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It's All About the Athletes

Special Olympics at UC Davis' Russell Field Hosts Hundreds of NorCal Athletes



Special Olympic athletes pose with their medals at the end of the 2025 Fall Games at Russel Field in Davis at the UC Davis Campus on Nov. 8. Photo courtesy of Tyler Krochmal, Special Olympics

By Seth Henderson

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Special Olympics Fall Games Soccer Championship and Guardian Games community fundraiser took place at Russell Field on the University of California, Davis campus on Nov. 8, featuring hundreds of athletes and more than 1,000 spectators.

Senior development director for Special Olympics Northern California, Melissa Kelley, said that it takes hundreds of volunteers, several sponsors and equipment from three different Special Olympics

locations to put on the event. Athletes have been training for the soccer championship for months, Kelley said, competing in various regional events to determine a list of finalists to compete in the Fall Games for a gold medal.

"It always comes back to our Special Olympics athletes at the end of the day," Kelley, 43, said. "The most fulfilling and rewarding thing is, seeing all the smiles and the fist bumps and the high fives and the celebrating, and these athletes, they train hard."

Twenty-nine-year-old Special

Olympic athlete Morgan Fox, competing in the soccer championship with the Tuolumne Ravens, said that in addition to soccer, she competes in swimming as well as field hockey.

Fox said she has been competing in the Special Olympics for more than 10 years and that her mom helps the sports team to set up large events, such as the Fall Games. Fox helped set up for the event on Nov. 7 and said that she was excited to compete in the championship with her teammates.

Fox said, "We work as a team, Continued on page 3

Lifting Students Back Up

Yolo High School's Goal to Prepare Students for Life After High School

Story and photo By Seth Henderson

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Yolo High School, a continuation school in West Sacramento, is a campus of less than 100 students equipped with the faculty and staff aimed at preparing students for life after high school.

Ophelia Coronel, an English teacher at Yolo High and educator for 18 years, said that each subject, such as math, science or English are all departments of one, meaning that there is one educator per subject. She said the school's structure and small population allow for a more comprehensive and intimate learning environment, where teachers meet regularly to discuss the performance of their students. Coronel said that she has taught at Yolo High for 16 years and each student shares most of the same teachers, allowing educators to monitor behavior and performance in a more controlled environment.

"We realize we really need to equip our students with some skills, some exposure, so when they leave here, they will be considered adults," Coronel said. "We can do it through standards, definitely, in education, but what are things that we think these kids need to have an understanding of?"

Coronel said she was teaching a course titled "Life After High School," which prepared students for things such as job interviews, resume building and networking, but after speaking with her colleagues, developed a curriculum to incorporate life lessons into every subject. She said the Yolo High educators met and discussed various skills that students should have under their belt before they graduate, such as credit scores, insurance, contracts and other aspects of adult life.

The "Life After High School" course has expanded beyond the English department at Yolo High School, incorporating every department to apply a life skills unit during the quarter.

Yolo High School Principal Noe Guerra said that a new resource for students this year is the availability of a social worker to address the emotional aspect of high school

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Barking Orders and Fighting Crime

CHP's Newest Four-Legged Crime Fighters Officially Promoted To K-9 Officers

By MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has added four new K-9 teams to its ranks, advancing the department's mission to provide safety, service and security to the people of California.

The graduating class includes three Belgian Malinois and one Dutch Shepherd. Each dog has been trained to apprehend offenders, detect illegal drugs and enhance officer and public safety.

"Police K-9s have proven their usefulness time and again in the situations officers face daily," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "They are hardworking, loyal partners who wake up each day ready to serve. Each of these specialized teams has dedicated time and effort to succeed on the streets, and we are excited to welcome them to our team."

Over the past 11 weeks, the four K-9 teams completed more than 400 hours of intensive training that met the standards set by



With this graduating class, the second of 2025, the CHP now deploys 53 K-9 teams statewide, including 37 Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, nine Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine teams, five Explosives Detection Canine teams and two Narcotics Detection teams. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. The K-9s, trained in criminal apprehension and narcotics detection, received their official certification Nov. 7 during a graduation ceremony at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento.

Each K-9 handler is an experienced CHP officer with seven to 15 years of service. Handlers were carefully paired with their canine partners based on temperament, skill and personality. During training, the teams built strong bonds of trust and

communication that will support them throughout their careers.

Following graduation, the new K-9 teams will report to their assigned CHP Area offices to assist with patrol duties and respond to calls for service

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The Gift of Sight

Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank Celebrates Eye Donation Month and 50 Years of Serving Sacramento

By MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In observance of Eye Donation Month, which takes place Nov. 1-30, Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank (SDSEB) is joining organizations across the country in honoring the life-changing impact of eye donors and raising awareness about the healing power of eye donation and cornea transplantation.

Each year, more than 80,000 people in the United States regain their sight thanks to the generosity of eye donors and their families. Eye Donation Month celebrates those who have given others the gift of sight and encourages more individuals to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors.

Eye Donation Month was established in 1983 by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA). This year's theme, "Everyday Heroes," celebrates the idea that anyone can register to become a cornea donor hero. The EBAA spotlighted Christine Lichti, a double cornea transplant recipient and pediatric critical care nurse at UC Davis, along with Jennifer Li, M.D., director of the Cornea and External Disease Service at the UC Davis Department of Ophthalmology, who performed both of Lichti's transplants. The procedures restored Lichti's sight and transformed her life. The campaign highlights the "everyday heroes" who make cornea donation possible, including donors and their families, eye bank professionals, corneal surgeons, and advocates for eye donation.

"Eye Donation Month is a time to honor our donor heroes and celebrate the recipients who have received the gift of sight," said Samuel Ramos, chief executive officer of Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank. "We are proud to celebrate our everyday heroes with this year's theme alongside

Sacramento local, Christine Lichti, a double transplant cornea recipient and pediatric critical care nurse."

According to the EBAA, around 12 million people worldwide suffer from corneal blindness that could be restored through a cornea transplant. A cornea transplant helps individuals avoid the direct and indirect costs of vision loss, including ongoing medical expenses, long-term care, and loss of productivity for both patients and caregivers. Eye diseases rank as the fifth most costly health issue in the United States, following heart disease, cancer, mental health disorders, and pulmonary conditions. Corneal transplants have a success rate of more than 95 percent.

The UC Davis Department of Ophthalmology is collaborating with SDSEB to celebrate Eye Donation Month by highlighting the long-standing partnership between the two organizations and their shared commitment to restoring sight in the community since 1975. The collaboration underscores a five-decade history of service and innovation in vision restoration.

As Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank reflects on 50 years of impact, the organization remains committed to its mission of improving lives, honoring donors, and educating the public. Residents are encouraged to become part of this life-changing legacy by registering as organ, eye, and tissue donors.

Founded in 1975, Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank is a nonprofit donor network facilitating the Gift of Sight in the states of California, New Mexico, Nevada, and Tennessee. SDSEB is part of a national network supporting donation efforts in Tennessee and New Mexico. For more information, or to register as a donor, visit SierraEyeBank.org ★

Lifting Students Back Up

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education. Each student on campus is under the caseload of a social worker, he said.

"This is what I tell students," Guerra said, "You're already doing it, you're already here. Think about life. Think about eight months from now. Think five years from now, what will that life look like?" So how do we get them ready for those five years?

"That's our biggest goal right now. We're working towards that. It is building some basic essential skills on how to speak with adults, versus when you're speaking with friends."

For several reasons, Guerra said, some students may not have gotten the attention, skills or support they needed in a conventional school setting and that it's a race against time to make the most of their time at Yolo High, preparing them for the workforce and society at large.

"Whatever obstacles they had in life, we're here this is why we've got to try to clear that path, [if] have you move, even if it's slowly. We're to have you

move ahead. and we're going to guide you, we're going to try to support you with the resources that we have available," Guerra said. "Do we need more resources, of course, but then this is something we have to work every single year the best way we can. And what better than actually should we hear from our own students?"

Guerra said the first step to student success at Yolo High is a staff that believes in its students, helping them to believe in themselves. He said several students have expressed a lack of belief in themselves during writing assignments or evaluations.

Coronel said that in addition to insurance, credit and resumes, the course covers how to fill out tax forms and other adulting activities. She said students are the subject of an interview panel as one of their final projects, answering questions that potential employers would ask during the hiring process. She said students have expressed relief after the mock interviews, saying that students felt confident enough to

apply for a job they may have been nervous about.

Past students have come back to the school to share their success and gratitude, Coronel said. Some students also come back to the campus after five years or more, apologizing for any hard times they may have given the staff while students at Yolo High, Coronel said, appreciating the lessons that they learned while enrolled there.

According to U.S. News, 89% of Yolo High School's population is economically disadvantaged based on the reported number of students qualified for free or reduced-price lunches. The data shows 70% of the student population is reported to be twelfth graders and the graduation rate is reported to be 74%.

Yolo High School is located at 919 Westacre Road in West Sacramento and enrolls students from the ninth the the twelfth grade who are age 16 or older. The school is part of the Washington Unified School District and to learn more information, its website is <https://yolo.wusd.k12.ca.us> ★

\$225,000 Mobilized by Yolo County for CalFresh Benefit Delay

Tobacco Settlement Funds to Support Yolo County CalFresh Residents Affected by Government Shutdown

By MPG Staff

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In response to the ongoing federal government shutdown and its impact on federal food assistance, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Nov. 4, adopted a budget resolution authorizing \$225,000 in one-time tobacco settlement funds to support residents affected by the disruption of CalFresh (SNAP) benefits.

