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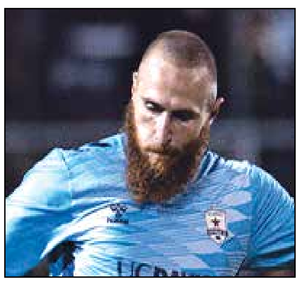

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Mercy San Juan Medical Center celebrated the grand opening Oct. 22 of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care. Dr. Lucian Maidan, a San Juan Medical Center neurologist, cuts the ribbon. Photo courtesy of Dignity Health

Dignity Health News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center is celebrating the grand opening of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care.

The centerpiece of the upgrade is a new Canon biplane imaging system, which allows doctors to see detailed, real-time images of the brain and blood vessels from multiple angles helping them treat strokes and other complex conditions with greater precision.

Mercy San Juan is the only Comprehensive Stroke Center for Dignity Health in California and the first hospital in the Greater Sacramento Market to receive this designation from The Joint Commission. According to the commission, the Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification is the most demanding stroke certification and is designed for those hospitals that have specific abilities to receive and treat the most complex stroke cases.

The $12.9 million renovation also includes a new procedure room, monitoring area and updated staff spaces to support exceptional patient care and

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Celebrating a Community Choir

River City Chorale Celebrates 50 Years in the Sacramento Region

Founded in 1976, the chorale's mission is to inspire and enrich our community through high-quality and diverse choral performances. Photo courtesy of the River City Chorale

By Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For five decades, a local community choir known as the River City Chorale has performed locally and abroad, from venues in Sacramento to various venues in European countries since 1976.

Choir members are now preparing for their Christmas concert on Dec. 5 and Dec. 6.

Mary Balkow said she and her husband, Bob Balkow, formed the group after being unable to find an organization to join in the Sacramento area. The Balkows were previously with the Santa Clara Chorale in the Bay Area in the late '70s. Mary Balkow said the Santa Clara Chorale joined River City Chorale on its first international tour during the organization's formative years, spanning three countries across Europe.

"I am so amazed and proud that what we started has lived this long," Mary Balkow said. "It went from a choir of 32, which is what we started with, to about 102, and now it's beginning to get smaller again. (The director is) having a hard time finding men to sing. So we need to get that back out into the community to get that going again."

Current chorale director David Vanderbout said that he started with the group in 2019, completing two concerts before the COVID-19 Pandemic. At least one of the first chorale members, Pat Junod, still sings with the group.

The chorale has a long rich tradition in the Sacramento region, Vanderbout said, as one of the longest standing choirs in the community. He said the choir has performed countless tours, premiered works from notable

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County's 2024 Crop and Livestock Report Released

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The gross production value of all agricultural commodities in Sacramento County was more than $536 million, county Agricultural Commissioner Chris Flores reported during her presentation of the 2024 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report at the Nov. 18 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Wine grapes were once again the leading cash crop in Sacramento County, with a value of more than $167 million, or more than 31%, of the total gross value of all crops.

Market Milk snuck in to the number two spot with a total value of more than $51 million, passing up pears, which came in at number three with a total value of more than $46 million.

"Agriculture continues to be a cornerstone of our local economy and plays a major role in preserving the county's rural character," Flores said. "Our diverse agricultural landscape includes small farms, ranches, row crops, orchards and vineyards that produce everything from rice and tomatoes to pears and grapes, as well as strong dairy, livestock and aquaculture operations."

Wine grapes remained the county's leading agricultural commodity in 2024, with a value of $167,905,000.

Market milk followed as the second top agricultural commodity at $51,213,000.

Pears ranked third at $49,559,000.

Poultry, as the fourth top agricultural commodity in 2024, generated $32,511,000.

Aquaculture, as the fifth top agricultural commodity in 2024, accounted for $29,091,000. Aquaculture includes bass, carp, catfish, crayfish, sturgeon and caviar.

Nursery stock, such as ornamental trees, plants, Christmas trees and sod, totaled $28,452,000 and is the sixth top commodity in 2024.

Cattle and calves were valued at $22,419,000 as the seventh top commodity in 2024.

Rice reached $15,627,000 and is the eighth top commodity in 2024.

Almonds brought in $14,806,000 as the ninth top commodity.

Cherries at $13,059,000 was the 10th top commodity.

The 2024 report includes information regarding the Agriculture Department's Pest Detection and Pest Exclusion Programs, the Phytosanitary Program, the Pesticide Use Enforcement Program and Weights & Measures Program. The report, online at agcomm.saccounty.gov/Pages/CropandLivestockReports.aspx, also contains a simple and elegant 2026 calendar.★

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 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.


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

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 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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teamwork. With this investment, Mercy San Juan strengthens its position as the region's leading hospital for advanced neurological care.

The grand opening was on Oct. 22.

Most of the patients served by the Neuro-Interventional Suite come from the greater Sacramento region, including Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Elk Grove, West Sacramento and Roseville. The medical center is located at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael.

Dignity Health is a multi-state nonprofit network of 10,000 physicians, more than 60,000 employees, 41 acute care hospitals and 400-plus care-centers, including community hospitals, urgent care, surgery and imaging centers, home health and primary care clinics in Arizona, California and Nevada. Dignity Health is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality and affordable patient-centered care with special attention to the poor and underserved.

Dignity Health is a part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit health system committed to advancing health for all people and dedicated to serving the common good. For more information, visit Dignity Health's website at www.DignityHealth.org. ★


Mercy San Juan Medical Center physicians discuss with ribbon-cutting attendees how the biplane imaging system works and helps improve care. Photo courtesy of Dignity Health

A Push of a Button, A Gift of Hope

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With holiday shoppers looking on, community leaders and nonprofit representatives gathered Nov. 21 at the Westfield Galleria at Roseville to cut the ribbon on the annual Light the World Giving Machines, vending-style kiosks that allow visitors to purchase symbolic gifts for people in need.

Santa J. Claus made a festive entrance, handing out baby-goat plush toys to children who gathered near the machines. Photo by Ornella Rossi

Installed Nov. 17 and available through Dec. 8, the machines offer items such as hygiene kits, meals, school supplies and even baby goats, with 100% of every purchase going to designated charities. Each nonprofit participates for one year only, rotating annually.

“It’s my pleasure to host this again,” said Jeff Richardson, senior general manager of the Galleria. “Our community keeps growing, our center keeps growing and we are significantly up in traffic this year, and I think the Giving Machine has something to do with that.”

Shoppers choose gifts by tapping a touchscreen and paying by card or mobile wallet. A card representing the selected item drops into the display box, symbolizing the purchase.

Santa J. Claus made a festive entrance, handing out baby-goat plush toys to children who gathered near the machines.

“Isn’t it just wonderful when we can listen to our heart and that little voice that says we should think of others in need?” Claus said. “The secret to being on the nice list is kindness. Choosing kindness toward others and toward ourselves.”

