earn tickets to the upcoming production of "Witches?! In Salem?!" **coming Nov. 6 through 16.** See www.RCHSProductions.org to donate.

Continuing through Friday, Oct. 24: Socktoberfest Winter Clothing Drive, see www.mosaicwestsac.org for drop-box locations. We are collecting winter clothing, gloves and of course, socks, for distribution to the unhoused and underserved here in West Sacramento. This collection effort will culminate in the **Socktoberfest Family Faire, coming Saturday, October**

25, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Recovery Café, 920 Drever Street, details to follow.

Friday, Oct. 10: Live@DCC **Free Friday Noon Concert**, at Davis Community Church, 4th and C Streets, Davis. The Sierra Ensemble will perform "Chamber Music Gems" including works of Brahms, Mozart, Kogan and Barraine. Sierra Ensemble is an innovative violin, French horn, and piano trio committed to supporting a lively chamber music environment.

Friday, Oct. 10: Movies on Main Street at Freeman Park, 1001 Main St., Woodland. This event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with free activities including bounce houses and a kids' zone with games and crafts to keep kids busy until show time. "The Wild Robot" will be shown just after sundown. More information at 530-661-2000.

Saturday, Oct. 11: 3rd Annual Community Harvest Festival, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Horizon Church, 1300 South River Road, #135. Join us for this free event, sharing fun and fellowship. You'll find local vendors showcasing their wares and business items. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. There will also be a bounce house for the kids to enjoy while you shop around. More information at www.horizonwestsac.com

Saturday, Oct. 11: Arts in the Heart, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. This celebration showcases the multicultural pride of the West Sacramento Community. Visitors to this free family-friendly event can experience music and dance performances, visual art, and hands-on art activities. For more information, contact Lucy Ramos, Recreation Coordinator at LucyR@cityofwestsacramento.org

Saturday, Oct. 11: Winters Second Saturday Art & Wine Stroll, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Main Street and Railroad Avenue, Winters. Stroll through downtown Winters to meet talented artists, view their work displayed in local businesses, and enjoy drink specials and unique offerings at participating locations.

Sunday, Oct. 12: Kiwanis Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament, noon to 2 p.m. at Hooby's Brewing, 9 East Main Street, Winters. Proceeds will benefit the club's local youth programs, scholarships, and community service projects. The event will also feature a silent auction, with all proceeds helping to fund scholarships and youth leadership opportunities in Winters. Registration is available through the Scoreholio app by searching "Kiwanis Club of Winters".

Sunday, Oct. 12: The Village Feast, noon to 4 p.m. at Great Bear Vineyards, 24800 County Road 101A, Davis. This fundraiser benefits Les Dames d'Escoffier Sacramento and Davis Farm to School in their missions to support education programs around food and agriculture. This feast is a "Grand Aioli" – uniting people and food for gastronomic celebration. More information and tickets available at www.davisfarmtoschool.org

Thursday, Oct. 16: Hot Summer Nights Car Show, cruise in any time after 5 p.m., car show starts at 6 p.m. Join us for this show at Mojoes Lounge, 428 1St St., Woodland. No registration, show and shine event. More information at 530-661-0428.

Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18: Rock the Block Bryte Broderick. Join us for this inspiring two-day Habitat for Humanity impact event that brings together hundreds of volunteers, sponsors, and local residents to make a lasting difference. We work side-by-side to complete critical home repairs, landscape beautifications, and community revitalization projects to improve the quality of life in Bryte and Broderick. By leveraging financial support and thousands of volunteer hours, Habitat for Humanity transforms these contributions into meaningful community investments across Sacramento and Yolo Counties. For more information, call 916-440-1215.

Friday, Oct. 17: Fall Festival at Delta Elementary Charter School, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 36230 S. School Street, Clarksburg. For more information, email DECSPTO@gmail.com.

Friday, Oct. 17: Bogle Gives Back, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Join us in raising a glass and making a difference at Bogle's Home Ranch, 37783 County Road 144, Clarksburg. We're proud to shine a spotlight on our non-profit partners, Yolo County Children's Alliance and Runnin' for Rhett, whose work supports youth development right here in our community. This is a family-friendly event. Tickets are required for all guests 12 and older; available at www.boglewinery.com

Friday, Oct. 17: Multicultural group art show reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. The exhibit continues through Thursday, Oct. 30. More information at 916-617-5150.

Saturday, Oct. 18: West Sacramento Fire Department Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fire Station 45, 2040 Lake Washington Blvd. Everyone in the community is invited to stop by and meet their local firefighters. Enjoy tours of the fire apparatus, see the fire safety house, get emergency preparedness tips, hotdogs and snacks.

Saturday, Oct. 18: 15th Annual Lasagne Dinner to benefit the Woodland Boy Scout Cabin, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 515 Lincoln Ave., Woodland. Sponsored by Scouting Associates and Woodland Host Lions, tickets are \$20 adults and \$10 for kids under 12. For more information, contact Barbara Larson at 916-208-0168.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Yolo Crisis Nursery Barn Dance, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Central Park, 301 C Street, Davis. All proceeds will benefit the Yolo Crisis Nursery. This event is sponsored by Nugget Markets and hosted by the Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery. Enjoy free line dancing lessons, live music by "Moonshine Crazy", raffle, food truck and more. Tickets available at www.yolocrisisnursery.org

Sunday, Oct. 19: Wags to Witches Pup Pageant & Dance

Party, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn, 985 Riverfront Street. This fang-tastic day features a costume contest that will have your dogs strutting their spooky stuff, a dance party, local vendor booths, plus silent auction and raffle prizes galore. Best of all, this event supports Pilots & Pups, a dog advocacy group that helps shelter and homeless dogs have a better chance of finding homes through fostering, education, and legislation.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

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

Cars and Coffee Woodland, a monthly car meetup for enthusiasts. Join us every first Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 1332 E. Main St., Woodland. This free, family-friendly event is designed for car enthusiasts who enjoy a relaxed, casual meet without the commitment of an all-day show. Next show, Nov.1. More information at www.woodlandcarsandcoffee.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, Oct. 19. Information and other dates at www.daviscraftandvintage.org

Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at 690 Riverfront Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be on Saturday, Nov.1 and we'll be making excavators. Registration required by using the following link: www.homedepot.com/workshops/

Lowe's Kids Workshops are free in-person each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. The next workshop will be creating a play firehouse on **Saturday, Oct. 18**. Registration required by searching "events" at www.lowes.com

Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on Fridays at noon at Streets of London, 2200 Lake Washington Blvd. 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, Oct. 23**, 5:30 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 jmbaum-bach@ucnar.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, Oct. 18.