The resolution also authorizes the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) County Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Yolo Food Bank to deliver direct support to impacted community members, with emphasis on West Sacramento and communities across Yolo County.

"Our community values of compassion and collaboration guide our actions during this challenging time," said Mary Vixie Sandy, chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. "By partnering with the Yolo Food Bank and our local agencies, we are stepping in proactively so that no one in West Sacramento or the wider county is left without access to food and essential resources."

The federal shutdown has halted the loading of CalFresh benefit payments, which are 100 percent federally funded. In Yolo County, more than 27,000 residents are affected by the benefit lapse. Approximately 18,700 households participate in CalFresh; among them, 2,400 include children under age 10, 3,200 include children under 17, 4,300 include adults age 60 or over, and 2,400 lack a fixed nighttime residence. In September, the county distributed more than \$5.6 million in CalFresh benefits to roughly 18,759 households representing

27,622 individuals.

Food insecurity in Yolo County is already elevated, with nearly one in three households reporting food insecurity, and even higher rates among agricultural workers and households with children. These figures underscore how many families in West Sacramento and across the county now face immediate food access pressures.

To address this urgent need, Yolo County is deploying a coordinated, community-driven response. The \$225,000 allocation will help families purchase food and supplement existing distribution efforts administered by the Yolo Food Bank. The Food Bank has increased food allocations by 20 percent across nearly 60 regular distribution sites and is working with 47 partner agencies countywide to reach more residents.

Emergency food distributions for CalFresh participants will be held at the county's HHSA service centers. In Woodland, distributions will take place at 25 N. Cottonwood St. on Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. In West Sacramento, distributions will occur at 500 Jefferson Blvd. on Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. Additionally, on the UC Davis campus, Yolo Food Bank will deliver food to the Basic Needs Center on Nov. 8 and Nov. 15. Residents in West Sacramento and throughout Yolo County are encouraged to visit the Yolo Food Bank "Find Food" page for updated calendars and locations at www.yolofoodbank.org.

"We're moving quickly to ensure no family in West Sacramento or elsewhere in Yolo County goes without food during this disruption," said Monica Morales, director of Yolo County HHSA. "This collaboration reflects our shared commitment

to supporting residents through coordinated, community-driven action."

Yolo Food Bank's "Food First" fundraising campaign also invites community members, businesses, and organizations to contribute toward expanded food access during this critical time. The Food Bank reports it serves more than 30,000 households each month, distributing nearly 9.6 million pounds of food annually across the county.

Everyone in West Sacramento is encouraged to volunteer or donate directly through the Yolo Food Bank's website. Families or individuals needing immediate food resources can view distribution schedules or call 2-1-1 from within Yolo County.

"We are so grateful to be working with the county and our partner agencies to ensure that we are assisting CalFresh recipients and other food-insecure community members in this time of need," said Karen Baker, executive director of Yolo Food Bank. "We encourage all members of our community, including those in West Sacramento, to join us in this effort by visiting our website and helping wherever possible."

While these measures are designed to bridge the gap during the current disruption, the county and its partners remain vigilant. Should the federal shutdown persist, Yolo County will continue monitoring and coordinating additional resources to safeguard food access for West Sacramento residents and all communities across the county.

Residents seeking updates and local food distribution information should visit the Yolo Food Bank website at www.YoloFoodBank.org or the Yolo County HHSA website. ★

MEMORIAL

CAROLE BEASLEY • 11/26/1940 - 09/29/2025

Carole Ann Beasley, 84, of West Sacramento, passed away in her home on September 29, 2025 after a short battle with cancer. Born in Sacramento, CA, on November 26, 1940, to Alfred and Dina Andreotti, she immediately brought joy and laughter into the world. Carole had an idyllic childhood with a loving family that took summer trips to Donner Lake and the Russian River and winter trips to the mountains to play in the snow. She went on to graduate from James Marshall High School in 1958 followed by a year at Sacramento State College. She met her soon to be husband, Charles "Howard" Beasley when his shiny black '57 Chevy caught her eye, and they married in January of 1961. Carole and Howard were married for 41 years, until his passing in 2002. In a remarkable twist of fate, they both left this world on the same day, 23 years apart.

Carole's life was centered on family, with a strong work ethic she carried into jobs at her parents' restaurant in her youth and later into several decades working in healthcare offices



until her retirement in 2010. She always worked part-time for the social aspect, as well as, the "fun money" she made for going out to dinner, the movies or saving for a special trip. After her retirement she enjoyed trips to Alaska and Hawaii, and took several trips to Europe including Italy, Austria, Portugal and The Azores, but Lake Tahoe was always one of her favorite destinations.

She passed on a strong set of morals and family values to her two daughters, Toni (Fred) Medina and Terri (Steve) Holifield. She is also known as "Cool

Grandma" for her quick wit and big hugs, by her 3 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and "Gigi" to her great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Larry Andreotti and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and dear friends. The hole left by her absence is impossible to fill, but she leaves us great joy in her humor, laughter, big hugs, long talks, funny words she would twist around, and her wonderful friendship.

Please consider donations made in Carole's name to pancreatic or breast cancer research.



It's All About the Athletes

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altogether. It's very exciting to see us all as a team.

"It's worth it. Being here and being productive. I'm really a hard worker when it comes to that."

Kelley said athletes had the opportunity to have their own trading card made, displaying certain "stats" about the athletes, such as their favorite sport or food. The collectible trading cards are a courtesy from one of the event's sponsors, New York Life.

The second annual Guardian Games fundraiser features activities such as putting greens, rubber axe throwing, cornhole and other game stations for a unifying event, meaning people with and without intellectual disabilities can compete together. The Guardian Games fundraiser seeks to raise \$75,000, currently raising more than \$46,000 as of press time.



Special Olympic athletes pose with their medals at the end of the 2025 Fall Games at Russel Field in Davis at the UC Davis Campus on Nov. 8. Photo courtesy of Tyler Krochmal, Special Olympics

"Teams of eight will be comprised of business and community leaders, two Special Olympics athletes and one Law Enforcement Torch Run representative to compete in a variety of sports and

activities," according to the Special Olympics website. "Law enforcement supports Special Olympics throughout the year and local personnel serve as the "Guardians of the Flame" for the Special Olympics Torch."

Northern California Special Olympics athletes from as far south as Monterey and as north as the Oregon border ventured to the UC Davis campus for the games, Kelley said, and sponsors such as the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Enterprise, Dutch Bros or others helped provide funding as well as volunteers for the event. Kelley said the games also have corporate volunteers from sponsors such as a year-round partner of the Special Olympics, Flyer Energy, and DentaQuest.

"Many hands make light work," Kelley said. "So, when the community can support either through a financial investment of their time or a combination of both is really what makes all the magic

happen, and we couldn't do it without that type of support."

Hayden Hill, a 25-year-old management trainee with Enterprise, volunteered for the 2025 Special Olympics, helping to set up and tear down equipment, such as tables and chairs at the event. He said he has been with Enterprise for more than two years and was participating in his first Special Olympics event, coming from Redding to volunteer.

"It takes everybody, so we have about six or seven people here from Enterprise, and just got a good group out here," Hill said, "meeting a lot of new people today and kind of just getting out there, and in the community."

Kelley said that more than 300 events take place for the Special Olympics athletes every year across 11 different sports throughout the year. She said the multiple donations from various sponsors help fund activities for athletes throughout the year.

"Every \$500 donated to the organization provides one

athlete an entire year's worth of services, which is community sports, which is what we're doing here, fall games," Kelley said. "We also have an athlete leadership program where athletes receive training on public speaking, receive support with prepping for interviews. A lot of our athletes end up finding employment through the skills that they learn in our athlete leadership program."



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To donate to the Special Olympics and fund activities for athletes at no cost to the athlete's family or learn more about the Special Olympics organization, visit <https://sonc.org/>. To learn more about the Fall Games, visit <https://sonc.org/events/fall-games/>. To learn more about the Guardian Games, visit <https://sonc.org/events/fall-games/guardian-games/>. The Special Olympics Northern California office is located at 1401 Halyard Dr. in West Sacramento and can be reached by phone at (916)375-1930. ★



Holding her trading card, Special Olympic athlete Morgan Fox, left, competed in the soccer championship with the Tuolumne Ravens, said that in addition to soccer, she competes in swimming as well as field hockey. Photo courtesy of Tyler Krochmal, Special Olympics

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Officer Joshua Walker and K-9 Jury of the Inland Division. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol



Officer Christopher Partlow and K-9 Judge of the Northern Division. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol



Officer Christopher Keeler and K-9 Jag of the Central Division. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol



Officer Michael Galvez and K-9 Oso of the Central Division. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

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in the Northern, Central and Inland divisions.

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From January through September 2025, CHP K-9 teams seized nearly 7,000 pounds of methamphetamine, 5,000 pounds

of cocaine, 250 pounds of heroin, 750 pounds of fentanyl and 213 firearms, underscoring their critical role in combating drug trafficking and firearm-related crime.

To maintain peak performance, each team completes at least eight hours of ongoing training each week to ensure readiness for the diverse situations they encounter in the field.