Five local nonprofits are featured in this year’s Roseville machines, along with two global organizations.

Jake’s Journey Home focuses on veterans and community members facing homelessness. Founder Jeanne Shuman said the organization was established in 2019 after the death of her son, Jake, a Seabee veteran.

“We’re finding a way to honor and remember his legacy,” Shuman said. “This initiative collaborates with a lot of nonprofits, which is amazing, but it also allows us to keep doing our mission. We are small, we are mighty and we are all volunteers.”

Stand Up Placer, which supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, is offering donors the chance to fund therapy sessions, children’s crisis support and emergency food.

“Our partnership with the church and their community is a blessing,” said executive director Gary McDonnell.

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry, serving families throughout Sacramento County, gives shoppers the option to purchase meals, hygiene kits and student food packs.

“We are so blessed to be a part of this amazing experience,” said President April Jacek.

Volunteer Allia Adams made the season’s first purchase, a pantry pack, hygiene kit and pajamas.

Attendees at the ribbon-cutting browse the donation cards, each representing a gift they can give through the Giving Machines. Photo by Ornella Rossi

“It’s exciting,” Adams said. “It doesn’t take a lot of effort to shine a light on what people can do.”

The Salvation Army’s offerings include summer camp, Christmas dinner and job training.

Major Osei Stewart said the partnership is “an opportunity to bring light into the darkness” and “serve those who need it the most.”

Sacramento Children’s Home, serving children and families for nearly 160 years, offers donors the chance to purchase baby food, pajamas or parenting classes. CEO David Becker said their mission aligns with the event’s spirit.

“A community of people coming together and saying, ‘we are going to make a difference,’” Becker said. “We are going to be a light in the world.”

Global nonprofits United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Mentors International provide international gift options such as school kits, malnutrition treatment and supplies for small family businesses.

“These gifts remind us that generosity here can ripple outwards across the globe,” said “Thank you for helping lift lives not only in our local communities and neighborhoods but also in communities far beyond our own.”

Retired Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness, who served as emcee, highlighted the program’s impact and efficiency.

“Everything that is given to the Giving Machine goes to the intended recipient,” McGinness said Nancy Pinney, a Giving Machine committee member. “Some of the things that are requested, most of us view as the most basic essentials.”

Local officials echoed the spirit of unity.

“We are very proud of our mall,” said Roseville Vice Mayor Karen Alvord. “It gives us an opportunity to focus on the true meaning of the season, to give hope, care and comfort.”

Karen Wilkes, a Giving Machine committee member, noted that the program has grown from 26 locations to 126 worldwide in four years.

“It’s such a blessing to us and to the people who will receive donations,” Wilkes said.

Wilkes also noted one “secret feature” of the giving machines.

“If you punch in 777, it will purchase every single gift. Thirty cards will drop, and it comes to about $1,800. So come out, bring your friends, coworkers and families,” Wilkes said.

The Light the World initiative, sponsored globally by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, encourages giving during the holiday season. This is the fourth year the Roseville Galleria has hosted the machines.

“They connect our community,” McGinness said, “not only to our neighbors here in the Sacramento area but also to families around the world.” ★

Celebrating a Community Choir

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composers and seen numerous successful directors.

With members fresh out of high school and others who have been retired for decades, including members in between, Vanderbout said, the group connects over music and as human beings, working together for a common goal.

“Elevating the way we work together, the way we are together, the types, the variety of people that are in our organization in terms of age ranges, backgrounds and whatever it may be to truly create a community choir,”Vanderbout said.

For the organization’s 50th year, Vanderbout said that this season is about a celebration of the choral experience. This season’s musical selection features music from the ’70s, folk music, rock ’n’ roll, and Broadway tunes. Vanderbout said he tries to foster deep connections thematically through his music selection, describing a concert he arranged in the past, consisting of Italian compositions in the Italian language.

Junod, while raising her three children, joined the chorale after the group’s concert in spring 1977. When she auditioned for the group, Junod was drawn to the high-level of organization regarding rehearsals and concert production.

“We had a good following because we were young members and everybody had family and friends, so usually all the family and friends came together and it was very exciting to be able to sing in a group,” Junod said. “I had sung in groups before, so I had some idea of what I anticipated what that was going to be like and it was the same thing: an enjoyable group, well-disciplined and we worked hard.”

There has been a fine line between paying tribute to the work that the chorale has done for the past 50 years, Vanderbout said, and staying true to the works and ideas he brings as the group’s director. Every concert this season will be a celebration of the singers, the audience and communities that all play a role in making the choral experience possible, according to Vanderbout.

Choosing the music is what sets groups up for success, Vanderbout said, so he spends a significant amount of time planning, cycling through several hours of different musical selections to build the foundation for a fruitful season.

“(Music selection) is like creating a good blueprint to a house,” Vanderbout said. “If the blueprint is messed up, the house is probably going to get messed up, no matter how good your carpenters are. And I think choral music is the same way.”

To help the organization run smoothly, multiple chorale members and community members perform many tasks, such as creating fliers and working on advertising, Vanderbout said. During the chorale’s 50 years, the organization has experienced “various peaks and valleys,” Vanderbout said, and the organization “could have dissolved during any one of those valleys but the consistent effort of members over the years led to the continuation of the Sacramento choral experience.”

Welcoming in the holiday season, River City Chorale Board President Trisha Uhrhammer said, “Sacred selections of the season include Handel’s ‘And the Glory of the Lord,’ a mesmerizing interpretation of ‘Mary, Did You Know,’ and an energetic and percussive African Noel. On the secular side, you’ll be humming along to a medley of Irving Berlin’s ‘White Christmas,’ ‘Here Comes Santa Claus’ and ‘Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas,’ among others.”

The River City Chorale’s Holiday Concert has two performances scheduled: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 3235 Arden Way, Sacramento; and 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 7869 Kingswood Drive, Citrus Heights.

Tickets, starting at $10, can be purchased online at the chorale’s website, rivercitychorale.org/tickets. Tickets purchased online include a $2 service fee.

To learn more about the River City Chorale, visit online rivercitychorale.org. ★

Antelope Shooting Murder Suspect Convicted

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Randall Watanabe was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder with the special circumstance that murder was committed in the commission of an attempted robbery found true.

Watanabe was also convicted of attempted robbery, assault with a semi-automatic firearm and discharge of a firearm at an inhabited vehicle.

The jury also found true allegations that Watanabe personally discharged a firearm causing death and personally used a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Watanabe met with the victim, Antonio Chacon, at an Antelope park to conduct a drug sale. During the meeting, Watanabe produced a gun and attempted to rob the victim. When the victim tried to drive away, Watanabe shot him in the back, causing the victim to crash his car, and the victim died at the scene.