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: www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas The next Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, Oct. 15**.

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

Yolo Basin Wildlife Area Tours run rain or shine on the third Sunday of each month, unless there is flooding. View seasonal and permanent wetlands, native grasslands and young riparian forests. Meet at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Road 32B. Next tour will be **Sunday, Oct. 19**. Registration is required at www.yolobasin.org

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City of West Sacramento Parking Lot, 1271 West Capitol Ave., every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a walk-up distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

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Sutter Health Park, 400 Ballpark Dr., every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. For more information, call 530-668-0690.

Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 Gum Ave., Woodland on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a drive-through. Food will be prepacked. Stay in your car and follow volunteers' directions. ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Dillon Paul Woodworth Stenholm, 40, was arrested Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Harbor Boulevard and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for DUI. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a vehicle collision and arrived on scene to observe a vehicle resting on the northwest curb of West Capitol Avenue as well as damage to city property from the collision. The driver was walking away northbound on Harbor Boulevard and was detained and identified as Stenholm. Stenholm admitted to driving the vehicle and being involved in the traffic accident. He also admitted to drinking prior to driving the vehicle. Officer observed objective signs of intoxication, but Stenholm refused to submit to field sobriety tests or a preliminary alcohol test. He was transported to Yolo County Jail after a medical clearance.

Miguel Heredia Jr., 34, was arrested Friday, Sept. 26 at Poplar Avenue and Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer conducted a bicycle stop at the location for a male riding without lights during darkness. The rider, identified as Heredia, was found to have the warrant and was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Jerrell Antoine Jurand, 26, was arrested Sunday, Sept. 28 at Merkley Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol recognized Jurand from previous contacts, detained him and confirmed his identity. A records check confirmed the warrants and Jurand was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Tanashia May McOwens, 33, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Westacre Road and Michigan Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Officer responded to the location for a call that a female was walking into residents' front yards. McOwens was known to the officer from prior calls for service. Her identity was confirmed, and a records check confirmed the outstanding warrants. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Laura Anne Lawrence, 33, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Todhunter Avenue and Somerset Drive by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Lawrence was observed committing a violation of the California vehicle code and a traffic enforcement stop was conducted. A records check found Lawrence to have the warrant and be on searchable probation. She was detained and transported to Yolo County Jail.

George Alex Clark, 34, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for a call for service and contacted Clark, known from previous contacts. A records check revealed the warrant, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

INCIDENTS / CRIME REPORTS

Wednesday, Sept. 3 – a business on West Capitol Avenue reports a pallet of Cervélo bicycles valued at \$24,502 was stolen at an unknown time by unknown suspect(s).

Sunday, Sept. 21 – victim reports unknown suspect(s) forced entry into their storage unit on West Capitol Avenue, stole items of value and fled the scene. Items stolen include jewelry and a jewelry box, a television, a PlayStation 5, and a remote-control helicopter; loss valued at \$5,610.

Tuesday, Sept. 23 – a rental / commercial storage facility on Harbor Boulevard reports unknown suspect(s) broke into multiple storage units and took several items; loss valued at \$1,000.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 – victim on Rogue River Circle reports items were taken from his safe when he was out of town. There is no information on suspect(s). Loss estimated at \$26,390; items stolen include a Rolex watch, jewelry and cash.

Thursday, Sept. 25 – victim reports their vehicle was spray painted with temporary paint in a parking lot on Savannah Lane by an unknown suspect. There was no permanent damage, so no loss value provided.

Friday, Sept. 26 – a business on West Capitol Avenue reports the theft of a rental vehicle. A vehicle was fraudulently rented in the victim's name by an unknown suspect. \$4,000 loss value.

Sunday, Sept. 28 – victim reports unknown suspect(s) entered their unlocked vehicle in a parking lot on Linden Road, stole items of value and fled the scene. Loss estimated at \$401, including clothing, shoes, and school supplies.

Monday, Sept. 29 – victim at a residential facility on Touchstone Place reports an unknown suspect stole their bicycle, valued at \$2,500, from the front yard.

Monday, Sept. 29 – a business on 3rd Street reports a burglary. Loss value not reported.

Monday, Sept. 29 – victim reports an unknown suspect broke into their vehicle in a parking lot on Bridge Street and took tools. Value of loss not estimated.

Monday, Sept. 29 – a business reports an unknown suspect broke into their vehicle at a commercial building on Halyard Drive. Two tents and a medical bag with supplies were taken, valued at \$2,076.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The offseason is over, and your Sacramento Kings are undefeated. It's that time of the year for effervescent optimism, and it has a contagious effect.

Time to be a little kid again and dream that your home team can win the first championship in Sacramento Kings history.

Is that a strong likelihood? The basketball pundits will tell you no, and emphatically no. Local media seems to have a Debbie downer attitude as it relates to the Kings playoff chances, let alone an actual championship.

I choose to focus on what I know is doable and ever likely, with the assembled group of ballers we have that will grace the confines of Golden One Arena on Oct. 8. The Kings face Utah Jazz in their first preseason game of the 2025/2026 campaign.

I will be sitting behind the Kings bench like a kid in a candy store, ready to greet newcomer Dennis Schroder with open arms, and hopes that Dennis will get a warm Sacramento welcome. Schroder has received few accolades as he joins this year's squad, but I believe he could make Sacramento his home for years to come.

As a mentor, Schroder offers a great opportunity for both Nique Clifford and Devin Carter to see how an NBA point guard plays both ends of the court, and Dennis skills as a teacher and veteran NBA ball distributor portends to be an invaluable asset.

Little used Doug McDermott managed to acquire a fan club last season, as he electrified the crowd with his deft 3-point shooting, and it remains to be seen if Doug Christie can translate McDermott's ability to shoot from long range into wins.

Domantas Sabonis returns as the shining star, and his dominance is undeniable. The perennial rebounding champion of the NBA holds down the block like no other center in Sacramento Kings history, and the 2025/2026 season should be more of the same.

Sabonis brings a nightly double-double to the table and an attitude of optimism that translates into team chemistry. If there was a statistic for helping fallen players to their feet, Domantas would win the award going away, and that comes with an effervescent smile that lights up the court.

If ever there is a player that deserves 100% fan support, it is Sacramento's own

Domantas Sabonis, and my advice to fans is to enjoy this magnetic big man while you can.