The new K-9 teams include Officer Joshua Walker and K-9 Jury of the Inland Division, Officer Christopher Partlow

and K-9 Judge of the Northern Division, Officer Christopher Keeler and K-9 Jag of the Central Division, and Officer Michael Galvez and K-9 Oso of the Central Division.

Learn more about becoming a CHP K-9 handler or explore other career opportunities at www.CHPMadeForMore.com. The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service and security to the people of California. ★

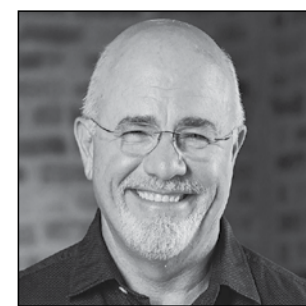
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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says Sometimes, It's Lonely at the Top

emailing other business-people and ministry leaders, asking if they'd like to do a weekly Bible study together. It wasn't something I was teaching; I just wanted to get in a room and connect with people.

Putting together that little group turned out to be one of the best things I've ever done. We learned so much about God, our faith and ourselves over the 14 years we met together. We went through a lot of life together — good and bad. Eventually, we began learning about each other's businesses and careers, and we began exchanging ideas that helped us all learn and grow professionally as well.

Of course, now I have a wonderful team around me, and things aren't so lonely anymore. My leadership group is made up of men and women of all ages. They're all very mature, sophisticated and smart. We're here for each other every day.

That said, I still think it's extremely important to associate with people who are at, and beyond, the level you find yourself. It doesn't matter if you're talking about spiritual de-

velopment or everyday business practices — the principle's the same. So, I'd suggest finding a local civic club or advisory group, something that features group coaching like we do in EntreLeadership.

Ask about becoming a member of something like this, or just start attending meetings of your local Chamber of Commerce and introduce yourself. My guess is you'll find plenty of folks in the same place you are, and with the same concerns you have.

I really appreciate the honesty and vulnerability in this question, Derek. God bless you, and best wishes!

— Dave

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

various stakeholders to examine the issue, and the regulators are expected to release a report later this month summarizing the committee's work over the past year. "I believe the regulations will change in the near future," said Tim Bucher, co-founder and CEO of the Bay Area-based company Agtonomy. "In the meantime, we work together and continue to educate."

California Euthanizes Four Wolves after Nonlethal Deterrence Failed

After months of failed efforts to reduce "an unprecedented level" of livestock kills using nonlethal methods, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife said it euthanized four gray wolves from the Beyem Seyo pack in Sierra Valley last month. "This decision was not made lightly nor was it easy," CDFW Director Charlton Bonham said. According to the department, the pack had become habituated to preying on cattle as a primary food source, and the feeding pattern was being taught to young wolves, which would leave to form their own packs and teach the same cattle-preying behavior to future offspring, threatening the "ecological integrity" of the endangered species' recovery. Steven Fenaroli, a California Farm Bureau director of policy advocacy, said the organization supports CDFW and local law enforcement for "protecting public safety and taking decisive, science-based action to address escalating wolf predation on livestock in Northern California." ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Micahela Patrice Faulkner, 28, and **Tempest Tanai Anderson**, 33, were arrested Sunday, Oct. 19 at Jefferson Boulevard and Lake Washington Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Dispatch received a call for service regarding shoplifting at a retail store in Town Center Plaza and advised two female subjects walked out of the store with concealed cosmetics and got into a vehicle. Officers observed the identified vehicle at the arrest location and an enforcement stop was conducted. A records check of Faulkner, the driver, revealed seven outstanding warrants. She was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident. Anderson, the passenger, was found to be on searchable probation. Officers located cosmetics inside the vehicle. Officer returned to the store and was able to review surveillance footage showing Anderson concealing cosmetics and walking out without paying. Anderson was cited for shoplifting and released. The cosmetic items were collected and returned to the store. \$66.65 value.

Wilkye Johnson, 27, was arrested Tuesday, Oct. 28 on Riverside Parkway by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol and DUI with blood alcohol concentration >.08. Officer was dispatched to the location for a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officer observed a vehicle that had collided with a fire hydrant located on the lawn area of a business at that location. The vehicle was positioned partially between the sidewalk and the grassy area. Officer contacted the driver, identified as Johnson, who stated he had attempted to make a left turn but was unsuccessful due to mechanical issues with his vehicle. Officer observed objective signs of intoxication and asked Johnson to perform field sobriety tests, which he did poorly. He also consented to a preliminary alcohol screening, which yielded results exceeding the legal limit. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Jeffrey Daniel Wood, 34, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Freeboard Drive and Starboard Drive by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol observed a trailer parked on the sidewalk and recognized it because he had previously contacted Wood in this trailer several times. Officer knew him to be on post release community supervision (PRCS) and a records check revealed multiple outstanding warrants. Wood's identity was confirmed, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

Gary Gene Geier, 54, was arrested Thursday, Oct. 30 on Coloma Street in Placerville by California Highway Patrol. Officer was dispatched to a hotel on Stillwater Road for a report of a stolen vehicle. The reporting party stated he left his rental vehicle unlocked and running near the front entrance while he went inside to collect belongings. When he returned, his vehicle was gone, and he saw it driving out of a neighboring hotel. He pursued it on foot until he lost sight as the vehicle turned onto the westbound Interstate 80 on ramp. The victim advised the officer of several valuable items in the vehicle, including an iPad. Victim used the "Find My" application to actively track his iPad and gave the location to the officer for dispatch. The ping showed the iPad traveling eastbound on Interstate 80, and California Highway Patrol located the vehicle near Folsom Boulevard, where they attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop. The vehicle failed to yield, and CHP remained in pursuit, continuing until the vehicle exited near Coloma Street. After multiple spike strips were deployed, the vehicle became disabled, and the suspect was taken into custody. The driver, now identified as Geier, was found to have a confirmed, extraditable felony warrant in Texas. Geier was transported back to West Sacramento Police Department custody and then to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrant, vehicle theft, receiving known stolen property, and evading a peace officer.

Dawn Lea Teal, 56, was cited Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

Mariana Yvonne Garcia, 38, was cited Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting.

Adrian Ulisses Martinez, 20, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a shoplifting incident. A male attempted to take \$39.30 worth of merchandise from the store, which recovered the merchandise. Officer conducted a records check on the suspect, who identified himself as Martinez and found an

outstanding felony warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrant and with shoplifting.

Lorena Leon-Salazar, 18, was cited Thursday, Oct. 30 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting.

Angelo Jovan Cecchi, 76, was arrested Thursday, Oct. 30 on Bridge Street by West Sacramento Police for assault with a deadly weapon — not a firearm. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of an assault with a deadly weapon; the parties involved are roommates. During a verbal altercation between them, Cecchi grabbed a metal frying pan and swung it directly at his roommate's upper body. The roommate used his right arm to deflect the strikes and Cecchi hit him approximately 3 times in that arm with the metal frying pan. Cecchi then threw a ceramic cup at the roommate, also striking him in the right arm; the roommate had a small laceration on the back of his right arm. Under Miranda, Cecchi admitted to swinging the pan at his roommate. Officers found the pan — it was large and heavy and had several dents in it. Cecchi was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Janet Susana Cervantes-Chavez, 27, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 1 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of shoplifting. Loss Prevention officer reported they had a female detained for concealing two pairs of sunglasses, valued at \$55.94 and walking past all points of sale. Store wants to press charges and signed a citizen's arrest form. Officers confirmed Cervantes-Chavez' identity and found outstanding warrants, so she was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Laurence Tyray Mata, 34, was arrested Monday, Nov. 3 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location for a report of vandalism. Officer spoke with the reporting party, the business owner, who pointed down the street to identify the person who broke his door. Officers contacted the suspect, identified as Mata, who spontaneously stated to officers that he had kicked the door in an attempt to rescue his friend. The reporting party estimated the damage to the custom storage door to be approximately \$500 and stated that he wished to press charges. A records check revealed Mata was on active post release community supervision (PRCS) until 2028. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with vandalism and violation of PRCS.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Sunday, Oct. 5 — victim reports an unknown suspect used her EBT card at a bank in Town Center Plaza to withdraw \$1,000. Victim believes her granddaughter stole her card and used it. Police are waiting for surveillance footage from the bank before proceeding.

Thursday, Oct. 23 — retail store at Town Center Plaza reports a known suspect has entered the store on nine separate occasions and stole approximately 17 items totaling \$363.74 in loss.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 — victim on Solomon Island Road reports a residential burglary from their single-family home. A knife or other cutting instrument was involved, and possible suspect information was provided. Items taken include gold coins and jewelry, and cash with an estimated value of \$62,000.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 — victim on Delta Lane reports their vehicle was vandalized by an unknown suspect. Hood of vehicle and roof were damaged, with an estimated value of \$15,000.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 — business victim on Sacramento Avenue reports an unknown suspect broke the glass in the entrance door to their commercial building, causing \$500 in damage.

Friday, Oct. 31 — victim reports an unknown suspect kicked the front door at their single-family home on Highland Drive, causing the frame to break. Damage estimated at \$300.

Saturday, Nov. 1 — victim reports their storage unit at a commercial facility on Harbor Boulevard was burglarized by unknown suspect(s). Items taken include audio/video equipment, bottling equipment, sports memorabilia, and more, valued at \$32,900.