Watanabe faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Sentencing is set for 9 a.m. Dec. 12 in Department 32 before the Honorable James Arguelles. ★

Defendant Sentenced for Killing Unhoused Man

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 10, the Honorable Matthew Gary sentenced Richard Bradford to 76 years to life in prison. On Aug. 5 of this year Bradford was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder. The jury also found true the allegation that Bradford discharged a firearm causing death as well as the aggravating factor that he used a weapon.

Bradford was also convicted of felon in possession of a firearm. The Court further found true that Bradford has two prior strike convictions and additional aggravating factors; that the defendant had served a prior prison term and that his prior convictions were numerous and of increasing seriousness.

On Oct. 8, 2023, Bradford murdered Joshua Rash, who was living in an encampment. Bradford had gone to the encampment to take the victim's dog. The victim armed himself with a metal pole to prevent Bradford from taking his dog. Bradford then shot the victim in the chest and left him underneath a bridge on Gerber Road. When the victim's body was found, his dog was sitting by his side. ★

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Downtown Ice Rink Open for 33rd Season

By Abbey Wicks

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink, presented by Dignity Health, is now open through Jan. 19. Located in Ali Youssefi Square across from DoCo and the Golden 1 Center, the rink attracts some 40,000 skaters each season.

Ali Youssefi Square is at 705 K St., Sacramento.

"The Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink represents what downtown does best: bringing people together to create lasting memories," said Michael Ault, the Downtown Sacramento Partnership executive director. "It's a cherished Sacramento tradition and we're grateful to our community leaders and partners for their support in bringing this tradition to life year after year."

The price to skate remains the same as previous years: $15 for general admission and $8 for children aged 6 and under. Skating admission includes skate rental and sizes run as small as youth 8 and as large as men's 15. Skaters can enjoy the rink from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays through Sundays (weather permitting). Skaters can call 916-738-0703 to find out if the rink is open during inclement weather.

Season events catered for youth skaters include annual Princess & Superhero Day, which took place Nov 15, and Crafting with Kindness, from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 30. Copper House Boutique will lead both craft days with their jewelry-making lessons.

Skaters at last year's Princess & Superhero Day were joined by characters, including Disney princesses Anna and Elsa. This year's event took place Nov. 15. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership

Skaters at the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink on Nov. 12 exhibited all skill levels, from pro-skaters showing off impressive spins, to children aided by skating walkers. Photo by Abbey Wicks

New LED lights have been installed along K Street in Sacramento to promote evening pedestrian activity and safety. Photo by Abbey Wicks

Donation Weeks have been implemented this year to help spread holiday cheer. The ice rink has teamed up with Western Health Advantage and First Step Communities to organize donations for those experiencing homelessness in the Sacramento area.

The ice rink will collect much needed items and accept donations all day during Donation Weeks, which run from Monday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Skaters who bring something to donate will receive $5 off skate admission. Suggested items to donate include winter hats, gloves, scarves and blankets.

In an effort by the Downtown Sacramento Parnership to increase pedestrian activity and safety along K Street, including in Ali Youssefi Square, new LED lighting has been installed from DoCO to the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center.

"These lights embody our commitment to reimagine downtown block by block, paying homage to the marquee lights which have lined K Street for generations and enhancing Sacramento's central promenade for its next era of opportunity," Ault said.

Along with supporting increased pedestrian activity throughout the evening hours, the new lighting also supports bicycle and public transportation use and embraces the foundational principle of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) by improving sightlines and increasing activity after dark, according to the partnership.

Better lighting encourages more foot traffic, which in turn promotes safety, supports local businesses and builds community pride.

The dynamic system will be capable of changing colors to mark holidays, community celebrations and Kings, Republic, Athletics and Hornets' victories.

"When we invest in placemaking, we invest in people," said Scott Ford, Downtown Sacramento Partnership deputy director. "Downtown Sacramento is truly a neighborhood that belongs to all residents and guests of our community. We want to ensure we are creating and maintaining an environment which is a positive reflection of Sacramento to the rest of the world." ★

Home Sales Remain Above Average During October

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the Sacramento region rose modestly in September and remained above the historical average for this time of year, the North State Building Industry Association announced on Nov. 11.

Building Industry Association-member builders reported 507 home sales, an 18 percent increase from September and a decline of 5 percent from October 2024. This year's total marked the fourth-highest October in the past decade. Since 1997, October sales have averaged 386.

Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said that many prospective buyers appear to be waiting for mortgage rates to fall further before committing to a purchase. Mortgage rates have dipped below 6.5 percent but, he said, many buyers believe rates might continue to decline.

Murphy said that sales are also being supported by incentives offered by many area builders to help improve affordability. These incentives can make homeownership attainable for more families, Murphy said, and he encouraged prospective buyers to visit new home communities while the offers remain available.

Interest rates are only one factor affecting affordability, according to Murphy. He said that the Building Industry Association will continue working with local governments to reduce regulations that slow construction and to lower development fees, which now average more than $100,000 per home.

Roseville recorded the most sales in October with 99, followed by Rancho Cordova with 92. Elk Grove reported 63 sales, while Plumas Lake reported 43 and Lincoln reported 41. Sacramento ranked sixth with 40 sales. Other totals included Natomas with 29, El Dorado Hills with 27, Rocklin with 20 and Antelope with 10.

The Building Industry Association's data includes 199 new home communities across El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

The association noted that it is no longer publishing detailed home price data, due to confidentiality requirements from builders. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

There are over 19,000 incorporated cities in the United States, but only 30 of those cities can make claim to having an NBA franchise. One of those cities is California's capital, Sacramento.

Troubled times have suddenly unfolded in the city of trees, as our beloved basketball team recently went on an extended losing streak that reached 8 games.

Vitriol abounded and it seemed like Chicken Little had taken up residence in river city.

Radio stations that typically would posture with the glass half full were going the other way, with endless ideas of how quickly this franchise can blow up the current team.

When a steady hand at the wheel was needed, not much was coming from the owner, GM, or the new coach of the team.

Not a recipe for success, so imagine after 8 disappointing defeats in a row that the Sactown boys would fly into Denver and stand off the mighty Nuggets. No imagining needed because that's exactly what the Kings did. While no one had an answer for the daunting center of the Nuggets, Nicola Jocic, who put up 44 points and 13 rebounds, the Kings controlled the rest of the lineup while playing perhaps their best 4th quarter of the young season.

No win could have come at a better time for a team that was getting zero respect from NBA pundits and hometown fans alike.

Much has been said about the pure talent on this team, with future hall of famers like Russell Westbrook, DeMar DeRozan, and Zach Lavine likely candidates for the Naismith Hall in Springfield Massachusetts, but the real conundrum is finding a way to get these accomplished ballers to play seamlessly together. That's exactly what happened last Saturday night and I think it took the Nuggets by surprise.

No 4th quarter collapse on this night, as Russell Westbrook put up 21 big points, while Dennis Schroder matched Westbrooks total with 21 points of his own, while coming off the bench once again.