As Wednesday approaches with no recent acquisitions, the starting five appears to be Domantas Sabonis, Dennis Schroder, DeMar DeRozan, Zach Lavine and Keegan Murray.

That represents a lot of scoring power, what remains to be seen is how Doug Christie can accomplish a flow that will return the Kings to the high-powered scoring machine that led the NBA in scoring just 3 short seasons ago. That cannot be done by the starters alone, so Christie's use of his bench will be a needed ingredient.

Malik Monk appears to be more comfortable in the 6th man role, and he could become a catalyst of prosperity on both ends.

Likewise, Devin Carter showed flashes of brilliance last season, with his defensive skills, and playing alongside Keon Ellis, this tandem could wreak havoc on opposing offensives.

A looming question is whether Doug Christie will abandon his staccato substitution style, in favor of one that allows players to understand better their roles. Knowing that you can expect to play every game and understand how many minutes it's likely you'll play can help in fomenting a more formidable NBA bench.

Will 2025/2026 be a coming out party for Isaac Jones? It should be, as he adds length while helping support Sabonis on the boards, and provides a scoring punch with a nice touch around the rim that can translate into easy baskets.

It is no secret that many teams approached the Kings regarding Keon Ellis and Keegan Murray. I give credit to G.M. Scott Perry for realizing what he has in these talented youngsters and keeping them in this year's squad.

If you're not excited Kings fans, it's time to let your hair down and how! Get a little crazy and dream the dream!

The first 10 games of the regular season are brutal, and if our hometown boys can acquit themselves admirably, fans may be in for a season to remember!

All the best and enjoy!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgarris@riskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

When Will My Disability Become My Regular Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I hope you can answer this question. I'm currently receiving Social Security Disability benefits, and I will be turning 65 in February 2026. I'm confused as to how Social Security Disability transitions to regular Social Security, and when. I assume it's age 65 but maybe it's my retirement date? Also, does the amount remain the same or will it change? I'm not working. I've been on SSDI for about 15 years. Thank you.

Signed: Disabled Senior
Dear Disabled Senior: If you are collecting Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, those SSDI benefits

will automatically convert to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit when you reach your SS full retirement age (FRA) which, in your case, is age 67. For information, FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on your year of birth, and the full retirement age for everyone born in 1960 or later is age 67.

The change from SSDI to your regular Social Security benefit will be transparent to you because your monthly benefit amount will remain the same. SSDI benefits were originally awarded to you based upon your full retirement age entitlement when you applied for SSDI (even though you hadn't yet reached your FRA when you went on SSDI). Thus, the monthly benefit amount will not change because it is based on your lifetime earnings record, from before you became disabled.

FYI, although age 65 was once Social Security's "retirement

age," full retirement age for Social Security today is based on the year you were born. So, your SSDI benefit will automatically switch to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit as soon as you reach age 67. Essentially, the only thing that will change is the Social Security Trust Fund from which your benefits will be paid.

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For Those Hoping to Be California's Next Governor, The Clock is Ticking



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Over the last half-century or so, California has had six elections for governor when the office was being vacated.

Understandably, such incumbent-free elections to run the nation's most populous and economically powerful state have drawn serious candidates, mostly holders of other high-profile offices who declared themselves as soon as decorum would allow.

When, for example, Republican Ronald Reagan's two terms as governor were ending in 1974, the Democratic secretary of state, Jerry Brown, narrowly defeated the Republican state controller, Houston Flournoy.

This bit of political history is offered because the end of Gavin Newsom's governorship is approaching rapidly. In scarcely a year, California voters will choose a new governor. The June 2 primary, which will determine the two finalists, is just eight months away.

Yet the field of would-be governors remains very unsettled.

For months voters, political media and potential campaign financiers waited for former Vice President Kamala Harris to decide whether, after losing the presidency to Donald Trump, she would seek the governorship.

Harris finally said no, with a rather odd remark: "I don't want to go back in the system. I think it's broken." She may have been referring to national politics, but since the issue was California's governorship, she could also have been implying the state was broken after many years of dominance by her Democratic Party.

Harris' decision, whatever her motives, did not settle the question about who will be running for governor next year. There are declared candidates, of course, but none scores very high in preliminary polling.

Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis had been one of the first to declare her candidacy but shortly after Harris announced her decision, Kounalakis dropped out, opting instead to run for state treasurer.

With those two out of the picture, former Congresswoman Katie Porter became the frontrunner, more or less by default, but with underwhelming support — 17% in a poll by UC Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, released in late August. Her standing may have reflected nothing more than name recognition from her losing campaign for U.S. senator last year.

This week Toni Atkins, former president pro tem of the state Senate, also ended her campaign, saying she could see no pathway to victory. A few other Democrats remain, most notably former Biden administration official and state Attorney General Xavier Becerra and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Mostly, however, we are seeing just preliminary

skirmishing among those still in the race, because we're still waiting to see who else might run.

After the departure of Harris and Kounalakis, another name popped up in media speculation: U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla.

It's difficult to understand why Padilla, who holds one of the nation's most coveted political offices and could remain in the Senate for the rest of his life, would want to seek no more than eight years as governor.

Does he really want to deal with California's plethora of infinitely difficult, unresolved issues, such as homelessness, housing shortages, water supply uncertainty, economic stagnation and, perhaps trickiest of all, a chronic multibillion-dollar budget deficit?

Were Padilla to give up his Senate seat for the governorship, as Republican Pete Wilson did in 1990, the only logical motive would be civic duty — he thinks California needs him to weather its crises.

Meanwhile, we're waiting for another potential candidate, Rick Caruso, to also declare intentions. The very wealthy Los Angeles businessman ran a credible but unsuccessful race for mayor of his city after switching his party identification from Republican to Democrat and could draw support from moderate voters and interest groups of both parties. He says he's weighing a race.

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. ★



Mississippi, Not California, is the Education Future

A miracle defies the laws of nature. This is why "the Mississippi Miracle," the sobriquet for the extraordinary gains that students in the Gulf state have made in reading in recent years, is a misnomer.

There's nothing miraculous about a state that adopts phonics and that sets high standards for its kids to get better results in reading instruction. This, to the contrary, is a predictable outcome, and a replicable one, as other Southern states that have taken up similar policies have shown.

Mississippi went from 49th in fourth-grade reading results on the National Assessment about a decade ago to 9th in 2024. Its low-income children are ranked first in the nation. It's Black kids are number three in the nation and it's Hispanic kids number one. Overall, when adjusted for socioeconomic and demographics, Mississippi has the best fourth-grade results in the nation.