Sunday, Nov. 2 — restaurant on West Capitol Avenue reports theft of food items valued at \$20 by an unknown suspect.

Sunday, Nov. 2 — victim reports someone hit her over the head in the street at Riverpoint Court and stole her wallet, containing \$17. There is no suspect information, no witness and no evidence of a crime.



Walnut Growers Optimistic About Markets

After several challenging years, California walnut growers were optimistic this fall as harvest met with more favorable market conditions. The industry entered the 2025-26 marketing year essentially sold out of supply, which growers expect will make it easier to sell this year's crop—projected to be 710,000 tons—at higher prices. Strong export demand, a new domestic marketing push and mild summer growing conditions that produced high-quality nuts have buoyed the industry. "I think we're in a good position to be able to move a lot of the crop at a decent price," said Daniel Bays, who grows walnuts and other crops in Stanislaus County. "Last year's small crop with relatively good quality primed the market where the buyers are looking at California for high-quality nuts."

California Farm Advocates Seek Rule Change on Autonomous Tractors

California farm advocates may be closer than ever to achieving regulatory changes that would clear the way for wider adoption of autonomous tractors in the state. Despite entrepreneurs from the Golden State developing cutting-edge technology used on farms around the world, the use of autonomous tractors is largely prohibited on California farms due to a 1977 workplace safety regulation. In November 2024, state regulators impaneled an advisory committee comprising

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250869
The following person(s) is doing business as: Salty Dog Surf & Skate, 1201 Churchill Downs Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776. Troy Bannister and Tammy Bannister, 4000 Innovator Drive, Unit 22101, Sacramento, CA 95834. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. 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 October 10, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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SALTY 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250864
The following person(s) is doing business as: Home Helpers Home Care of Woodland-Davis, 91 W Main Street Suite E, Woodland, CA 95695. Viswater, Inc., 9525 Waterman Avenue, Live Oak, CA 95953. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 2, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 7, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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HOME 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250845
The following person(s) is doing business as: Advance Pasteurization Services, 14650 County Road 87, Esparto, CA 95627. Advance Pasteurization Services LLC, 5208 Fawn Valley Court, Antelope, CA 95843. 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 September 2, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 3, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250870
The following person(s) is doing business as: Caiett's Truck Repair, 404 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Shandy Truck Repair and Fleet Consulting LLC, 5208 Fawn Valley Court, Antelope, CA 95843. 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 October 13, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 14, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250896
The following person(s) is doing business as: Avit Cyber Defense & Compliance, 3456 Big Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Gorilla Bang LLC, 3456 Big Island 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 N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 23, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
AVIT 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250838
The following person(s) is doing business as: Kalea Transport, 1567 Carmel Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. Veronica Gabrielle Blanco, 1567 Carmel Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 30, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 2, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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KALESA 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250905
The following person(s) is doing business as: **Merryhill School, 1999 S Bascom Ave, Suite 400, Campbell, CA 95008**, County of YOLO. SEG ED Inc., 1999 S Bascom Ave, Suite 400, Campbell, CA 95008. This business is conducted by Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/13/1993 /s/Kim Vu, Secretary, SEG ED Inc.

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By: mafflores, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250880
The following person(s) is doing business as: Alexander Grant Investments, 318 Del Oro Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. Grant Oerding, 318 Del Oro 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 October 10, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 16, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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GRANT 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250882
The following person(s) is doing business as: Vael Aesthetics, 25620 County Road 23, Esparto, CA 95627.

PG Management Group CA LLC, 25620 County Road 23, Esparto, CA 95627. 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 October 16, 2025.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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VAEL 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250935
The following person(s) is doing business as: Properly Maintained, 421 Myrtle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

West Sacramento Handyman LLC, 421 Myrtle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 5, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 6, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025
WEST 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250866
The following person(s) is doing business as: Oh My Stars Photobooth Company, 1805 Willow Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Cecil Ramirez, 1805 Willow 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 April 27, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 9, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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OH 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250912

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANGELA O PROPS SERVICES, 126 Colby Ln, Winters, CA 95694 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 126 Colby Ln, Winters, CA 95694 This business is conducted by a limited liability company

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I LINK RESOURCES LLC S/ ANGELA OTTEN, MANAGER
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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICARDO EDWARD TERLESKY CASE NO. PR2025-0274

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Publish: November 14, 21, 28, 2025
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The said Notice of Default and Election to Sell was recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than ninety (90) days have elapsed since such recordation. 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. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 25-30479-BA-CA Title No. 250359892-CA-VOI APN. 014-248-015-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/25/2008. 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(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, 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. Trustor: Patricia L Rich, and Alvis E Rich, wife and husband as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 09/30/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-0029755-00 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Yolo County, California. Date of Sale: : 12/22/2025 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: North Entrance to West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W., Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$78,549.83 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 881 Reuter Dr, West Sacramento, CA 95605-2445 A.P.N.: 014-248-015-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. **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 or

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Community Calendar

NOVEMBER

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

Friday, Nov. 14: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free play Friday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Goldie B. Locks & The Three Singing Bears Opera, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera for this special free performance, all ages welcome.

Monday, Nov. 17: 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, Nov. 18: Hug-a-Bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. LEGO block party, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Native beadwork jewelry workshop, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn to make a beaded necklace in this hands-on workshop with beadwork artist Corrina Snow, of the Chumash and Cheyenne tribes.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 18: Royal story time, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Children 5 and younger, join us for a magical time of fairy tales. Cozy Creatives, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come to the library to work on your personal projects in the company of like-minded people and a cozy environment.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Movie night, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a family movie night with "Bad Guys 2" (rated PG) and popcorn.

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

Continuing through Friday, Nov. 14: Christmas Basket Project Sign-ups, weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Must bring proof of West Sacramento residency (rent receipt, utility bill), California driver's license or ID, and proof of low income (Medi-Cal card) for adults. Must provide Medi-Cal cards for all children in the

Nov. 16: Witches!? In Salem?! A historically inaccurate comedy presented by River City High School Theatre, 1 Raider Lane, various times and dates. Tickets and more information at www.rchsproductions.org

Continuing through Sunday, Nov. 30: Advance tickets to the Woodland Wonderland of Lights, coming Dec. 6 through 14. Pre-sale tickets are just \$10 per car through Nov. 30 (\$20/car starting Dec.1). Tickets and more information at www.yolocountyfair.net/p/tickets

Continuing through Friday, Dec. 5: West Sacramento Police Department Toy Drive, drop-off bins located at Lenise's Café, City Donut and Starbucks at Town Center Plaza. Feeling generous this holiday season? You can help make a local child's holiday brighter by donating an unwrapped gift. Or donate through the "WSPD Annual Toy Drive Wish List" on Amazon.com.

Continuing through Sunday, Dec. 14: 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

Friday, Nov. 14: Live@ DCC Free Noon Concert – Brassy! Noon to 1 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 4th and C Street, Davis. The program will feature this fun brass quintet playing favorite pieces by Handel, Bach, Gershwin, and more.

Friday, Nov. 14: California Waterfowl 37th Annual Woodland Banquet, doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. at Yolo County Fairground – Waite Hall, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. Dinner includes New York steak and Chili Verde and fun raffles all evening. No tickets will be sold at the door, for more information contact Adam at 530-308-4365 or email cwawoodland@yahoo.com

Saturday, Nov. 15: UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden Clearance Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery. This is our last plant sale until spring. Selections may be more limited, but treasures remain, and our entire inventory will be discounted. Discover many attractive low-water plants perfect for our region, all at clearance sale prices. More information and campus map at www.arboretum.ucdavis.edu

Saturday, Nov. 15: Celebrate Song, a fundraiser supporting the Davis Chorale and Davis Youth Choir, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Stonegate Country Club, 919 Lake

dancing, live music, a silent auction for extravagant outings and handcrafted treasures, and light refreshments provided by local eateries. This yearly event helps us afford our performance venues, professional musicians, administrative team, and more. We need the support of choral fans like you in order to succeed. Tickets available at: davis-sings.yapsody.com

Sunday, Nov. 16: Wiggle Worms Nature Play, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Whitey Park, 1728 Lake Washington Blvd. Join us for free neighborhood nature play with a theme of "Web Wonders". Designed to engage ages 2 through 9 but siblings and babies are welcome. This is not a drop-off program; a caregiver must be present during the whole session. Brought to you by the Wonder Grove.

Sunday, Nov. 16: Buy-Nothing Holiday Gift Swap, 10 a.m. to noon at Cesar Chavez Elementary School, 1221 Anderson Rd., Davis. Give more, buy less, and share within our community this season. Bring gently used, gift-worthy items from your home, lay them out in the designated sections, and "shop" the tables to find treasures to gift this holiday season. List of suggested items at www.thedirt.online, this is not a clothing swap. All leftover items will be donated to Empower Yolo.

Thursday, Nov. 20: Free Film Screening – "The Memory of Darkness, Light, and Ice", 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theater in the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Following the 60-minute screening, a panel discussion and audience Q&A will feature filmmaker Kathy Kasic and regional experts involved in local climate action and adaptation planning.

Saturday, Nov. 22: Community Giveaway Day, 8 a.m. to noon at River City High School, 1 Raider Lane. Bring your proof of Yolo County residence (driver's license, utility bill, Medi-Cal card, etc.). There is no pre-registration. Show up to receive kids' coats, blankets, holiday meal kits, and other family resources. This is a Yolo County Children's Alliance event. For more information, call 916-572-0560.