In this matchup Denver couldn't focus on any one player, as Sacramento had some of the most even scoring, they have enjoyed all season. While Westbrook dropped 15 of his 21 points in the 4th quarter, it was the ageless stalwart DeMar DeRozan that Sacramento turned to in the last minute of the game. Making 6 straight points DeMar made a crucial 3-point play the old-fashioned way, banking in a shot and converting the foul on the free throw line with only seconds remaining.

The Kings actually won a game from the free throw line, converting 22 of 23 attempts and demonstrated it is possible to be a good free throw shooting team!

Welcome back Keegan Murray as Keegan added 19 crucial points to the fray in only his second game back from injury, and if this performance is a glimpse of things to come, perhaps some of the hyperbole will subside and cooler heads will prevail.

Sacramento fans had to endure the debacle that was trading away the face of the franchise in DeAaron Fox less than a year ago and going through something similar would not be easy for a team still searching for their identity.

A word of reassurance coming from ownership would be nice at a time like this.

Suspect moves within the game such as sitting defensive specialist Keon Ellis for the first 3 quarters in back-to-back blowout losses simply have to stop. Sitting courtside in Golden One Arena while the crowd chants, "we want Keon, we want Keon," is a bad look at the very least, and Doug Christie must be better than this.

Having Keegan Murray back in the lineup is a shot in the arm, but let's not forget that the Kings accomplished this remarkable win with Domantas Sabonis sidelined with a knee injury.

Fans want to see a return to basics, like making free throws, and getting back on defense. Exerting energy and playing with passion is what Kings fans have become accustomed to, and I believe this team will not let their fan base down.

Coaches, put your players in places where they can succeed and find a rotation that every player can count on. We need good coaching and coaching that makes sense.

All the best!

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

California Sees Revenue Uptick

Not Enough to Erase Its Chronic Budget Deficit

By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In the four months since the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom enacted a new state budget, revenues – primarily from personal income taxes — have outstripped expectations by several billion dollars.

The uptick has buoyed hopes within the Capitol that California's chronic budget deficits might disappear if the revenue surge continues. That would spare Newsom and legislators from having to dream up more accounting gimmicks, deferrals and loans to cover the gap between income and outgo.

However, the Legislature's fiscal advisor, Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, threw cold water on those rosy scenarios Wednesday. He sees recent revenue gains as a spike driven by an artificial intelligence boomlet in Silicon Valley that's likely to implode, as have previous tech-related bubbles.

"With so much exuberance surrounding AI, it now appears time to take seriously the notion that the stock market has become overheated," Petek says in his annual fiscal overview, which predates the governor's introduction of a new budget. "History suggests that the stock market is prone to overreact to major technological advances, even if the technology itself turns out to be revolutionary."

Instead of savoring a surge in revenues that would erase what officials are calling a "structural deficit" that is somewhere in the $10-20 billion range, officials should anticipate a larger gap, Petek says.

"Under our revenue and spending estimates, the Legislature faces an almost $18 billion budget problem in 2026 27," Petek says. "This is about $5 billion larger than the budget problem anticipated by the administration in June, despite improvements in revenue."

The analyst notes that California's constitution requires the state put money toward public schools and reserves, which will "almost entirely offset revenue gains," and toward other spending that's running about $6 billion over the current budget's estimates.

"Starting in 2027 28, we estimate structural deficits to grow to about $35 billion annually due to spending growth continuing to outstrip revenue growth," Petek says.

It should be noted, not for the first time, that California's chronic deficit is not caused by an economic downturn, which has occurred in the past, but rather by an enormous error by Newsom and his budget advisors three years ago.

In 2022, they projected a permanent increase in revenues, based on a one-time spike, leading Newsom to declare a $97.5 billion budget surplus, boasting "No other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this."

Confident that the money would be there, Newsom and lawmakers fattened up the spending side of the budget, only to learn that the supposed surplus was based on what was later acknowledged to be a $165 billion overstatement of revenues over four years.

Ever since, revenues have failed to cover the elevated spending, and Newsom and lawmakers have covered the gaps with the aforementioned gimmicks. They have incurred more than $20 billion in internal loans from special funds that must be repaid. They also have drawn down reserves that were supposed to cover genuine emergencies, not political shortsightedness.

Newsom and his staff are now in the final throes of drafting an initial 2026-27 budget that will be his last as governor and will be unveiled in January. The question is whether he will face the fiscal music and finally write a truly balanced budget or employ more short-term fixes and dump the problem on his successor.

That would mean either making real cuts in spending or raising taxes, both of which would take some courage. The past has not been encouraging.

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Social Security Matters

If We Both Collect Social Security, will our Benefits be Affected?

By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I reached full retirement age back in June, but I have not yet filed to collect Social Security. My husband currently collects SS funds, and he waited until he had reached full retirement age a few years ago. I am considering signing up now to receive my funds, but I am a little confused about whether I will receive my full benefit or is there some kind of adjustment made based on both of us collecting?

We are a simple case. We have been married for 46 years, so there are no other exes involved in this equation. He did everything online when he was ready to start receiving his funds, but we didn't consult with any advisor when my husband claimed. Now I think that adding me as a spouse might trigger some other things I should consider. Thank you for your advice. ***Signed: Concerned Wife***

Dear Concerned: Since you and your husband have both reached your respective SS full retirement age (FRA), you are both entitled to receive your full benefits without any reduction. And since you haven't yet filed, you are now accumulating Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% additional benefit for each month you continue to delay. You will get your full SS retirement benefit (plus any earned DRCs) when you claim. The only question you need to consider is whether either you or your husband will be entitled to a "spousal boost" (an increase) when you claim.

If the SS retirement benefit you were entitled to at your FRA is less than 50% the amount your husband was entitled to at his FRA, then you will get a "spousal boost" on top of your own SS retirement amount (the "boost" amount would be the difference between your FRA amount and half of his FRA amount). But if your SS amount at your FRA is more than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement, then you will only get your own SS retirement benefit based on your own lifetime earnings record. Spouse benefits are always determined from each partner's FRA entitlement, and if one partner's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other partner's FRA amount, then a spousal boost will be given. And that also works if your FRA entitlement is higher than your husband's – if your FRA amount is more than twice your husband's FRA amount, then he will get a spousal boost from you. Otherwise, each of you will get only your personally earned SS retirement amount, and both of you collecting SS will not negatively affect each other's individual SS benefit.

FYI, the spousal boost amount stops growing at full retirement age, so if you are eligible for a spousal boost from your husband then you should claim your SS benefits now and ask for benefits retroactive to June (your FRA month). However, if you will not get a spousal boost from your husband, you have the option of delaying even further and earning more DRCs (thus a higher monthly benefit). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, at which time you will get the maximum possible Social Security benefit (about 127% of your personal FRA amount if you delay that long).