The derisive cliché was always, "Thank God for Mississippi," since it could be trusted to save other states from coming in 50th in various metrics. Now, the phrase can be used with sincerity and admiration, since the state recognized and did something about its literacy crisis.

In 2011, about four out

of five fourth graders in Mississippi weren't proficient in reading. In 2013, the state passed a reform to require teachers to understand the science of reading (basically, phonics), to deploy literacy coaches to schools, to identify students struggling to read early, and to hold back students in third grade who weren't ready to advance.

Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana have now done much the same, and have also made gains. The original source of all this was a 2002 reading law in Florida that boosted student achievement in the Sunshine State.

In a piece headlined "Illiteracy is a policy choice" at the website The Argument, Kelsey Piper makes the case that it would be irresponsible and wrong to ignore the lesson of Mississippi and the Southern states.

She notes that Mississippi outperforms her native California, even though the Golden State is richer and spends substantially more on education per pupil. More than half of Black fourth graders in Mississippi are at or above basic level, while only 28% of Black fourth graders in California are.

It may be galling for Blue States that have prided themselves on their commitment to education and looked down on the South to have to acknowledge that Mississippi, of all places, has figured out a model for the nation, but it is imperative all the same.

"We have been spending lots of money on schools," Piper writes of Blue States, "but we have not been willing to muster the polit-

ical will and effort necessary to hold those schools accountable for results and adopt teaching practices that actually work."

The so-called reading wars between the whole-language approach and phonics was won, on the merits, by phonics long ago. Yet, ineffectual methods hung around even though they'd been discredited. This is why it's so important to get teachers to embrace research-based reading instruction.

There must also be high expectations, rigorously enforced. This is what the Mississippi third-grade retention policy is about. If a teacher and a parent know that a child is going to be held back, they will do all they can to get that child to basic proficiency. Research in Florida shows that getting held back not only helps the academic performance of the students who are retained, but their younger siblings as well.

With reading scores nationally sliding the wrong way, especially for the bottom 10% of students, Mississippi and the other Southern states offer a beacon of hope. Their example shows that, no, it's not impossible to teach children, and no, it's not very costly. It's a good sign that even California just passed a phonics bill.

It's fully within our power, so long as we insist on the basics, to give kids a skill absolutely essential to their development and their futures. No miracles necessary.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250752
The following person(s) is doing business as: Betterlifewaps and Better Life Swaps and BLS, 813 Harbor Boulevard PMB #144 West Sacramento, CA 95691. Andrea Hendrickson, 3287 Southerland 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 13, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 29, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
BETTER 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250793
The following person(s) is doing business as: FGS, 2224 Valley Oak Lane Unit 2063, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Fatehgarh Sahib Team Inc, 2224 Valley Oak Lane Unit 2063, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 4, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 10, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
FGS 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250737
The following person(s) is doing business as: El Gabacho Engineers & Co., 352 Redwing Dr, Woodland, CA 95695, County of Yolo. Optional Mailing Address: 311 W Civic Center Dr Ste B, Santa Ana, CA 92701 El Gabacho Records L.L.C., 901 H St Ste 120, Sacramento, CA 95814
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/ Christopher Lopez, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/26/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10/25
CNS-3966318#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250749
The following person(s) is doing business as: DISCOVERY HUB, 414 MAIN ST WOODLAND, CA 95695, County of YOLO. RACHEL FELT, 469 CAMELLIA WAY, VACAVILLE, CA 95688
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/ RACHEL FELT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/28/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10/25
CNS-3966511#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250693
The following person(s) is doing business as: FordsWoodWorkX, 2825 Gadwall Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Steve Ford, 2825 Gadwall Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 11, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
FORDS 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250729
The following person(s) is doing business as: Acasa Senior Care, 3086 Carmel Bay Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. RTA Investments, LLC., 3086 Carmel Bay Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 21, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 21, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
ACASA 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250774
The following person(s) is doing business as: NORCAL HOT MOPS, 379 QUAIL DR, WOODLAND, CA 95695, County of YOLO. SERGIO A VEGA, 379 QUAIL DR WOODLAND, CA 95695
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/ SERGIO A VEGA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/08/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17/25
CNS-3967914#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250768
The following person(s) is doing business as: Dollar General Fresh Distribution Center 96510, 3771 Channel Drive, Suite 150, West Sacramento, CA 96691, County of Yolo. Mailing Address: 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072 DG Strategic VII, LLC, 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/08/2020
/s/ Kelly M. Dilts, Chief Financial Officer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/05/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: eschaubmayer, Deputy
9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17/25
CNS-3966360#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250767
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sacramento Dental Assistant School, 2727 W. Capitol Ave, #B, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

County of YOLO. COLLEGE HEALTHCARE CAREER SCHOOL CALIFORNIA, LLC, 715 Discovery Blvd, Suite 412, Cedar Park, TX 78613
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/ Chris Lofton, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on SEP 05 2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: eschaubmayer, Deputy
9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17/25
CNS-3966359#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250800
The following person(s) is doing business as: EXTENDED STAY AMERICA SUITES, 795 STILLWATER RD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605, County of YOLO. ESA C2 PORTFOLIO OPERATING LESSEE, 13024 BALANTYNE CORP. PL. STE 1000 CHARLOTTE, NC 28277
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/ WILLIAM HASHE, VICE PRESIDENT OF TAX
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/26/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17/25
CNS-3969682#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250815
The following person(s) is doing business as: Yolo Subwatershed Coalition, 69 W Kentucky Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776. Yolo County Farm Bureau Education Corporation, PO Box 1556, Woodland, CA 95776. 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 September 19, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
YOLO 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250804
The following person(s) is doing business as: Walk on the Pawstive Side, 1519 Pennsylvania Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Christina Smith, 1519 Pennsylvania 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 August 27, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 18, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
WALK 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250823
The following person(s) is doing business as: Campus Life, Nevada County Youth for Christ, Gold Country Campus Life, 1541 Merkle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Youth For Christ Sacramento, PO Box 156, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The

registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1, 1952. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 25, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
CAMPUS 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250802
The following person(s) is doing business as: Pizza Factory, 353 West Main Street, Suite D & E, Woodland, CA 95695. Green Elephant Ventures LLC, 5907 Lakestone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 17, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
PIZZA 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250837
The following person(s) is doing business as: Merricat Atelier, 1220 Halifax Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. Catherine Choquette, 1220 Halifax Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 18, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County October 1, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
MERRICAT 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250684
The following person(s) is doing business as: ZS Cognitive Wellness, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Zahra Sattaur Psychological Assessment Services PC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. 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 August 5, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
ZS 10-31-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2025-2507
Salvador Santos and Nicole Lambirth have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jaxon Ryan Lambirth Santos to Jaxon Ryan Santos.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 4, 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: September 9, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
SANTOS 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2025-2239
Gilbert Cota has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ryder James Morris to Ryder James Cota.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 4, 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: September 16, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
COTA 10-17-25

LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to sections 3071 and 3072 of the Civil Code of the State of California, the undersigned, CITIZENS TOWING & IMPOUND 1244 FORNTA AVE WOODLAND CA 95776, will sell at public sale on: **OCTOBER 21, 2025 10:00AM**, the following property:
2010 WABSH DRY VN LIC# 4UB6609 CA VIN# 1JU-V532D5AL412902
Lien holder has a right to bid at said sale.
10/10/25
CNS-3973353#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-10-25

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 belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.
975 F St. West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 10/22/2025 @11:00am: James Serr; Clarence Johnson; Serena Sanabria; Sabrina Lovelady
3280 Jefferson Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 10/22/2025

@11:00am: Oscar Martinez; Cris Wilson; ali serag; hineka keomany
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.
10/10/25
CNS-3973814#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-10-25

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 belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.

3280 Jefferson Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 10/21/2025 @11:00am: Kathryn Sigler
1022 Gibson Rd Woodland, CA 95695 on 10/21/2025 @11:00am: Bruce Hansen; Bruce Hansen; Diego Garcia
19389 Country Road 102 Woodland, CA 95776 on 10/21/2025 @2:00pm: Maria Navarro; Jairren Aerol Tominez; Emilio Morales
1100 N 1st St. Dixon, CA 95620 on 10/21/2025 @2:00pm: Jacob Slert; Regina Mitchell; Clifton Duria Jr.
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.
10/10/25
CNS-3973793#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-10-25

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. **CA-25-1015815-CL** Order No.: **FIN-25006245** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/13/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **Vineeta Rai and Sandip Kumar Patel, wife and husband** Recorded: **1/14/2022** as Instrument No. **2022-0001261** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **YOLO** County, California; Date of Sale: **10/27/2025 at 1:00 PM** Place of Sale: **At the North Entrance of the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$405,471.12** The purported property address is: **839 COPPER LN, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691** Assessor's Parcel No.: **058-370-026-000** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **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 call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.quality-loan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1015815-CL**. 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:** 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 **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1015815-CL** 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. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number **CA-25-1015815-CL** and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711** For NON SALE information only Sale Line: **800-280-2832** Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: **CA-25-1015815-CL** IDSPub #0250473 10/3/2025 10/10/2025 10/17/2025
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ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the voters within the County of Yolo, that the Statewide Special Election will be conducted on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and that all ballots cast at said election will be counted at the central counting place and not at the polling locations/Vote Centers. This central counting place will be at the Yolo County Erwin Meier Administration Building, 625 Court Street, Suite B05, Woodland, California, commencing at 8:00 p.m. on the 4th day of November.
West Sac News Ledger 10-10-2025

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Mobilehome, registered to Luis M Enriquez and described as a 1965 Blair Mobilehome, Decal Number ABG3264, Serial Number S1832, Label/Insignia Number A149246, and stored on property within CapriMobile Home Park, 504 Glide Av, County of Yolo, West Sacramento, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as Space 60 within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobile home park at 504 Glide Ave, County of Yolo, West Sacramento, California 95691Space 60 on October 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale.

The sale is conducted on a cash or certified fund basis only (cash, cashier's check only). Personal checks and/or business checks are not acceptable. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. No exceptions. The mobile home and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees.

This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code 7210.
DATED October 3, 2025
Capri Mobile Home Park
504 Glide Ave
West Sacramento, Ca 95691
West Sac News Ledger 10-10, 10-17-2025

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on October 21, 2025**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

HOMELESS HOUSING FACILITY REPAIRS

The City of West Sacramento acquired the former Westwood motel to operate a homeless emergency housing site. The property is located at 1841 West Capitol Avenue. It is the intent of this facility improvement project to make the necessary repairs and improvements to the property to meet the needs of the homeless emergency housing program.

Engineer's Estimate: **\$300,000.**
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

*Attendance is mandatory to bid. The attendance roster will be published on the project portal linked below.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within Sixty (60) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's ProcureNow link at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.

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TRUSTEE SALE

EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 045-920-052-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3517 AUDUBON DRIVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remain-

ing principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 500,610.91. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a

trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are sold "AS-IS". NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times

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How to Make the Most of Alzheimer's Disease Breakthroughs



Dr. Helen C. Kales

UC Davis Health News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New research published in *The Lancet* as part of its Alzheimer's Disease Series outlines strategies for integrating emerging and existing approaches for treating Alzheimer's disease. *The Lancet* is a weekly peer-reviewed general medical journal, founded in 1823

Forty international experts contributed to this three-part series. University of California, Davis Geriatric Psychiatrist Helen C. Kales is the only U.S. psychiatrist among this expert group and is a co-author of the new paper.

"Our findings underscore the urgent need to bring evidence-based, person-centered care into real-world dementia settings," Kales said. "We need to prioritize non-pharmacological



University of California, Davis Geriatric Psychiatrist Helen C. Kales is the co-creator of the DICE Approach (describe, investigate, create and evaluate), a method that helps caregivers assess and manage dementia-related behaviors. Photos UC Davis Health

strategies and caregiver support while thoughtfully incorporating new disease-modifying therapies for dementia, such as lecanemab and donanemab."

Kales is the chair of the UC Davis Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Joe P. Tupin Professor of Psychiatry. She is the co-creator of the DICE Approach (describe, investigate, create and evaluate), a method that helps caregivers assess and manage

dementia-related behaviors.

Developing customized integrative treatment plans for Alzheimer's patients

The key findings in *The Lancet* paper include more than 90 percent of individuals with Alzheimer's disease experience behavioral and psychological symptoms (BPSD), such as agitation, depression and psychosis.

Non-pharmacological approaches such as the DICE Approach, which consists of

personalized activities and caregiver training, are often more effective and safer than psychotropic drugs yet remain underused.

Medical professionals should recognize cases when psychotropic drugs are needed for the treatment of behavioral and psychological symptoms. Still, they should use the drugs cautiously and follow clear guidelines.

Anti-amyloid monoclonal antibodies (donanemab and

lecanemab) represent a historic shift in Alzheimer's treatment, slowing cognitive decline for the first time; however, the drugs raise complex questions about eligibility, safety and long-term impact.

Combining symptomatic treatments (such as cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine) with disease-modifying therapies might offer additive benefits, although more research is needed.

The study also presented strategic recommendations, including the support of infrastructure development for Alzheimer's disease biomarker testing and access to brain scans and funding caregiver training and non-pharmacological programs in both community and institutional settings.

The study also recommends establishing registries to monitor real-world outcomes and safety, prioritizing equitable access through pricing models, public funding and global partnerships and engaging in public dialogue about the societal value of investing in Alzheimer's care.

"By integrating emerging therapies with proven care strategies, supporting caregivers and ensuring that innovation translates into improvements in our patients' lives, we can make meaningful progress in the diagnosis and treatment of this disease," Kales said. ★

How to Combat Road Rage

AAA Mountain West Group News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - If you feel like aggressive drivers are everywhere, there might be some truth to it. A staggering 96 percent of drivers admitted to engaging in some form of aggressive driving in the last year, according to a new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety released on Sept. 23.

Aggressive driving can come in the form of speeding and tailgating to cutting off other vehicles.

According to the nationwide study, aggressive driving has become a nearly universal experience on American roads.

"Understanding the motivations behind aggressive driving is a key step toward preventing it," said Doug Johnson, spokesperson for AAA Mountain West Group. "Aggressive driving can quickly escalate into road rage, so it's important that drivers know how to react appropriately and keep themselves from being the instigator."

The study found that being in a hurry often fuels aggressive behavior on the road. Drivers were also more prone to engage in unsafe behavior as a reaction to other aggressive vehicles. This self-fulfilling cycle of aggressive driving and road rage is fueling a culture where impatience and



Ninety-two percent of drivers reported aggressive behaviors that put others at risk, such as speeding or cutting off other vehicles. Their top motivators were to get to their destination faster and avoid perceived danger. Photo by Tyli Jura from Pixabay

hostility are becoming the norm behind the wheel.

Key findings of the study follow.

Ninety-two percent of drivers reported aggressive behaviors that put others at risk, such as speeding or cutting off other vehicles. Their top motivators were to get to their destination faster and avoid perceived danger.

Eleven percent admitted violent actions such as intentionally bumping another car or

confronting another driver.

Aggressive driving is contagious. Drivers who experienced higher levels of aggressive driving also had higher levels of engagement in aggressive driving.

The vehicle plays a role. The kind of car you drive could predict how you act and how others perceive you. Drivers in sports cars, big trucks, and motorcycles are often seen as more aggressive. Some drivers say they felt more

powerful and dominant behind the wheel of these vehicles.

This study is an update of a 2016 AAA study which shows some behaviors have become more common while others have declined.

Since 2016, cutting off other vehicles is up 67 percent, honking out of anger is up 47 percent, tailgating is down 24 percent and yelling at other drivers is down 17 percent.

AAA urges drivers to prioritize

courtesy and safety to help curb aggressive driving. Another key finding in the study was that good road etiquette might be the most effective way to reduce aggressive driving and road rage.

Simple actions such as using turn signals, letting others merge and offering a friendly wave can help de-escalate tension and create a safer driving environment for everyone.

Some AAA tips when encountering aggressive drivers are staying calm (don't engage); avoiding eye contact, making gestures or responding; providing ample space; and letting them pass and keeping your distance. Finally, call 911 if necessary or go to a public place; never drive home.

AAA tips for controlling road rage include breathing before you react (one deep breath can reset your perspective); don't take the bait; ignoring and avoiding aggressive drivers; choosing time over tension; and leaving early, giving space and most importantly, arriving to your destination safely.

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Apply Now for CalKIDS Scholarships

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Now that the new school year is in full swing, it's the perfect time for students and families to jumpstart their year with CalKIDS, California's landmark scholarship program for college and career training.

Launched in 2022 by the State of California and administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, CalKIDS expands access to higher education by creating scholarship accounts for eligible students, offering families a simple and meaningful first step toward their child's future education.

"Back-to-school is the perfect time to claim your CalKIDS Scholarship," said California State Treasurer Fiona Ma. "These funds aren't just dollars; they're an investment in our children's dreams and in California's future. Every child deserves both the belief and the support to make their dreams real."

CalKIDS scholarships can be used at accredited colleges, universities, community colleges and career training programs across the country. Eligible education-related expenses include tuition and fees, books and school supplies, and computer equipment.



CalKIDS connects with students at the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center at the California State University, Sacramento. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

Over time, CalKIDS Scholarship Account funds can earn extra money because they are set aside and invested until the student is ready for college or career training.

Research shows that children with even modest education savings are three times more likely to attend college and four times more likely to graduate. By claiming a CalKIDS account, families are taking a powerful step toward building a path to higher education.

Claiming a scholarship is quick, easy, and can be done entirely online. Go to CalKIDS.org and click "Confirm Eligibility." Enter your

child's Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a 10-digit number which can be found on the student's K-12 school portal, transcript, report card or by contacting their school directly. If eligible, follow the prompts to "Claim Account."

Once the scholarship account is claimed, funds can be used when the student enrolls in an accredited college, university, community college, or career training program.

California recently passed legislation requiring schools to share information about CalKIDS as students complete the FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA), ensuring that high school seniors are introduced to this important funding resource.

More than 630,000 students and families across California have already claimed their CalKIDS Scholarships.

To learn more or claim a CalKIDS Scholarship, visit CalKIDS.org.

The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is the nation's largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board and chaired by Ma, the program is designed to promote the pursuit of higher education statewide by empowering families to build assets, nurture savings habits and raise their educational aspirations.

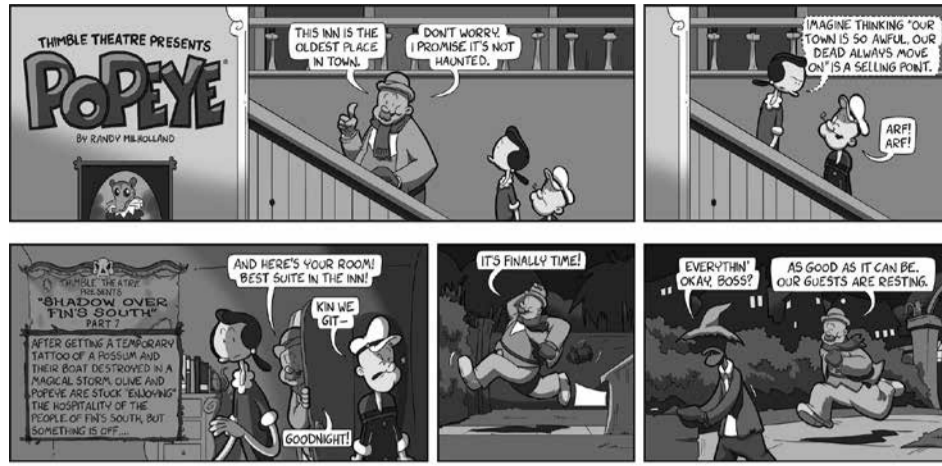
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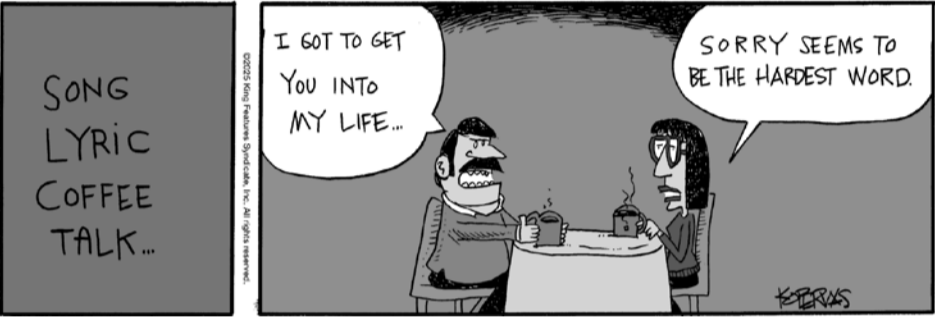
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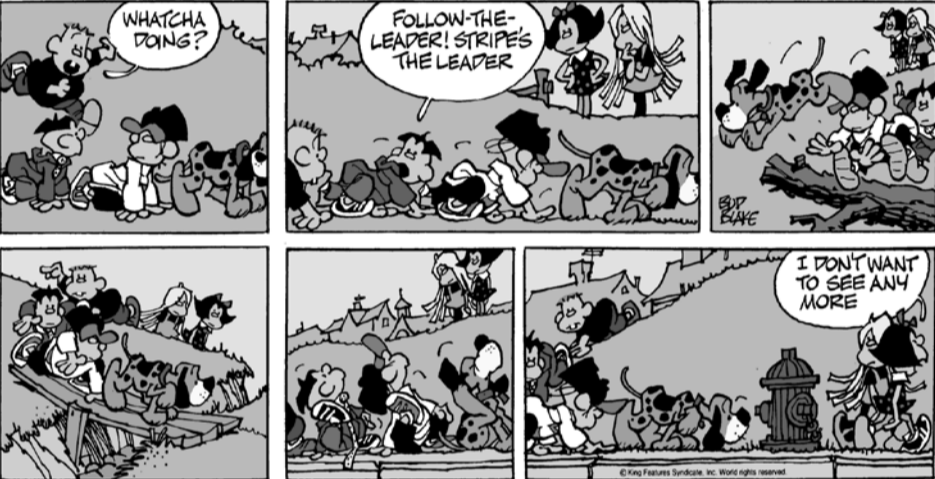
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Kings Launch 'Los Kings' Platform

Sacramento Kings Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Sacramento Kings announced the launch of Los Kings, a year-round platform designed to honor, engage and connect with the Hispanic and Latinx community.

Presented by Red Hawk Resort and Casino, the initiative reflects the Kings commitment to amplifying representation, culture and community connection.

"We are proud to launch Los Kings as a way to honor and celebrate the vibrant Hispanic and Latinx community," said Sacramento Kings President of Business Operations John Rinehart. "This platform allows us to deepen our connections, amplify culture and traditions, and ensure our fans feel represented during Hispanic Heritage Month and beyond."

"Red Hawk Resort and Casino is honored to partner with the Sacramento Kings on this important initiative," Red Hawk

Resort and Casino President and CEO Bryan deLugo said. "Together, we look forward to celebrating the rich traditions of the Hispanic and Latinx community while creating authentic moments that reflect the culture of Sacramento."

As part of the platform, the Kings will introduce exclusive Los Kings merchandise, available in the Kings Team Store and online. The organization will amplify its outreach through Spanish-language radio ads, exclusive ticket offers for guests who attend Latinx concerts at Golden 1 Center and a series of grassroots activations designed to foster deeper connections with the community.

On March 15, the Kings will host the second annual Lowrider Night presented by Red Hawk Resort + Casino, highlighting the artistry, pride and tradition of the community.

The Los Kings platform builds upon the NBA's league-wide efforts to connect with Hispanic and Latinx fans, including Hispanic Heritage Month activations and Noches Éne Bé A programming. ★



From Little League to the MLB Postseason

Local Little League Graduates Represent Sacramento in MLB Postseason

By Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With the Major League Baseball postseason underway since Sept. 29, four graduates of the Sacramento region's Little League teams represent the area in both the American and National leagues, with more than 140 total former Little Leaguers participating in the post-season to win the World Series.

The National League has two Sacramento-region graduates and they are Robert Gasser of El Dorado Hills Little League and Nick Mears of Rocklin Little League, playing for the Milwaukee Brewers. The American League has Nick Sogard of Fair Oaks/Orangevale Little League playing for the Boston Red Sox and Dom Núñez of Land Park Pacific Little League playing for the Cleveland Guardians.

Gasser is a pitcher for the team and made local Milwaukee headlines during his May 2024 MLB debut. He attended Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills, as well as the universities of New Mexico and Houston. Gasser was drafted by the San Diego Padres in 2021 with the 71st overall pick before he was traded to the Brewers in 2022, assigned to play on Double and Triple-A teams.

Mears, also a pitcher for the Brewers, attended Rocklin High School and Sacramento City College, and was signed as a free agent in 2018 to the Pittsburgh Pirates, playing across three levels of baseball before being called up to the major league in 2020. Mears spent some time with the Colorado Rockies before being traded to the Brewers in July 2024.

Sogard is an infielder for the Red Sox and

attended Jesuit High School in Carmichael. He was originally drafted to the Tampa Bay Rays in 2019 with the 368th overall draft pick and traded to the Red Sox in 2021. He was promoted to the 40-man roster for the first time in July 2024, but was optioned to start the 2025 season at the Triple-A level. Sogard was called up to relieve pitcher Romy Gonzalez after an injury on May 10.

Representing Land Park Pacific Little League is Cleveland Guardians catcher Núñez, who was drafted out of Elk Grove High School in 2013, despite a commitment to play collegiate baseball at University of California, Los Angeles. He was drafted in the sixth round to the Colorado Rockies and made his MLB debut in August 2019. Núñez had short stints with the San Francisco Giants, Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates before signing a minor league contract with the Guardians in January 2024. He was elevated to the active roster after catcher Austin Hedges suffered a concussion in June.

After the American and National League Wild Card Series games, the Major League Baseball World Series is scheduled to begin on Oct. 24. To see the entire list of Little League graduates in the MLB and other notable alumni, visit www.littleleague.org/who-we-are/alumni/active-mlb-alumni.

According to league information online, the Sacramento region has more than 25 Little League programs. To learn more about how to sign up for a team, visit www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/league-finder/ to find active teams, rules and policies. To start or grow an existing Little League program, visit www.littleleague.org/play-little-league. ★



Homegrown Defender to Join U.S. Men's National Team



All three of Sac Republic FC's homegrown players have earned National Team call ups this year. Photo courtesy of Sac Republic FC

Sac Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - U.S. Soccer announced that Sac Republic FC defender Chibi Ukaegbu has been selected to the U.S. U-20 Men's National Team roster for its upcoming international training camp in San Pedro Del Pinatar, Spain from Oct. 6 to Oct. 15.

Ukaegbu is one of three players representing United Soccer League Championship on the roster.

The 18-year-old homegrown defender has made 15 appearances across all competitions in 2025.

On Oct. 1, he helped Sacramento punch its ticket to the 2025 playoffs in a 2-1 win over Orange County SC. Ukaegbu earned the start and delivered a standout performance with a 93% pass completion rate, two interceptions, four possessions won and a game-high five clearances.

This will be Chibi's third selection to a

U-20 national team roster this year. He previously joined the squad in January for a camp that included friendlies against the U.S. Men's National Team and Nashville SC, and again in September for a training camp in West Palm Beach, Florida. He also earned three youth national team call-ups in 2024, twice with the U-19 team and once with the U-17 side.

Including Ukaegbu, all three of Sacramento's homegrown players have earned national team recognition this year.

In May, Blake Willey made four appearances for the U-18 U.S. Men's National Team and provided an assist to help bring home silverware in the UEFA Friendship Cup, lifting the trophy over top soccer nations including France, Argentina, and Portugal.

Fifteen-year-old Da'vian Kimbrough claimed the golden boot with Mexico's U-15 squad en-route to the Concacaf Championship title. Kimbrough scored in each of his six games, finishing as top scorer in the competition to lead the tournament's championship team. ★

Lawrence Butler Medical Update

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Lawrence Butler underwent successful surgery on his right patellar tendon Oct. 3 with Dr. Mike Banffy at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Center in Los Angeles.

Banffy performed a partial tendon tear repair and debridement of chronic scar tissue. Lawrence also received a Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) injection into



Athletics Outfielder Lawrence Butler answers questions during a Nike youth sports camp for the West Sacramento Little League in July. Photo by Seth Henderson

his left patella tendon, under ultrasound guidance, to address chronic tendonitis.

Butler will rehab throughout the off-season in preparation for spring training 2026. ★

Whisenhunt Named PCL Pitcher of the Year

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After leading the Sacramento River Cats rotation through much of the season and making their Major League Baseball debuts, both left-hander Carson Whisenhunt and right-hander Carson Seymour have been named 2025 Triple-A Pacific Coast League All-Stars.

For Whisenhunt, he was also selected as the Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Year.

Whisenhunt, 24, had an impressive year for the River Cats, going 9-5 with a 4.43 ERA (53 er, 107.2 ip) in 21 starts. In that time, he struck out 95 batters and issued just 35 walks, which included a trio of contests in which he recorded nine strikeouts. The southpaw had a stretch of four straight games in which he tossed seven innings and allowed two or fewer runs from May 1 to May 18. Whisenhunt continued to cement his legacy in Sacramento by becoming just the second pitcher since the start of 2018 (along with Mason Black) to record 20 or more starts in consecutive seasons.



Both left-hander Carson Whisenhunt and right-hander Carson Seymour have been named 2025 Triple-A Pacific Coast League All-Stars. Photo courtesy of Sacramento River Cats

Twice in 2025, Whisenhunt was tabbed the Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Week, first from April 14 to April 20 and again from May 13 to May 18, both of which coincided with outings against the Salt Lake Bees. The first was a single outing in which Whisenhunt shut out Salt Lake for six frames, while the second honor was for a pair of starts at home against the Bees in which

he allowed one unearned run in 14.0 combined innings with 14 strikeouts to one walk.

Seymour, 26, made 16 total appearances for Sacramento, 15 of which were starts. In that time, he logged just a 4-8 record but produced a 3.86 ERA (33 er, 77.0 ip), striking out 90 while issuing only 39 walks. The Kansas State product started the year on a hot note, allowing two runs or less in each of

his first six outings, an achievement Seymour accomplished in 12 of 16 total outings. Seymour finished the season as the first River Cat to reach double-digit games of five or more strikeouts.

Once this season, Seymour was picked as the Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Week, his honor coming from April 1 to 6 in the second series of the year for the River Cats. In that time, Seymour made just one start against the Las

Vegas Aviators, allowing only two hits and one walk with five strikeouts in five innings.

Sacramento had no players selected to the Pacific Coast League All-Star team in 2024, meaning Seymour and Whisenhunt are the first River Cats to be named All-Stars since the duo of Tyler Fitzgerald and Trenton Brooks in the 2023 campaign. Brooks' time that season was split in the Pacific Coast League between Las Vegas (94 games) and Sacramento (24 games). Overall, it is the first yearly honor in the career for either Seymour or Whisenhunt.

Whisenhunt's Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Year honor is the first postseason award for a River Cat since David Villar's 2022 PCL Most Valuable Player honor, a season in which he hit .275 (82-for-298) with 27 homers, 82 RBI and a 1.021 OPS. It is just the second time a River Cat has been named a Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Year, as the first to do so was Justin Duchscherer in the 2003 season in which he was 14-2 with a 3.25 ERA (56 er, 155.0 ip) and 117 strikeouts. ★