Saturday, Nov. 22: Gift Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Davis Community Church Fellowship Hall, 412 C St., Davis. Find unique and beautiful gifts by local artists and non-profits. Come for some fun holiday shopping and find beautiful gifts that feel good to give.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

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, Dec. 6. 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, Nov. 16.** Information and other dates at www.daviscraftandvintage.org

Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be a special additional class on Saturday, Nov. 29, making a teddy bear ornament. 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 letter box on Saturday, Nov. 15. 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 through Nov. 20, 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.

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

City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave. C. 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, Nov. 19.

West Sacramento Urban Farm Mobile Farmers Market trucks bring fresh, local, produce to food insecure neighborhoods throughout Yolo County through Nov. 21. 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/

Yolo Bypass 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, Nov. 16. Registration is required at www.yolobasin.org

COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES

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.

Masjid Aisha,

700 Glide Ave., every Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a walk-up food distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

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

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CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO

Public Notice: Community Need Assessment Survey

The City of West Sacramento receives annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

These funds are dedicated to benefiting low- and moderate-income residents and neighborhoods.

Every five years, the City gathers public input to identify community needs and priorities, which helps shape the Consolidated Plan—a key document guiding how CDBG funds will be invested. As we prepare the plan for fiscal years 2026–2030, we invite residents, service providers, and affordable housing partners to share their perspectives and help us prioritize future funding.

We encourage you to complete the Community Needs Assessment Survey, available online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2FKNTT6>

(You may also access the survey using the QR code below.)

Survey Deadline: November 28, 2025 All responses are anonymous.

For questions or additional comments, please contact:

- Isaaah Alford – isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org
- Louise Collis – louise@thurmondconsultingllc.com

Your feedback is essential in ensuring that CDBG funds address the most important needs in our community. Thank you for taking the time to share your input.



Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



In the NBA there are no white flags or throwing in the towel when the game is so lopsided that you can't bear to watch another minute. No, that option just doesn't exist.

After defeating the mighty Milwaukee Bucks on their home floor and backing that up with a win against the bay area Golden State Warriors, fans were beginning to raise an eyebrow. It appeared that the Sactown boys were starting to gel, but lopsided losses to Oklahoma City and the Minnesota Timberwolves removed any temporary euphoria that Kings fans might be feeling.

Exposed? 100% exposed and more than just a little bit embarrassing, and what did we get to hear from head coach Doug Christie? We were told once again that the Kings need to play better defense as they had just allowed 144 points on their home court.

Defense you say. In the past 12 months the Sacramento Kings have walked out the door Davion Mitchell, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones, and what do they have to show in return. Not a single player, and my question is why did you give up on each of these players?

The Sacramento franchise is suffering from a prolonged attack of talent fatigue. That's a condition that renders front office's the inability to assess talent, and the Kings have been suffering from this malady for decades. Even a change in ownership didn't fix the problem, as Vivek Ranadive took over where the Maloofs left off, and the Sacramento fans believed that some semblance of normality would finally surface.

But alas, that has not been the case. G.M.'s and coaches have come and gone, but the same inability to assess talent remains.

Last night, fan favorite and the Kings best defender Keon Ellis remained on the bench for the first 3 quarters watching the game, before coach Christie seemed to remember that he was available and then came in when the game was long decided.

Russell Westbrook is the real deal and still has a load of game at the tender age of 36. Westbrook has quickly won the hearts of fans, and much like Domantas Sabonis he brings 100% effort every night.

Westbrook is a pleasure to watch and if used correctly can be a game changer.

Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise that no one saw coming and backing up Sabonis as Domantas has battled nagging injuries early in the season, Eubanks has been more than earning his keep.

The play of Zach Lavine cannot be overstated as he has been stellar from start to finish and could easily be heading to an all-star invitation. LaVine has stepped up his defensive presence while leading the team in scoring nearly every night. His 3-point shooting is over 40% and is among the league leaders. Add to that the component of leadership, and it's safe to say the Kings would not have 3-wins were it not for Zach Lavine.

Once again, the Kings are getting what they paid for in DeMar DeRozan and much like Russell Westbrook, DeMar looks ageless.

So why have the Kings lost 7 or the first 10 games? I go directly to the inability to assess the talent that is already on this team.

Sitting Keon Ellis for 3 quarters for the 2nd straight game against a high-powered Minnesota team lacks understanding, but it's not just Ellis that is a head scratcher. Why has Doug McDermott sat on the bench for the first 10 games when he is a proven 3-point shooter and could be used as a rotational player. Not just garbage time, but minutes in the first half as well.

I fail to understand how the Kings can cut ties with Isaac Jones but retain other players that never even see a minute of action.

It didn't take the Detroit Pistons long to take advantage of the Kings mistake and add Mr. Jones to their roster.

Look for Isaac in the playoffs this year because that's where you will find him.

If I sound a little frustrated, you read this right. It's time to wake up and smell the roses and I'm talking to the Kings franchise. Let's act like we've been there before.

Let's not throw in the towel Kings Fans, but rather hope that the coaching staff wakes up soon!

All the best!

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

Pro-Housing Laws Have Failed to Raise New Home Numbers



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California YIMBY, an organization founded eight years ago to promote housing construction in response to an ever-increasing gap between demand and supply, held a victory party in San Francisco recently.

"Welcome to the most victorious of California YIMBY's victory parties," Brian Hanlon, founder and CEO of the organization, told attendees.

Its acronym (Yes In My Backyard) symbolizes its years-long battle with NIMBYs (Not in My Backyard), people and groups who have long thwarted housing projects by pressuring local governments that control land use.

YIMBY's party marked the passage of several pro-housing legislative measures this year, two of which have long been sought by housing advocates. Assembly Bill 130 exempts many urban housing projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, while Senate Bill 79 makes it easier to building high-density housing near transit stations in large cities.

"2025 was a year," Hanlon gleefully declared.

The celebratory atmosphere was understandable because this year's legislative actions capped a half-decade of ever-mounting state government activism on housing that followed Gov. Gavin

Newsom's 2017 campaign pledge to build 3.5 million new units of housing if elected.

That goal was wildly unrealistic, as Newsom should have known, but he did push hard for legislation to remove barriers to housing development. His housing agency also ramped up pressure on local governments to remove arbitrary hurdles that YIMBY-influenced officials had erected and to meet quotas for identifying land that could be used for housing.

However, the celebration omitted one salient factor: Pro-housing legislative and administrative actions have failed to markedly increase housing production.

New housing starts were around 100,000 a year when Newsom took office in 2019, and they are about that number today, with the net increase even lower.

As the Housing and Community Development Department admits in its statewide housing plan, "Not enough housing being built: During the last ten years, housing production averaged fewer than 80,000 new homes each year, and ongoing production continues to fall far below the projected need of 180,000 additional homes annually."

The Census Bureau calculates that since Newsom took office, new housing permits in California ranged from a high of 120,780 units in 2022 to a low of 101,546 last year. Newsom's own budget agrees with the Census Bureau's data for the same period and projects future construction through 2028 at 100,000 to 104,000 units a year.

Those are the numbers. But how data on housing is collected and collated has been a somewhat murky process,

and opponents of housing projects often challenge how they comport with quotas the state imposes on local communities.

Fortunately, the Census Bureau has unveiled a new statistical tool that should go a long way toward having complete data that includes not only conventional single- and multi-family projects, but alternative forms of housing such as backyard granny flats, officially known as Accessory Dwelling Units; basements or garages that are transformed into apartments; single-family homes converted into duplexes or apartments; mobile homes or office buildings that become housing.

The tool uses several sources of data but is heavily reliant on the Postal Service, which maintains a constantly updated roster of addresses that includes all housing types.

More accurate data should make it easier to overcome conflicts and may even reveal that California's pro-housing actions have had positive effects that current methodology misses.

"The housing crisis has persisted in part because we haven't been able to measure our progress accurately," an article about the new tool published by the Niskanen Center, a think tank, concludes. "With the Census Bureau's Address Count Listing File data, that excuse is gone. Now the question is whether policymakers will use this powerful new tool to finally build the housing America needs."

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Social Security Matters

Consider the "Wearing Out" Factor While Deciding When to Claim



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Enjoyed your recent article on claiming SS benefits. I feel, however, any decision making should also include what I call the "wearing out" factor. Yes, financial need, health, and longevity are definite criteria for a decision. The inevitable problem (I just turned 83) is the speed at which many of us descend down the back side of that hill after we hit around age 65. Yes, one might live to 85-90 but as you age after 65, many physical limitations begin to appear. Only then does one realize their earlier retirement decision (waiting to max out SS) might not have been honestly evaluated to the extent needed. I speak from experience: after having reached 60 in excellent health, I took early retirement from work, then Social Security at 62, and glad I did so. I figure the degree of slope on the backside of that "hill" will increase with age (it did quickly for me), so one best start enjoying a retirement life as soon as financially possible. **Signed: Glad I claimed**

at 62.

Dear Glad I Claimed at 62: Thank you very much for your excellent perspective on the "wearing out" factor. And please know that I wholeheartedly concur with your opinion that waiting for a higher Social Security benefit is not always the most prudent choice. For perspective, however, we have found that far too many people claim Social Security as soon as they are eligible at 62 simply because "it is there," without fully analyzing whether that is the best option considering their personal circumstances.