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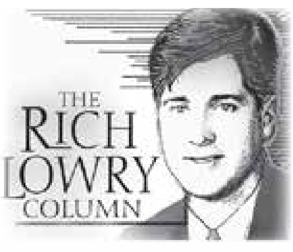

The GOP Can't Punt on Health Care

The debate over affordability is now truly and fully joined. After the off-year elections, Democrats are coalescing around a cost-of-living message that makes more sense than their anti-Trump obsessions (not that we aren't going to hear a lot about those). For its part, the White House has concluded that affordability is a vulnerability, and Trump has thrown out a raft of proposals to address it, from $2,000 tariff rebates to 50-year mortgages.

Health care will be a major front in this fight, a traditional Democratic policy strength that the party emphasized during the just-concluded government shutdown.

In isolation, the Democratic demand to extend Obamacare subsides in perpetuity shouldn't be sustainable. The party's position is, in effect, "We passed a sweeping health care reform that we promised would lower costs, and now that it's done the opposite, it is incumbent on Republicans, in the name of all that is right and good, to support additional subsidies for the law."

The GOP is so hopeless on health care that it will have trouble countering this argument. Fifteen years after the passage of Obamacare and after a major attempt to repeal it early in Trump's first term, it still lacks a concrete alternative of its own, even though the policy direction here should be clear enough.

Obamacare imposed massive new regulations on the individual insurance market in order to cover the sick and lower costs. The fact is that there are better ways to achieve the former goal, and the latter has been unrealized.

As Avik Roy of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity points out, Barack Obama ran for president promising that his health-care reform would reduce premiums by as much as $2,500 per family. That was as misleading as his promise that "if you like your plan, you can keep your plan." Roy notes that premiums for the benchmark "silver" Obamacare plans -- the law created metallic tiers for various insurance plans -- have nearly tripled since 2013. At the same time, deductibles for those same silver plans have more than doubled, outpacing the rate of increase for employer-sponsored plans.

Democrats no longer pretend that Obamacare is going to reduce costs. Instead, they insist that without expanded credits first passed under President Biden in 2021 and then 2022 -- now set to expire -- Americans will experience a cost apocalypse. "Cancel the cuts. Lower the cost. Save health care," is how Hakeem Jeffries has put it.

The subsidies, though, only cushion consumers from the worst of a poorly designed system. A basic problem of Obamacare is that it charges young and healthy people higher premiums than they would pay otherwise -- making health insurance less attractive to them -- to subsidize the premiums of the old and sick.

As Roy observes, it'd make more sense to have so-called reinsurance programs, either at the federal level or in the states, to pay the cost of care of people with pre-existing conditions. This alone should reduce premiums for everyone else. The "age band" imposed by Obamacare -- mandating that young people can't pay too much less than old people -- should be loosened. Obamacare taxes should be repealed; the law should allow for a genuine bare bones "catastrophic plans" for those who want one; and states should be given as much leeway to innovate as possible.

Republicans would also be smart to build on a Trump administration rule from the first term that allowed employers to fund accounts -- Health Reimbursement Accounts, or HRAs -- for employees to buy their own individual coverage.

TITLE: None of these ideas will make the case for themselves, though. Republicans have to introduce them to the public and explain them, even if they'd prefer to be talking about something else. Failing to do so represents a serious political risk -- of either swallowing Obamacare subsidies that they never supported before, or going to the voters next year empty-handed. If they lose the midterms on the issue of affordability, they can't say that they weren't warned.

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STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV027375
Ivan Asuncion Gutierrez Martinez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isabella Gutierrez Munoz to Isabella Gutierrez Munoz.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 13, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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MARTINEZ 12-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV021358
Scarlett Rose Nielsen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scarlett Rose Nielsen to Syrus Rose Nielsen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 8, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT BRUCE MCKENZIE
CASE NO. 25PR003868
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robert Bruce McKenzie.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sarah E. McKenzie, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Sarah E. McKenzie be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 8, 2026, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Soojin Kim, Esq., 1132 Suncast Lane Suite 8, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 916-847-5440
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 25CV010517
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jacqueline L. Davis and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive.
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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.
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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Street, Room 102, Sacramento, CA 95814
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Adam Blair Corren & Spencer D. Sinclair, 3425 Brookside Road, Suite B, Stockton, CA 95219: 209-478-2621
Date: (Fecha) April 30, 2025
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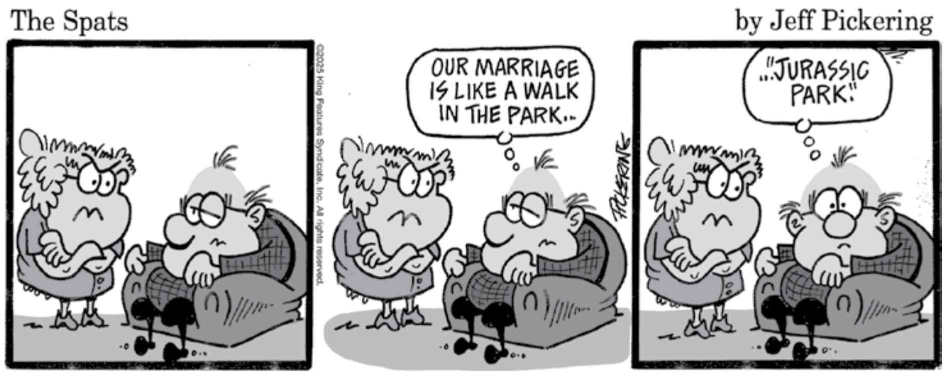

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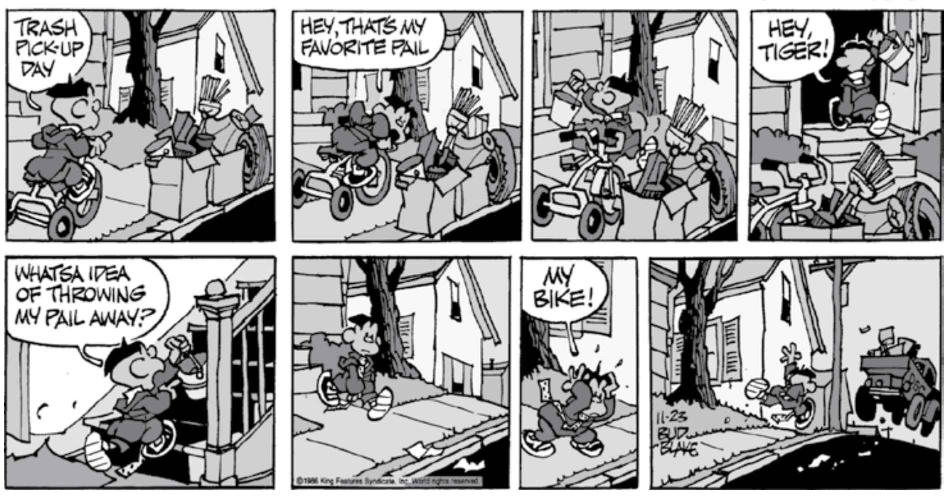

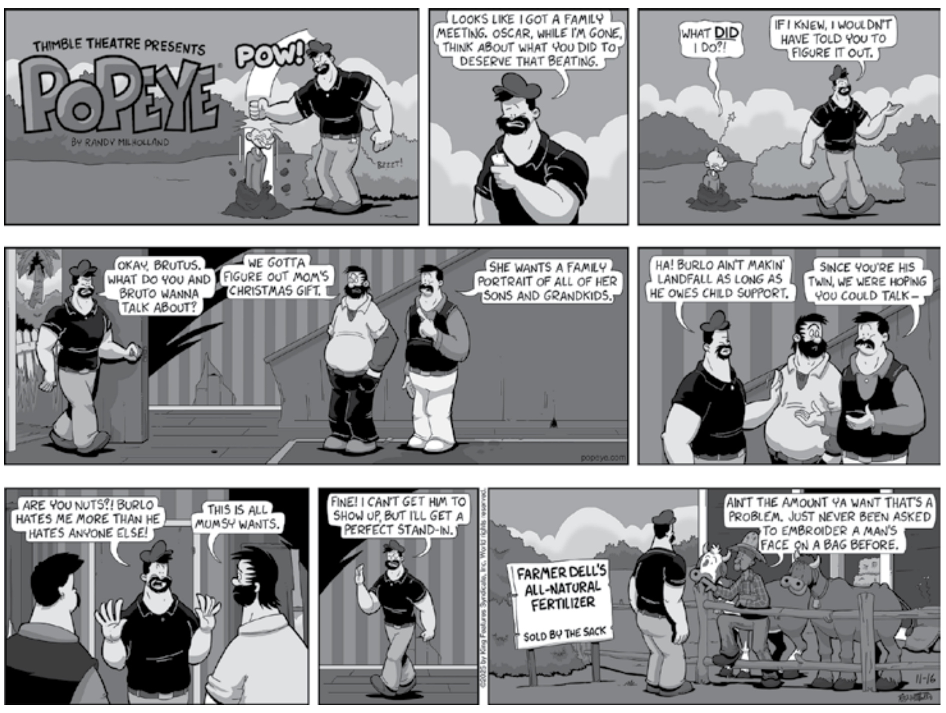

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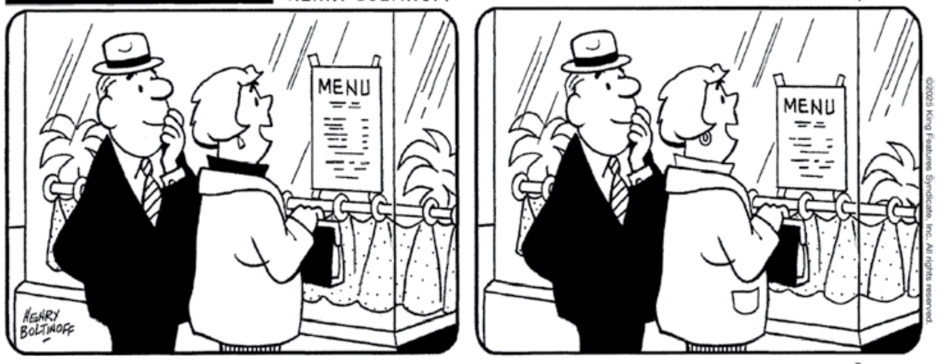

Differences: 1. Curtain is shorter. 2. Menu is smaller. 3. Plant is not as tall. 4. Collar is different. 5. Pocket is added to coat. 6. Earring is different.

GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

"It survived wars, plagues and evil spells ... and finally fell to an adjustable rate mortgage."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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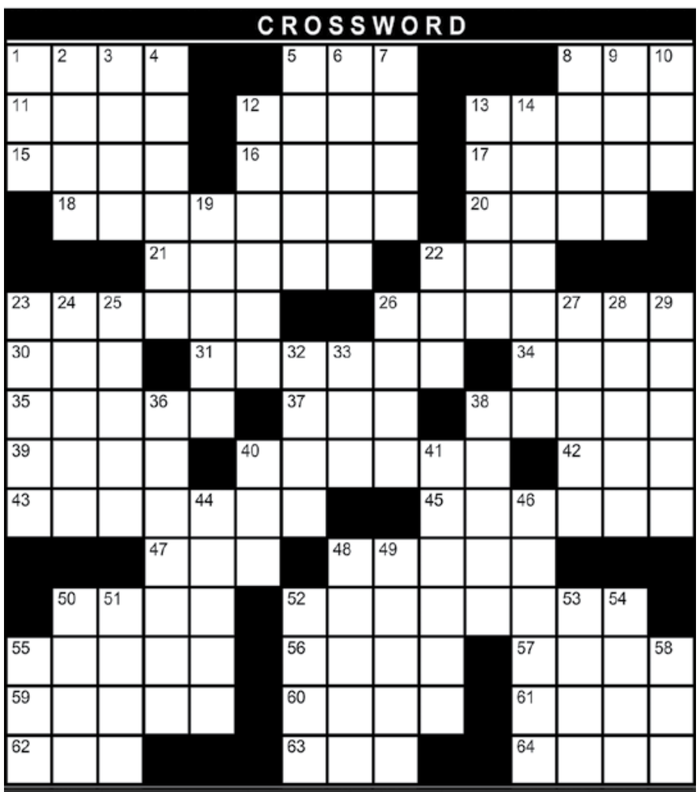

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1. Shapeless form
5. Hot springs resort
8. Not square
11. Private theater box
12. Relating to ear
13. Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
15. I _____ you so!
16. *The opposite of a store the day before Christmas?
17. *"Auld Lang Syne" poet
18. *Partridge's perch (2 words)
20. Vegas numbers
21. New Zealand's indigenous people
22. Fuss
23. Tabby's favorite herb
26. More so than swell
30. Big-headedness
31. Resembling an ape
34. John Wayne Gacy's _____ the Clown
35. Photographer Dorothea of "Migrant Mother" fame
37. Type or kind
38. Like a sheep after a haircut
39. D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
40. Superlative of #33 Down
42. U.S. central bank
43. Wilma and Fred's hometown
45. *Latke's main ingredient
47. Word of possibility
48. Turning token taker
50. Exclamation of sorrow
52. *_____ Odbody of "It's a Wonderful Life"
55. Raspberry drupelets
56. Saintly glow
57. Letter opener
59. Hunts for food
60. Banana leftover
61. Guesstimate phrase
62. *Color on a Kwanzaa flag
63. Not divisible by two
64. Scholarship criterion