You are correct — enjoying your retirement life while you are still physically able is a valid consideration. And that is why we always suggest that evaluating both your financial needs as well as your health and life expectancy is important. Fulfilling one's "bucket list" is, indeed, an important consideration and if claiming Social Security at age 62 (after evaluating all factors) enables one to do that, then that is exactly the right choice. It obviously was for you.

Age does, indeed, tend to slow us down, so if taking the SS money early means being able to enjoy life while you still can, then that is a good decision. But having more money as you age can also make your "golden years" a lot more comfortable.

As we have recently witnessed, inflation has an insidious way of reducing

our financial comfort in retirement. Despite having a retirement pension from your primary working career, imagine how another 25% in your monthly Social Security payment (had you claimed at full retirement age instead of age 62) would help make your senior years more comfortable.

The fact is that no one can predict how long they will live nor whether they will do so in good health. All we can do is evaluate all our options under varying circumstances and make our claiming decision based on that analysis. And that is precisely what we advocate for at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Service. In no way did I intend to say that claiming at 62 was never the right choice; only that everyone should look at their complete personal circumstances when deciding when to.

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Yes, Test Our Nukes

ing nearly 30 a year during one stretch -- and only dropped the atomic bomb twice at the very outset of the nuclear age.

We have an extensive, sophisticated program to continually kick the tires of our nukes through the Stockpile Stewardship Program. It uses computer simulations and the like to establish that everything is in working order. But there is no substitute for explosive tests to ensure that the computer models aren't missing anything and to make it possible to adjust them with explosive data, especially as our arsenal has changed over the last 30 years.

We should have 100% certainty about the safety, security and reliability of our nuclear arsenal, upon which so much of our national security depends.

The claim that testing will raise international tensions doesn't make much sense. What is Russia going to do if we conduct a nuclear test? Invade Ukraine? Certainly, Pakistan and North Korea haven't been dissuaded from getting nukes. "Please, you should like us -- and forswear your own nuclear weapons -- because we don't do tests" isn't a compelling argument for any of our adversaries overseas. Otherwise, we wouldn't have had to bomb Fordow and Natanz.

China and Russia may already be conducting their own nuclear tests. In recent years, reports from both the State and Defense departments have said that Russia has violated the so-called zero-yield standard that it is supposed to be

honoring by conducting supercritical nuclear tests. (Since Russia routinely cheats on all its commitments, this is not a surprise.)

More to the point, both Russia and China have been developing new warheads and delivery vehicles. In other words, they acquired new weapons while we were testing, and have been acquiring new weapons while we haven't been testing. The consistent thread is developing systems to project their power and threaten us. These are cold-eyed countries that will do whatever they consider in their interest, regardless of how much we might like to think our moral example is affecting them.

Now, there's no doubt that getting our capacity to conduct an explosive test back up and running will take time, even if Trump and his team remain committed. The president might finish the new White House ballroom before any renewed testing, and Nevada, no doubt, won't be thrilled by once again hosting underground nuclear explosions.

Yet, Trump is acknowledging an important reality. We have nuclear weapons and they are a central part of our defense and, by extension, that of many of our allies. To not test them -- prudently and safely -- is an asinine leftover from the immediate aftermath of the Cold War that doesn't serve our interests or make the world safer.

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

California Farms Lose \$20,528 Annually to Natural Hazards

Trace One News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - High grocery prices have been a defining economic story in recent years, driven by a combination of factors including pandemic-related supply chain breakdowns and labor shortages. However, an increasingly critical driver of food price inflation has been the impact of natural disasters, such as droughts, floods and hurricanes, on the nation's agricultural output.

California farms have the largest losses due to natural hazards, according to a new study from Trace One, a company specializing in product lifecycle management and regulatory compliance software for the food and beverage industry.

In April, a devastating weather system massively flooded corn, rice, soybean, and wheat crops in eastern Arkansas, affecting 31% of agricultural acreage in the region and inflicting an estimated \$99 million worth of damage. The agricultural industry in North Carolina was hit hard by Hurricane Helene in late September 2024, prompting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to grant \$221.2 million in federal disaster assistance block grants to help the industry rebuild in the state.

The increased frequency of natural hazards has created a challenging environment for farmers. However, the effects of climate- and weather-related disasters are not uniform, varying greatly depending on location. To pinpoint where these events are having the greatest impact on farmers and the nation's food supply, Trace One researchers conducted an in-depth analysis of the latest data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



California farms are expected to lose a total of about \$1.3 billion per year to natural disasters, an average per-farm loss of \$20,528, according to Trace One analysis of Federal Emergency Management Agency data. The worst type of natural hazard for California's agriculture is drought, which can reduce irrigation, shrink harvests and put extra strain on livestock. Photo by Mark Stebnicki <https://www.pexels.com>

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates, natural hazards cause an average of \$3.5 billion in agricultural losses annually, with drought being the single largest contributor. Drought alone accounts for more than half of these losses, averaging \$1.9 billion per year. The financial impact of drought underscores its threat to farmers, particularly in regions reliant on water-intensive crops.

Other significant contributors to agricultural losses include hurricanes, which cause \$485 million in annual losses, along with flooding (\$437 million) and cold waves (\$286 million). Events such as hailstorms, strong winds, and heat waves collectively add hundreds of millions in losses to the yearly toll. While less frequent, disasters

such as tornadoes, winter weather and wildfires also contribute economic strain in certain regions.

Natural disasters impacting agriculture vary significantly across U.S. regions due to differing climates and geographic vulnerabilities. Drought is a persistent challenge on the West Coast, particularly in California, as well as the Southwest and parts of the Southern Plains, where water scarcity hampers crop yields and livestock production.

Hurricanes have the most severe impact in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, where states such as Florida and North Carolina frequently experience storm surges and high winds that devastate crops and infrastructure. Riverine flooding is most problematic in the Mississippi River

Basin and its extensive tributary networks, as well as in the Pacific Northwest. Cold waves are most prominent in the Midwest and Mountain West, where freezing temperatures can damage crops and livestock operations.

Taken together, California leads the nation in agricultural losses due to natural hazards, with farms in the state incurring an estimated \$1.3 billion in losses annually. This figure dwarfs losses in other states, with drought being the most significant hazard affecting California's vast agricultural sector. On a per-farm basis, California reports an average loss of \$20,528, which is the highest of any state, reflecting its reliance on high-value crops such as fruits, nuts and vegetables, which are particularly vulnerable to water

shortages.

By comparison, Texas, which ranks second, faces an expected annual loss of \$205 million, with droughts again being the primary driver. Iowa, North Carolina, and Florida round out the top five, each suffering from a combination of droughts and hurricanes, although with lower total and per-farm losses than California.

At the county level, California continues to dominate the rankings, with Santa Barbara County reporting the largest expected losses at \$245 million annually. Drought is the principal hazard here, impacting high-value crops including strawberries, vegetables and wine grapes.

Other California counties, such as Yolo, Napa, Sutter and Colusa, also rank highly, with annual losses ranging from \$70 million to \$115 million. These counties experience some of the highest loss rates per farm, with those in Santa Barbara County and Yolo County losing an estimated \$180,339 and \$144,645 each year, respectively.

According to the data for California, the total expected annual loss due to natural hazards is \$1,283,017,450 and the expected annual loss per farm is \$20,528 for a total of 62,500 farms. California's expected annual loss rate is 2.2%, the total agriculture value is \$58,490,098,696 and the worst natural hazard for agriculture is drought.

According to the data for the entire United States, the total expected annual loss is \$3,480,816,585 and the expected annual loss per farm is \$1,851 for a total of 1,880,000 farms. The country's expected annual loss rate is 0.7%, the total agriculture value is \$503,268,663,042 and the worst natural hazard for agriculture is drought. ★

Society for the Blind Offers Services for All Ages

Society for the Blind News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The nonprofit Society for the Blind organization is encouraging residents to honor Blindness Awareness Month throughout October by participating in activities and supporting people with vision loss so they can gain the skills they need to stay independent and thrive.

"Our clients tell us all the time that they thought their life was over when they began losing vision but they discovered it was the beginning of a new chapter," said Society for the Blind executive director Shari Roeseler. "During Blindness Awareness Month, we want to make sure everyone knows that people can live their best lives with vision loss or blindness when they have the right tools. If you are losing your vision or you know someone who is, we have a wide array of classes and support that will



Society for the Blind's senior program members learned how to carve pumpkins without vision last October during Blindness Awareness Month. Photo courtesy of Society for the Blind

help you build the skills you need, whether you are a child, working-age adult or senior."

For more than 70 years, the Society for the Blind organization has continued to create innovative ways to carry out its mission, which is to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop

and achieve their full potential.

Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California. Those counties include Sacramento, Sutter,

Yolo, Yuba, El Dorado, Placer, Amador, Butte and San Joaquin. Society for the Blind is located at 1238 S St., Sacramento.

The nonprofit organization provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age

adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year.

In addition to its onsite Low Vision Clinic and assistive technology store, Society for the Blind offers four core classes to ensure people with vision loss can stay active, employed and live life to the fullest. The four core classes are on orientation and mobility, independent living skills, assistive technology and braille.

The nonprofit organization also provides a program for seniors that includes support groups and activities such as yoga and cooking classes.

For youth, Society for the Blind offers a support groups for caregivers and parents of children with vision loss.

The group also provides a braille production program and hosts events open to the public.

To learn more or make a donation, visit online www.SocietyfortheBlind.org. Or call the office at 916-452-8271. ★

AI Runs on Power But Power Isn't Moving Fast Enough



Christian Bonilla

Commentary by Christian Bonilla, co-founder and co-CEO of DMARK Energy Solutions

Artificial intelligence is booming and America's power grid is struggling to keep up.

At the World Economic Forum, President Trump recently warned that "We need double the energy we currently have in the United States for AI to be

as big as we want to have it." Elon Musk has echoed similar concerns, predicting that AI data centers could overwhelm the electricity supply next year. The Department of Energy predicts that AI-driven electricity demand could increase sixfold by 2030.

They're right about the scale of AI's electricity needs. But they're wrong about the diagnosis.

America doesn't suffer from a lack of energy resources. We have vast oil and gas reserves, plus growing solar and wind energy capacity. The real problem is getting the electricity that's already, or soon could be, generated from these energy sources to the data centers where it's needed.

Solving this coordination challenge will require a new approach to energy infrastructure, one with an eye toward future needs.

This distinction between coordination and total capacity matters. If the problem were simply about generating more electricity overall, the solution would be straightforward: build more power plants and transmission lines to bring power to all the new data centers. But that would and will take years, if not decades. New transmission lines alone often take years to complete.

Instead, we need to build new data centers next to existing energy deposits, such as natural gas fields in places like West Texas,

Oklahoma, North Dakota and elsewhere, so that power-hungry data centers can build on-site generating plants and obtain the electricity they need, without having to connect to the broader grid. Using standardized data center designs and prefabricated components could further accelerate construction timelines and get data centers up and running years faster than previous generations of data centers built in traditional hubs like Northern Virginia or Silicon Valley.

Data center developers already recognize the advantages of this coordinated approach. A recent KPMG survey revealed that 77 percent of data center stakeholders

consider it key to build alongside energy generation.

But in practice, data center developers often struggle to understand and vet energy producers. And in turn, those producers often misunderstand the needs of data center operators.

This is a challenge even for the largest AI developers. The Stargate project, a \$500 billion AI data center investment backed by OpenAI and SoftBank, chose Abilene, Texas, as its flagship site after fielding interest from 16 different states, largely for Abilene's energy availability, alongside other land and regulatory advantages. Despite the initial fanfare, practical challenges

quickly tempered aspirations and the initiative has mostly stalled. As a result, Stargate has quietly scaled back its 2025 ambitions to building a single data center in Ohio.

To lead in the AI age, America will need more than chips and capital. It needs clearer rules, faster transactions between energy producers and AI developers, and a system that rewards coordination just as much as production.

If we solve this coordination challenge, America can lead the AI revolution and improve everything from health care to education to national security. But if we fail, we'll be left with plenty of power, just not where it matters. ★

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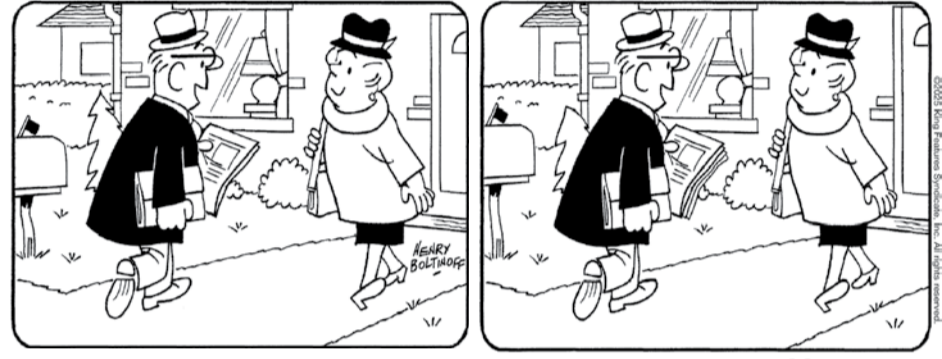
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River City's Reagan Eisberg Makes History

River City High School Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - River City High School senior and two-time USA Water Polo Academic All-American Reagan Eisberg has officially made history. For the second consecutive year, Eisberg has claimed the national regular-season scoring title, finishing as the top goal scorer in the country for varsity girls' water polo — a rare and remarkable feat that places her among the elite in high school athletics.

Eisberg's record-setting performance helped propel the River City Raiders to another standout year, continuing a legacy of excellence that has redefined the program's standard for success. Her leadership and offensive dominance have guided the team to its third consecutive league championship — and second straight Monticello Empire League title — along with a top playoff seed heading into the postseason.

"This year felt different," Eisberg said. "It wasn't just about goals or stats — it was about savoring every moment with my teammates and finishing strong together."



Last season, Eisberg led the nation in both points (253) and goals (201), according to MaxPreps, while helping the Lady Raiders capture back-to-back league titles and consecutive postseason runs. Photo courtesy of Jonathan Sibayan

Everything we've built here means more than any number."

Last season, Eisberg led the nation in both points (253) and goals (201), according to MaxPreps, while helping the Lady

Raiders capture back-to-back league titles and consecutive postseason runs. This year, she closed out the regular season with 197 goals — once again finishing as the top scorer in the country. Her

consistency, composure, and relentless competitiveness have solidified her place among the most prolific scorers in California high school history.

The Eisberg name has become

synonymous with River City water polo. Reagan's sister, Sydney, finished her senior season as league MVP and California's top scorer in 2023 before continuing her career at Concordia University Irvine. Her older brother, Joshua, led the varsity boys' program in 2024 earning Monticello Empire League MVP honors that year. Now, her younger brothers Caleb and Elijah are following in those footsteps as anchors for the Varsity Boys Program.

But for Reagan, the records tell only part of the story.

"Records are temporary," she said. "What lasts are the friendships, the memories, and the legacy we build together. That's what I'll carry with me long after the last whistle."

Following a strong showing at the Western States Tournament — where River City finished third in the Gold Division — the Raiders now turn their focus to the playoffs. With history already made and momentum on their side, one thing is certain: Reagan Eisberg has not only led the nation in scoring — she's led a generation of River City athletes by example. ★

Farber Picks Up Women's Soccer Honors



Sacramento State junior midfielder Ellie Farber who was also a preseason all-conference pick prior to the start of the campaign, was named to the league's postseason honor roll for the second consecutive season after picking up all-league honorable mention laurels, as well as a Big Sky All-Tournament Team award, as a sophomore in 2024. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State junior midfielder Ellie Farber picked up her second career All-Big Sky Conference honor, named to the league's second team, according to a vote of the conference's head coaches released on Nov. 4.

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award, as a sophomore in 2024.

The Redding native started 17 of the team's 18 matches during the 2025 campaign, finishing with a goal and a pair of assists to stand tied for fourth on the team in scoring with four points. Farber netted her lone goal of the season — and second career game-winner — as part of a 4-2 victory over San Jose State on Sept. 7, while adding assists in a 1-1 draw against Northern Arizona (Sept. 28) and a 5-0 victory over Eastern Washington (Oct. 5).

Now with four career scores and eight assists in her three seasons as a Hornet, she is just three helpers shy of breaking into the top 10 in school history on the career assist list. ★

Desmond Finishes Regular Season with Team of the Week

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - United Soccer League (USL) Championship announced the Week 34 Team of the Week. With his performance over the final week of the regular season, Republic FC defender Lee Desmond was named to the league's top weekly squad for the second time this season.

Desmond had a strong showing on both ends of the pitch to help the Indomitable Club secure three points over USL Championship title contender Charleston Battery. With six clearances, two interceptions, seven duels won and four possessions won, Desmond led the team to secure its 12th clean sheet of the regular season.

In front of goal, Desmond added his second goal contribution of



With the regular season campaign in the rearview mirror, Republic FC now turns its attention to the USL Championship Playoffs. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

the year with an assist on Khori Bennett's game-winner. Republic FC perfectly executed a set piece that began with a couple of short passes before Jack Gurr sent a long cross to Desmond at the far post. Desmond skillfully headed the ball down for an easy tap-in from Bennett.

It has been a career year for Desmond. After dealing with injuries in his first two years in Sacramento, the Irish defender has become one of Republic FC's most

consistent players. In the 2025 regular season, he set new club-career highs with 105 clearances, 85% passing accuracy, 65% duel success and two goal contributions. Desmond has featured in each of the team's conference-leading 12 clean sheets.

With the regular season campaign in the rearview mirror, Republic FC now turns its attention to the USL Championship Playoffs presented by Terminix. It's a new competition and now the Indomitable Club is just four wins away from lifting a trophy for the first time since 2014, a moment that would be the perfect send-off for longtime Captain Rodrigo Lopez, who is set to retire at the end of the season.

It all began on Nov. 2, after press time, when Republic FC hosted Orange County SC in the Western Conference Quarterfinals. ★

Men's 4-Ball Championships Finalized at Mather Course



Senior (age 55+) winners of the County Mens 4-Ball Golf Championship are (left) Dean Prince and (right) John Jaramillo. Photos courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council



Winners of the County Mens 4-Ball Golf Championship are (left) Christian Quint and (right) Travis Caldwell.

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Winners of the Sacramento County Men's 4-Ball Championship are Travis Caldwell and Christian Quint in match play.

The match was even until Caldwell and Quint birdied the 16th hole to go one-up. Runners-up Patrick Cairns and Zackary Niazi birdied the 17th hole, along with Caldwell and Quint.

The match was conceded on the 18th hole with Caldwell and Quint winning.

Winners of the Senior County Men's 4-Ball Championship (ages 55+) were John Jaramillo and Dean Prince. Runners-up Joey Ferrari and Bob Niger birdied holes 17 and 18 to force a playoff. Jaramillo and Prince won on the first playoff hole.

Tournament chairman was Mark Perry for the Sacramento Golf Council. The two tournaments were played over five days at Mather Golf Course. ★

Two-Goal Performance from Zuniga fuels Hawks'



The offense continued to roll after halftime as Zavier Zuniga took over the match, scoring twice in a four-minute span — first off a pass from Camden Locke and then unassisted to make it 3-0. Photo courtesy of CRC Athletics

Cosumnes River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Hawks delivered a commanding performance on both ends of the pitch, earning a 4-0 shutout win over San Joaquin Delta behind an explosive second-half surge and disciplined defensive play.

Cosumnes River struck first in the 23rd minute when Freddy Brenes finished off a setup from Isaac Chacing and Christian Garduno to give the Hawks the early lead. The offense continued to roll after halftime as Zavier Zuniga took over the

match, scoring twice in a four-minute span — first off a pass from Camden Locke and then unassisted to make it 3-0.

Kevin Martinez added the final goal in the 87th minute, converting a feed from Michael Villanor to seal the victory.

Goalkeeper Sergio Duarte anchored the defense with three saves to record the clean sheet, while the Hawks held Delta without a single shot on goal.

With the win, Cosumnes River showcased its depth, energy, and attacking rhythm — a statement performance as the team continues its push through conference play. ★

Sacramento Ballet Offers Bold Visions, Timeless Classics



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Hiyori Ushikubo and Maxence Devaux are in "Connections" from Oct. 24 to Nov. 2. Photos courtesy of Tony Nguyen



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Jennifer Watembach and James Griffen, as the Princess Aurora and Prince Desiree, portray a pose from the famous "Wedding Pas de Deux" from "Sleeping Beauty." Sacramento Ballet will perform a new production of this beloved fairytale in February.



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Mia Steedle and Seungkyun Park, as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Her Cavalier, are in technically challenging roles in Sacramento Ballet's production of "Nutcracker."

Sacramento Ballet News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Ballet highly anticipated 2025-26 season has started.

Following the triumph of the 70th Anniversary Season, this year promises an extraordinary mix of breathtaking artistry, innovative choreography and unforgettable performances. With the support of season sponsors Western Health Advantage and Dignity Health, the 2025-26 season invites audiences to witness the magic of both beloved classics and daring new works.

"Our 2024-25 season was a milestone for us as we celebrated the legacy of Sacramento Ballet while embracing bold, new dance works," said Board President Alyssa Paoletti. "With the 2025-26 season, we're continuing to build on that momentum by showcasing our dancers' exceptional talent, reimagining a classic fairytale and pushing the boundaries of ballet through collaborations with some of the world's most exciting choreographers."

The season lineup includes the following shows: "Connections" (Oct. 24 to

Nov. 2), "Nutcracker" (Dec. 12 to Dec. 21), "Sleeping Beauty" (Feb. 13 to Feb. 15) "Visions" (March 20 to March 22) and Sacramento Ballet's annual "Beer & Ballet" (May 28 to May 31).

"It's always an honor to get to create on the company," said company artist Julia Feldman, who has been a member since 2010 and has choreographed numerous works on Sacramento Ballet. "I'm incredibly inspired by the artists in this company and excited to make ["Connections"] a piece that celebrates their strength, artistry and complexity."

Sacramento Ballet's beloved holiday tradition returns with a spectacular production of "Nutcracker" from Dec. 12 to Dec. 21, featuring live music by the Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera. This magical performance is sure to enchant audiences of all ages. Sacramento Ballet's "Nutcracker" features the talents of hundreds of young dancers from across the capital region. Each year, these young dancers ensure that Sacramento Ballet's "Nutcracker" maintains a hometown feel as they dance the roles of shooting stars,

candy canes, mice, toy soldiers, party children and more.

The season will culminate with Sacramento Ballet's annual "Beer & Ballet" performance from May 28 to May 31, where company artists step into the role of choreographer, creating original works on their fellow dancers. This truly unique experience offers a rare glimpse into the creative process while celebrating collaboration, artistry and community. Audience members will receive a complimentary drink from Bike Dog Brewing, adding a festive touch to this event.

Sacramento Ballet is more than a performing arts organization; it is an engine for growth, connection and vitality in California's capital. The arts generate significant economic activity, supporting local businesses, restaurants and hospitality industries while drawing visitors from across the state.

Beyond dollars and cents, cultural institutions such as Sacramento Ballet increase the quality of life within their communities by fostering creativity, empathy and shared cultural experiences

that bring residents together across backgrounds. As one of California's leading professional ballet companies, Sacramento Ballet proudly represents the region on local, national and international stages.

Sacramento Ballet's mission is to enhance the human condition through dance and to make it accessible to everyone. As the region's only professional dance company, Sacramento Ballet brings world-renowned dancers and choreographers to create groundbreaking work, while showcasing California's vibrant cultural landscape both locally and internationally.

Founded in 1954, Sacramento Ballet has remained a beacon of artistic excellence, offering innovative performances, educational programs and community outreach. With support from individual donors, corporations, foundations and government entities, Sacramento Ballet continues to inspire audiences through performances and initiatives that leave a lasting impact on the region. For more information, visit sacballet.org. ★

Women's Empowerment Receives Two-Year \$50,000 Grant

Women's Empowerment News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women's Empowerment has received a two-year grant of \$50,000 in 2025 and 2026 from the Kelly Foundation to empower Sacramento women experiencing homelessness to find affordable housing as they look for jobs with upward mobility so they can eventually afford a permanent home for their families.

"We are proud that our extensive program provides a long-term solution to homelessness while also meeting immediate needs as women navigate the high cost and low availability of housing in Sacramento," said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment. "We are grateful to the Kelly Foundation for recognizing that this program is the critical steppingstone that Sacramento women need to transform their lives and rise from homelessness."

Grant funds will support Women's Empowerment's quarterly two-month program where each woman works one-on-one with a social worker, housing specialist and employment specialist. She attends classes and



The Kelly Foundation envisions a Greater Sacramento region where everyone has a chance to live in a safe and affordable home; access to meaningful work, a sustainable environment, healthy food, and quality education; and where each person's ability to thrive is connected to the well-being of the community. Photo courtesy of Women's Empowerment

support groups and receives free transportation assistance, onsite childcare, meals and more. Funding also will assist the nonprofit's lifetime services for graduates, including counseling, job search and retention support, financial assistance, paid job training and more. Program graduates can receive paid training in a variety of industries including property management, healthcare,

solar energy, mobility, manufacturing and more.

Grant funds also will support the group's Trellis Gardens transitional workforce housing program where graduates who have secured employment, but still cannot afford market-rate housing for their families, can live in cottages for 12-18 months as they work to increase income, savings and credit scores and

prepare to move into permanent housing.

"Offering support to organizations like Women's Empowerment reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening the communities we serve," said Shawn Kelly Devlin, chairman of the Kelly Foundation. "We are proud to invest in their mission in creating pathways for women out of homelessness and into

economic stability."

Women's Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically to help women break the generational cycle of homelessness for themselves and their children. In 2024, 155 graduates secured employment or enrolled in advanced training or school, and 89% of graduates maintained or improved their housing. Since 2001, 1,969 women have graduated from the program with more than 4,000 children. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation: www.womens-empowerment.org.

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Sacramento Superior Court Bench Selects Kelly Sullivan as CEO



As Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Kelly Sullivan, oversees key areas of the court, including court operations, judicial services, master calendar services, jury services and information technology. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Superior Court judges have selected Kelly Sullivan, the court's chief deputy executive officer, to serve as the next court executive officer (CEO) on Oct. 16.

"The court is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated leader ready to step into this role," said Presiding Judge Bunni O. Awoniye. "Throughout her 20-year career with our court, Kelly Sullivan has demonstrated exceptional judgment, professionalism and a deep commitment to serving the public

and supporting the work of our judges and staff."

As Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Sullivan has overseen key areas of the court, including court operations, judicial services, master calendar services, jury services and information technology. She has been instrumental in advancing the court's strategic initiatives, expanding access to justice and strengthening operational efficiency.

"We are confident that Kelly Sullivan will continue to advance the court's mission of access to justice and operational excellence," added Judge Awoniye. "She has earned the respect of colleagues across

every division and brings both continuity and innovation to the position."

Upon accepting the court executive officer appointment, Sullivan expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

"It is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility," said Sullivan. "Our court has exceptional judicial officers and an outstanding team of employees who work every day to serve our community with fairness and integrity. I look forward to continuing that work in partnership with them."

The court executive officer serves as the court's highest-ranking non-judicial

officer, responsible for overseeing all administrative and operational functions, including fiscal management, human resources, information technology and court services.

The Sacramento Superior Court is the trial court for Sacramento County, handling a wide range of cases, including all civil, criminal, family law, probate and juvenile matters. It operates out of seven locations in the county, employing 700 staff members.

Sullivan succeeds former Court Executive Officer Lee Seale, who retired from court service on Aug. 1. ★