DOWN
1. Deli acronym
2. Chicago's central district, with The
3. Gawk at
4. Wish harm upon, arch.
5. One of The Beatles
6. Pileus, pl.
7. "The Road Runner" corporation
8. Group of cows
9. Bed-and-breakfast alternative, pl.
10. *"The Nutcracker" step
12. Certain cephalopod, pl.
13. It's sometimes humble
14. *Chuck Berry's "Run, _____, Run"
19. Reason to strike
22. Grass bristle
23. Famous one, slangily
24. Open-mouthed
25. Like a well-defined muscle
26. Hot alcoholic beverage
27. Washing sponge
28. Type of heron
29. Rondeau, alt. sp.
32. *Santa's beverage of choice
33. Not well
36. *Original home of Christmas tannenbaum
38. Fur shawl
40. Extremely unfriendly
41. Plane trick
44. Reprieve in a desert
46. Muscle to bone connector
48. Skidded
49. Weighed
50. 4,840 square yards
51. Told an untruth
52. Head of family
53. Wrap in waxy cloth
54. Comfort
55. Financing acronym
58. Stewart of "Maggie May" fame

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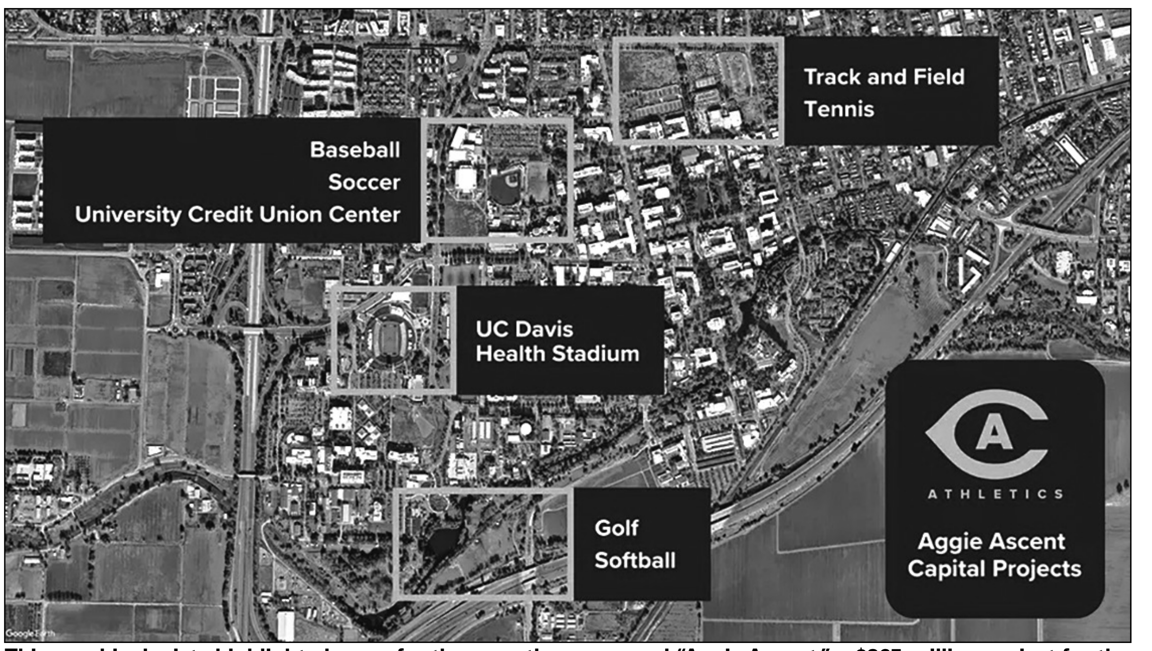
UC Davis Athletics Unveils 'Aggie Ascent'

A Visionary Facilities Master Plan for the Next Era

By MPG Staff

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The University of California, Davis announced Aggie Ascent, a bold new facilities master plan that defines the next chapter for UC Davis Athletics.

Developed in partnership with ELS Architecture and Urban Design, Aggie Ascent represents the university's first unified vision for athletics infrastructure: one rooted in innovation, connection and long-term impact. The plan envisions dynamic athletics districts designed to enrich the student-athlete experience, enhance the fan journey and strengthen the department's long-term sustainability.



This graphic depicts highlighted areas for the recently-announced "Aggie Ascent," a $265-million project for the student-athlete experience. Graphic provided by UC Davis Athletics

"As we transition into the Mountain West Conference, Aggie Ascent is about more than facilities; it's about aligning with the future of Division I athletics," said Rocko DeLuca, athletics director. "This plan captures the climb ahead of us and the belief that our student-athletes and fans deserve an experience that matches the excellence of UC Davis. Every project, from the stadium district to the golf center, represents a step forward and building something uniquely ours."

Aggie Ascent outlines a $265-million phased, gift-driven approach that allows UC Davis to advance projects as leadership gifts and partnerships are secured. Early priorities include revenue-generating and high-impact facilities that expand community engagement and elevate game-day atmosphere.

The UC Davis Health Stadium lays out a reimagined fan experience anchored by new premium seating, suites and a hospitality concourse. The $50-million expansion will include a special event space to be used year-round by the university community.

The Woody Wilson Track and Field Complex will see a new NCAA-compliant, eight-lane facility with west-facing spectator seating, integrating all events, including throws, into a single venue with an option to add team spaces and restrooms with a total cost of $14.5 million.

Also expected is a 350-yard driving range featured at the Golf Training Center, with short game and putting greens that will have dual roles serving the university's golf programs as well as the surrounding communities. The anticipated project cost is $18.7 million.

Future phases will expand and elevate baseball, soccer and the University Credit Union Center venues. A new softball stadium with locker rooms, team spaces and fan amenities will join the golf training center to transform south campus as LaRue Field has been designated for redevelopment after 2035.

"Our campus has always been defined by progress,"-said Chancellor Gary S. May. "Aggie Ascent captures that forward momentum by combining thoughtful design, sustainable growth and a commitment to student success. It reflects the same excellence that defines UC Davis across academics, research and innovation."

Head football coach Tim Plough emphasized the importance of facilities in shaping a competitive and holistic student-athlete experience.

"Aggie Ascent is a statement about where this program is headed," said Plough. "We talk all the time about controlling what we can control, preparation, attitude, effort; and this plan is the facilities version of that mindset. It's a commitment to giving our student-athletes every resource they need to be at their best and to providing our fans with a game-day experience that matches the pride they bring to our sporting events."

Said Clarence Mamuyac, chairman of ELS Architecture and Urban Design, "From the outset, our team worked collaboratively with a shared vision: to bring UC Davis Athletics together by organizing its teams, sports and venues across 5,300 acres into two distinct Aggie Districts, East and West. This approach creates a more connected and integrated athletics experience for the entire UC Davis campus community. Aggie Ascent is about uniting athletics and campus life through design that honors place, celebrates sustainability and fosters pride, while positioning UC Davis for success for generations to come."

Aggie Ascent will move forward as private support and strategic partnerships are secured. Each project represents an opportunity for leadership donors to make a lasting impact, from naming opportunities at UC Davis Health Stadium to foundational investments in the Golf Center and South Campus Gateway.

"As we climb together, Aggie Ascent is both a plan and a promise," DeLuca said. "A promise that UC Davis Athletics will continue to rise with facilities that inspire, programs that compete and a community that believes the best is still ahead."

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked Number One in agriculture and forestry as well as Number One in veterinary medicine, UC Davis is located in a California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. More than 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026.

ELS Architecture and Urban Design is a nationally-recognized design firm headquartered in Berkeley, with additional offices in Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego. The firm specializes in campus planning and design for campus life, athletics, sports and recreation, as well as performing arts and large assembly spaces. ELS has delivered award-winning projects for leading institutions, including Stanford University, USC, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, along with numerous municipalities across California. Recent honors include an AIA California Design Award for the Canada College project and recognition at Climate Week NYC - 2025 for pioneering all-electric design strategies that advance zero greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information, visit AggieAscent.com. ★

Sacramento State Softball Signs Six Players

2026-27 Recruiting Class

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State softball head coach Lori Perez announced on Nov. 20 that six high school seniors have signed National Letters of Intent and will join the program as freshmen next fall.

The incoming players are left-handed pitcher Jordan Bey, outfielders Choyce Chambers and Taylor Mendoza, catcher Madie Harrison, second baseman/outfielder Deja Montgomery and catcher/utility player Victoria Roman.

Six high school seniors have signed with Sacramento State softball, bolstering the Hornets' 2025 roster with pitching, power and speed. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Bey, a Houston native, is entering her fourth varsity season at Episcopal High School in Bellaire, Texas. A three-time all-conference selection and finalist for VYPE Private School Player of the Year, Bey posted a 1.52 ERA with 113 strikeouts in 93 1/3 innings as a junior and helped lead Episcopal to three straight Southwest Preparatory Conference state titles.

Bey "will bring an immediate impact to our pitching staff," Perez said, praising Bey's competitiveness and pitch variety.

Chambers arrives from Valley Christian High School in Cerritos, where she has earned three all-Olympic League selections. She hit .425 as a junior with 41 runs, 31 stolen bases and 11 extra-base hits, earning first-team all-CIF and Press Telegram Dream Team honors.

Chambers is a career .396 hitter with 96 runs and 58 stolen bases. Her defense "blew us away," Perez said, noting her ability to track down extra-base hits and impact the game with her speed.

Harrison, a catcher from Central Catholic High School in Modesto, was named Valley Oak League offensive MVP and second-team all-state as a junior after hitting .461 with eight home runs and 47 RBIs. A three-time all-league selection, Harrison owns career marks of .405 with 94 RBIs in 95 games. Harrison "has the ability to hit the ball out of the park in every at-bat," Perez said, and praised her leadership behind the plate.

Mendoza, from Honolulu, will join the Hornets after playing at James Campbell High School. A two-time all-state selection, Mendoza hit .553 as a sophomore at Roosevelt High School and served as team captain that season. She batted .300 last year for a Campbell squad that finished third in the state. Perez called Mendoza "strong, athletic and a hard worker," and noted she is the program's first recruit from Hawaii.

Montgomery, a Vallejo native, has starred at American Canyon High School, earning first-team all–Vine Valley Athletic League honors each of her first three seasons. She has hit at least .435 every year and owns a career .469 average with 61 stolen bases, averaging nearly one steal per game. Perez praised her athleticism and versatility, saying that Montgomery "can get to balls most players cannot run down."

Roman, a catcher and utility player from South Hills High School in West Covina, hit .407 as a junior and was an all-league selection as a freshman at Northview High School, where she batted .420. Perez described Roman as "the ultimate competitor" with a strong arm and the defensive versatility to play multiple positions.

All six signees will enroll at Sacramento State ahead of the 2025–26 academic year. ★

Vitiello Earns Third Consecutive Nomination for Goalkeeper of the Year

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - USL (United Soccer League) Championship announced the finalists for the 2025 individual league awards on Nov. 14. On the heels of an All-League Second Team selection, Republic FC's Danny Vitiello has been nominated for Goalkeeper of the Year for the third consecutive year.

Already Sacramento's all-time clean sheets leader heading into the 2025 campaign, Vitiello continued to add to his decorated career and cement himself as one of the top goalkeepers in league history.

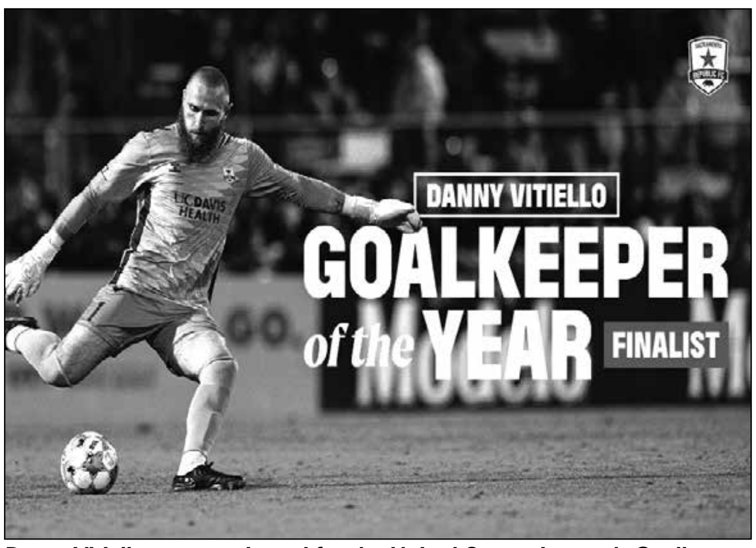
For the second consecutive year, Vitiello led the league in clean sheets (12) and was tied for the league lead with just 18 goals conceded. Vitiello's 0.9 goals-against average mark extended a perfect record of never conceding an average of one goal per game in his seven-season career.

The 2023 Goalkeeper of the Year and two-time Golden Glove winner was Sacramento's ironman, featuring for all 2,700 regular season minutes. Vitiello was the only goalkeeper to reach the milestone and the first Republic FC player to do so since 2017.

Vitiello's performance gained recognition throughout the year. Vitiello earned two Team of the Week selections and was a two-time Player of the Month finalist, claiming the honor for the first time in his career in July. Vitiello wrapped up the season tied for the USL Championship's all-time record in regular season clean sheets (58).

The United Soccer League will announce the winners of its annual end of season awards leading up to the 2025 USL Championship Final after press time.

Season ticket memberships are now on sale for the 2026 season. For more information or to buy a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★



Danny Vitiello was nominated for the United Soccer League's Goalkeeper of the Year for the third consecutive year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC