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Carmichael Park Lights Up



As a full moon rises above Carmichael Park, the Maxey family snuggles in festive attire. Enjoying the Christmas pageant are mom, Sam, and son, Tucker, 5. Wes Maxey elevates Brayden, 3, to catch handfuls of faux snow. Photo by Susan Skinner

By Susan Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - heralding Christmas, the annual tree-lighting ceremony last week dazzled Carmichael Park visitors. Thousands of families joined the fun. Christmas songs and faux snow announced that Santa Claus was indeed coming to town.

As a warm-up to the Dec. 4 celebration, the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce staged a gingerbread house competition. First prize went to a creation by Arden Arcade's Blue Palm Bakery.

Carmichael Improvement District festooned Fair Oaks Boulevard with holiday banners. The cheery flags stretch between Manzanita and El Camino avenues. Like the park illuminations, these banners will remain in place until after New Year.

A full moon and clear



With help from children, singer/photojournalist Susan Skinner and bandleader Tom Seaton lead Christmas singalongs during tree-lighting ceremonies in Carmichael Park. Newly named as 2026 Carmichael Person of the Year, Skinner called the countdown for lights-on. Photo by Rosie Buck

skies blessed the park celebrations. Temperatures of 45 degrees Fahrenheit nevertheless required warm coats and cozy hats.

At the event climax, this reporter was honored to count down to lights-on. On cue, thousands of bulbs

fired up two lofty trees. Flurries of white stuff dotted noses and eyelashes.

Santa had earlier arrived to hear Christmas wishes. Fortified by candy canes, nice and naughty kids waited in line and there was not a pout in sight. The

Kiwanis Club rewarded believers with crafting opportunities. Food truck snacks warmed tummies. Many visitors brought donations to fill San Juan School District's food closet.

Donning gay apparel, 60 River City Concert Band musicians struck up Christmas singalongs. The community sang of a reindeer's red nose; of children's names twice-checked by Santa and of silver bells on street corners. With Christmas just around the corner, the little town of Carmichael was happy and bright.

Event sponsors included Buck Family Automotive, Carmichael Parks Foundation, Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond, Carmichael Kiwanis Club and Carmichael Chamber of Commerce. ★

SAFE Credit Union to Combine with BECU

SAFE Credit Union News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Boeing Employees' Credit Union (BECU) and SAFE Credit Union announced they have signed a definitive agreement to combine, uniting two purpose-driven credit unions with a shared commitment to the financial well-being of their members and the communities they serve.

Upon completion, the combined credit union will serve 1.8 million members and operate more than 80 locations under BECU's charter, with more than \$33 billion in assets, making it the fourth largest credit union by asset size in the U.S.

Together, the combined organization will further the cooperative principle of "people helping people" by continuing to strengthen its investments to deliver enhanced products, services and experiences for all members and communities.

"This is an exciting opportunity for both credit unions, made possible by our shared values of putting our members first and making deep connections with our communities, as well as a strong commitment to sound operations and financial management, which are the hallmarks of BECU and SAFE," said Beverly Anderson, BECU's president and chief executive officer.

"This partnership is a powerful alignment of purpose and potential that leverages our strengths and recognizes our shared values," said Faye Nabhani, president and chief executive officer of SAFE Credit Union. "As the needs of our members and communities continue to evolve, combining credit unions builds on our strong foundation, ensures we deliver additional value and maintains the best of what has made SAFE a successful and trusted financial partner for over 80 years."

The proposed combination, which has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both BECU and SAFE, is subject to regulatory approvals and a vote by SAFE's membership. The combination is expected to close by early 2027.

Until the combination is completed, both credit unions will continue to operate as independent, standalone entities and there will not be any impact to services for members. Upon closing, Beverly Anderson will lead the combined credit union and Faye Nabhani will serve as market president for the Greater Sacramento region, reporting to Ms. Anderson.

More information about the proposed merger can be found at www.becuand-safe.org. ★

Watt/I-80 Transit Center Phase Change Underway

Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is announcing the next major phase of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project, with important changes beginning in December.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, after press time, construction was set to shift to the northbound (east side) of Watt Avenue. This shift marked the project's next phase start, which includes demolition and reconstruction of the east side bus plaza, stairway and pedestrian connection under Watt Avenue.

During this phase, the northbound bus stop (upper level) will close. Riders will use the temporary bus stop near the Wendy's at Watt Avenue and Longview Drive. Pedestrian detour signage will guide riders to safely cross at Longview Drive. The east side elevator and stairs will remain open



Construction on the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project was set to shift to the northbound (east side) of Watt Avenue on Dec. 3, after press time. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT)

through Sunday, Dec. 14.

On Monday, Dec. 15, the southbound (west side) of Watt Avenue will reopen to the public, marking the completion of the construction's first major phase.

Key improvements and changes effective Dec. 15 include the reopening of southbound bus stops serving Routes 1, 26, 84 and 93. The west side elevator and stairs will be back in service. A new open-air stairway connecting Watt

Avenue to the transit center will open.

Also, on Dec. 15, the east side elevator and stairs will close for construction. These changes will remain in effect through summer 2026.

Riders are encouraged to plan ahead and follow posted signage for temporary bus stop locations. For the latest updates, visit the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project webpage at sacrt.com/WattI80.

The Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project, which began in July 2024, is a comprehensive effort to modernize one of the region's busiest transit hubs.

Improvements include widening of the Watt Avenue Bridge, new open-air stairwells, upgraded bus and pedestrian plazas, enhanced safety features and accessibility, improved on-ramp infrastructure and new landscaping. ★



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Society For the Blind Receives \$10,000 From Maximus Foundation

Maximus Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Society for the Blind in Sacramento has been named a 2025 grant awardee from the Maximus Foundation and will receive \$10,000 to deepen its impact and scale solutions for people living with low vision or blindness.

“Maximus Foundation has been one of our most steadfast partners in our work to ensure individuals living with low vision or blindness can discover, develop and achieve their full potential,” said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. “We have received support every year since 2006 from the Maximus Foundation, now totaling \$140,000. We are truly grateful to Maximus and its employees for prioritizing people with vision loss and ensuring they have the tools to succeed.”

Society for the Blind 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, the nonprofit offers orientation and mobility, independent living skills, assistive technology and braille classes to ensure people with vision loss can stay active, employed and live life to the fullest. They also provide a program for seniors, support groups for caregivers and parents of children with vision loss, a braille production program and hosts events open to the public.

Society for the Blind is one of 60 nonprofits nationwide who received Maximus grants to support a range of causes, including fighting food insecurity, reducing homelessness, inspiring youth potential and promoting



Society for the Blind clients practice their orientation and mobility skills with white canes. The nonprofit organization recently received a grant from the Maximus Foundation. Photo courtesy of Maximus Foundation

healthcare access. “This new chapter is about more than funding programs – it’s about fueling transformational impact as partners, and that’s why Society for the Blind has been named a 2025 grantee,” said Dr. Arvenita Washington Cherry, president and chairperson, Maximus Foundation. “By listening to the voices of our colleagues and partnering with organizations addressing urgent needs, we are helping remove systemic barriers and creating pathways to healthier, more resilient communities.”

For more than 70 years, Sacramento-based Society for the Blind has continued to create innovative ways 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. Learn more or donate: www.SocietyfortheBlind.org.

The Maximus Foundation is an independent, colleague-led nonprofit established in 2000 by the Maximus Board of Directors. For 25 years, the foundation has supported nonprofits working to strengthen communities, evolving alongside the company’s broader commitment to social impact and deepening its focus on people-centered, community-led values. Operated by the Maximus corporate giving team, the foundation reflects the voices and choices of Maximus colleagues across roles and employment types, who help shape philanthropic efforts through a nomination and voting process. The corporation matches every staff contribution dollar-for-dollar, creating a shared approach to giving rooted in lived experience and community connection. Guided by a mission to drive meaningful impact through strategic partnerships, the foundation supports nonprofits deeply connected to their communities and focused on addressing the root causes of social challenges. Learn more: www.maximus.com/foundation. ★

SacRT Holiday Bus Returns to Spread Cheer and Support Foster Youth



SacRT is proud to launch the 2025 Holiday Bus today, offering fare-free rides and festive cheer across the Sacramento region throughout the month of December. Photo courtesy SacRT

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is proud to launch the 2025 Holiday Bus today, offering fare-free rides and festive cheer across the Sacramento region throughout the month of December. This year, SacRT has partnered with Stanford Sierra Youth & Families, a local nonprofit dedicated to empowering foster youth and families, to raise awareness and support for children and teens in need.

The Holiday Bus will operate on a different route each day starting Dec. 1 through Friday, January 2, 2026, and is free to ride. Riders are encouraged to “pay it forward” by donating to Stanford Sierra Youth & Families via the onboard farebox or QR code.

“The SacRT Holiday Bus is a joyful tradition that brings our community together,” said Henry Li, SacRT General Manager/CEO.

“This year, we’re honored to partner with Stanford Sierra Youth & Families to support foster youth and families across our region. We invite everyone to ride, donate, and help us spread holiday cheer while making a meaningful impact.”

Upcoming Holiday Events
In addition to daily bus service, SacRT is using the Holiday Bus to help spread the word and

raise awareness at local community events throughout the season.

SacRT and Stanford Sierra Youth & Families will host a special “Stuff the Bus” donation drive to collect new, unwrapped toys, games and clothing for foster youth. Holiday characters, hot chocolate and festive fun will be part of the celebration. The special event takes place 8 a.m. to noon Dec. 6 at Rancho Cordova Certified Farmers’ Market at Sunrise Station.

The SacRT Holiday Bus will roll through downtown at 10 a.m. Dec. 13 as part of the annual Santa Parade, bringing holiday magic to thousands of spectators.

“We are thrilled to partner with SacRT this holiday season,” said Dr. Laura Heintz, CEO of Stanford Sierra Youth & Families. “Every donation collected through the Holiday Bus campaign helps us provide stability, support, and joy to the youth and families we serve during a time that can be especially difficult. Together, we can make the holidays brighter for those who need it most.”

The SacRT Holiday Bus travels on a different SacRT bus route every day between Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento. For the schedule and more details on events featuring the Holiday Bus, visit sacrt.com/HolidayBus. ★

Home for the Holidays

7841 Lemon Street, Fair Oaks | Offered at \$789,000 1833 Discovery Village Ln, Gold River | Offered at \$599,000



Charming and full of potential, this Fair Oaks multi-unit property sits on a generous .63-acre lot. It includes a 3-bed main home, a private 1-bed ADU, and a third expandable unit with kitchenette—each with central heat and air. Four garages and plenty of open space offer room for projects, parking, or future improvements. With great rental or multi-generational possibilities, and a location near Old Fair Oaks, the American River, shopping, dining, and trails, this property is a rare find.



Step into this charming single-story end-unit in the gated Discovery Village community of Gold River. This 2-bedroom, 2-bath home plus den offers vaulted ceilings, abundant natural light, and a cozy fireplace in an open-concept layout. The kitchen features quartz countertops, modern cabinetry, and bar seating that opens to a private fenced backyard. The spacious primary suite includes a spa-style bath, his-and-her sinks, walk-in closet, and direct patio access. Enjoy community pool, spa, and clubhouse access—all just minutes from shopping, dining, and scenic river trails.

6600 Indian River Dr, Citrus Heights | Offered at \$499,900



Welcome home to this move-in-ready 3-bedroom, 2-bath gem in a peaceful, established neighborhood. A spacious driveway and inviting curb appeal set the tone for this well-cared-for home featuring separate living and family rooms with a cozy fireplace and formal dining area. The kitchen offers granite countertops and white cabinetry, while the primary suite includes backyard access and a soaking tub. Outside, enjoy a private, low-maintenance yard with stamped concrete, a pergola, and a built-in firepit—perfect for relaxing or entertaining. Convenient to shopping, dining, and freeway access.

7401 Rothschild Ct, Elk Grove | Offered at \$629,000



Discover Del Webb Glenbrooke, a premier 55+ community with resort-style amenities and a friendly, welcoming vibe. This immaculate 3-bed, 2-bath Colby Model offers 1,644 sq. ft. of bright, open living with a great room, plantation shutters, and a kitchen featuring stainless steel appliances, ample storage, and a breakfast bar. The primary suite includes dual sinks, a step-in shower, and a walk-in closet. Enjoy an oversized, beautifully landscaped backyard with a covered patio, lawn, palm trees, and garden beds. Live steps from pickleball, tennis, bocce, a pool, spa, fitness center, clubhouse, and countless social clubs.

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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CARMICHAEL INVITES YOU

Join us for a fun night supporting the **Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, a 501(c) nonprofit committed to serving local kids and strengthening our community.** Proceeds from the Crab Feed directly fund youth programs and key Kiwanis initiatives throughout Carmichael.

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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 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 in the Northern, Central and Inland divisions.

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



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

teams and two Narcotics Detection teams.

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. ★

'Leather and Lace' Raises Funds for Playhouse

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In its 50th season, Carmichael's Chautauqua Playhouse will kick off a golden anniversary year with an evening of jazz, rock and country music on Jan. 11.

The fundraiser event is produced by Pocket-area resident Denise Anya. The "Leather and Lace," theme reflects Anya's diverse musical taste.

Anya and guest singer Lahre Shiflet will be backed by a four-piece band.

"Part of me is lacy and all-girl," explained the Tennessee-native. "But I've lived through tough times. You could say I have a right to sing the blues but I also want to sing for joy: joy from the love and music that's in my heart."

Anya has been a frequent jazz performer since moving to Sacramento 10 years ago. The career government worker began singing as a schoolgirl. In her teens, she was part of a city-wide Chattanooga gospel choir.

"I didn't imagine I'd ever be a soloist," Anya said. "I sang because I loved it. Music is a life-long journey for me."

Anya was 10 years old when she met gospel legend Mahalia Jackson.

"My schoolteacher



Jazz and pop singer Denise Anya headlines "Leather and Lace," a fundraiser show for the Chautauqua Playhouse on Jan. 11.

accompanied her on the road," Anya said. "He knew our church pastor, who invited (Jackson) to sing for our congregation. I'd heard her on records. Seeing her in person was a totally emotional experience. That's why I love singing live. As an artist, you can give yourself so fully to a real audience."

Anya forged a Carmichael connection last summer, when she and local rockabilly singer Todd Morgan united in jazz/rockabilly fusion.

"I discovered a deep love for country music," Anya said. "Todd and I were friends and my idea was to bring his and my styles together. The show highlighted our diversity and let us both uplift the human spirit. We completely sold out our show at the Spiritual Life Center Church (Arden Arcade)."

Anya will bring her all-pro Good News Experience Band to the theater housed in the La Sierra Community Center. Players include pianist Jimmy Malone, David Lichman (bass) Jim Caselli (drums) and Russel Brown on guitar.

"We're a diverse group. We'll present a diverse repertoire," she promised.

The singer has huge affection for the venue.

"I've acted in great shows at Chautauqua; I've also helped with production and costuming," Anya said. "I love the connection this playhouse has with community. It gives children and adults a rare creative outlet. I sure wish I'd had encouragement like this when I was growing up."

"For an arts non-profit to maintain this energy for 50 years is phenomenal," Anya added. "I'm excited to help their fundraising. It's an intimate venue (95 seats) and a cozy ambiance is perfect for chilly January. We hope to sell out every seat."

"Leather and lace" kicks off at 7 p.m. on Jan. 11. Tickets are \$20. Parking is free. The Chautauqua Playhouse receives 60 percent of ticket proceeds. The theater is located at 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael. Reserve online at www.cplayhouse.org/box-office-info.html or call 916-489 7529. ★

Officer Proudly Serves

A Sailor's Path to a Navy Warship

By Rick Burke, Navy Office of Community Outreach

SAN DIEGO, CA (MPG) - Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyren Mounsombath, a native of Sacramento, serves aboard USS Oakland, a U.S. Navy warship operating out of San Diego.

Mounsombath graduated from River City High School in 2015.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Sacramento.

"I learned to stay adaptable to my environment and the people I may work with," Mounsombath said.

Mounsombath joined the Navy nine years ago. Today, Mounsombath serves as an operations specialist.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to college but my stepdad, Keo Thouchalanh, previously served in the Navy for 20 years as an electrician's mate and thought it would be better for me to join the Navy until I decided on what to do after my time in service," Mounsombath said.

A Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), USS Oakland is a fast and agile warship designed to operate in near-shore environments to counter 21st-century threats. Crews aboard the ship can operate unmanned aerial systems and unmanned underwater vehicles. These ships can operate independently or in high-threat scenarios as part of a networked battle force that includes larger, multi-mission surface combatants such as cruisers and destroyers.

The U.S. Navy is celebrating its 250th



Kyren Mounsombath joined the Navy nine years ago and now serves as an operations specialist. Photo courtesy of Navy Office of Community Outreach

birthday this year.

According to Navy officials, "America is a maritime nation and for 250 years, America's Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom."

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber-optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Mounsombath has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"My proudest accomplishment was doing live fire spotting from a helicopter on San Clemente

Island," Mounsombath said. "This helps the Navy officials, "America is a maritime nation and for 250 years, America's Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom."

Mounsombath serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"Serving in the Navy means having the opportunities that I wouldn't have the chance to see, and it's helped me out when I wasn't sure how to move forward for myself," Mounsombath said.

Mounsombath is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I would like to thank my mother, Sally Thouchalanh, for supporting me and letting me join the Navy," Mounsombath added. ★

Water Forum Receives \$333,000 for Salmon Habitat

Water Forum News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Water Forum has received a \$333,000 grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) to plan the next generation of rearing habitat improvements for young salmon and steelhead on the lower American River.

The funding will help the Water Forum, in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation and Sacramento County Regional Parks, identify and design up to 10 new habitat sites — covering roughly 30 acres — within the American River Parkway.

These future projects will focus on creating side channels and seasonally inundated shaded areas where juvenile salmonids can rest, feed and grow before migrating to the ocean. These sites are essential for helping Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead survive increasingly challenging river conditions.

"This investment from the Wildlife Conservation Board strengthens our region's long-standing commitment to science-based river stewardship," said Ashlee Casey, Water Forum Executive Director.

"By supporting our efforts to combine best-available science with a collaborative stakeholder process, Wildlife Conservation Board is an integral partner as we work to

improve conditions for our native salmon and steelhead."

Water Forum Habitat and Science Program Manager Erica Bishop said, "Young salmon need places away from the faster, main river channel to grow before they begin their journey to the ocean. This grant, paired with other funding, lets us take a careful look at the river and recent data, and design the best possible projects — so when funding becomes available, we're ready to build."

A Statewide Effort to Support Habitat and Climate Resilience

The Water Forum's award is part of a larger funding package approved by the Wildlife Conservation Board on Nov. 20. In total, the Board awarded \$87.1 million for 16 projects in 14 counties, supporting habitat restoration, salmon recovery and the return of culturally significant lands to Tribal stewardship. Several of these initiatives advance the State's Salmon Strategy, which focuses on improving river health and climate resilience across California.

About the Water Forum

The Water Forum includes a diverse group of water providers, environmentalists, business groups, and local governments working to balance water supply needs with protection of the lower American River. Learn more at waterforum.org. ★

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SacRT to Expand Low-Emission Bus Fleet

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is proud to announce the award of a \$39.67 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grant Program. This critical funding will support the replacement of 49 aging compressed natural gas (CNG) buses with modern, low-emission vehicles and fund infrastructure upgrades that will improve service reliability, reduce emissions and enhance transit access in underserved communities.

This project builds on SacRT's momentum from the nearly \$77 million Low-No grant awarded in 2024, which is supporting the transformation of SacRT's McClellan facility into a state-of-the-art bus maintenance hub. Located at the former McClellan Air Force Base, SacRT's McClellan facility was originally acquired in 2005 to relieve overcrowding at the Downtown Bus Maintenance Facility. However, SacRT's McClellan facility has faced years of deferred maintenance.

A 2021 redesign enables the facility to house and maintain up to 270 buses, including the 49 new compressed natural gas buses funded through this grant and future clean-fuel vehicles. Together, these investments in



Federal Transit Administration funding will support replacing 49 Sacramento Regional Transit aging buses with modern, low-emission vehicles and fund infrastructure upgrades that will improve service reliability, reduce emissions and enhance transit access in underserved communities. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit

fleet and facility will relieve pressure at the Downtown Bus Maintenance Facility and improve service reliability.

SacRT is facing an urgent need to modernize its bus fleet. By the end of Fiscal Year 2025, 78 buses will be due for retirement, with 129 reaching the end of their useful life by 2028. The 49 buses being replaced through this project, some dating back to 2008, average 510,000 miles and 16 years in service and operate at just 56 percent availability, due to frequent mechanical issues.

"This funding is another major step forward in our ongoing efforts to deliver cleaner, more efficient and more reliable transit for the Sacramento region," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "These new buses will improve the rider experience and help SacRT continue to operate frequent bus service through the region."

Said Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06), "Clean and reliable public transportation is essential to the health and economic vitality of our region. I'm pleased to see SacRT receive this critical

funding to replace aging buses and invest in infrastructure that supports underserved communities. These improvements will help reduce pollution, create good-paying jobs, and ensure that more residents have access to safe and efficient transit."

Said Congressman Kevin Kiley, "This federal investment in SacRT's bus fleet and maintenance infrastructure is a win for the Sacramento region. This project demonstrates that good things can happen when we work across party and geographic lines to get

things done for local communities and residents."

The new 2027 compressed natural gas buses will replace outdated models and are expected to significantly improve service reliability, reduce breakdowns and ensure compliance with the Federal Transit Administration's spare ratio guidelines.

The project will modernize 69 percent of SacRT's all-day bus routes, serving 26 percent of total riders, and is projected to cut lifetime emissions by more than 6 million kilograms of carbon dioxide (CO₂), which is equivalent to taking 1,300 passenger vehicles off the road for a year.

In addition to environmental and service improvements, the project will generate substantial operational savings. During the first two years of the manufacturer warranty, SacRT anticipates saving approximately \$1.19 million annually on spare parts, \$827,800 on non-preventive maintenance labor and \$463,097 per year in fuel costs due to reduced consumption of 154,882 gasoline gallon equivalents.

This funding is part of the Federal Transit Administration's broader effort to modernize transit systems nationwide. In 2025, the Federal Transit Administration awarded approximately \$2.1 billion to 167 projects across 47 states and territories through the Low-No and Buses and Bus Facilities programs. ★

Dr. Abdalla Recognized for Leadership in Opioid Treatment



Dr. Jacqueline Abdalla recently received an honor from the Western Association of Correctional Healthcare Services for her leadership in improving medical care within Sacramento County's correctional facilities. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) -

Sacramento County recognizes Dr. Jacqueline Abdalla for receiving a major honor from the Western Association of Correctional Healthcare Services (WACHSA) for her leadership in improving medical care within the county's correctional facilities, especially through the expansion of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). "This award really represents the collective effort of our entire team. I

can get so focused on the next challenge, so this has been a nice opportunity to pause and reflect on progress we've made together in advancing patient care," Abdalla said.

A cornerstone of that progress is Sacramento County's robust Medication-Assisted Treatment program, which Abdalla describes as a "humane and outcomes-oriented" approach to opioid withdrawal and addiction.

Medication-Assisted Treatment medications not only treat the extremely uncomfortable symptoms of withdrawal but also stabilize cravings in the long term, allowing patients to feel "normal" again so they can begin the difficult work of recovery. Since the program rolled out, the jail has seen a significant decrease in overdoses and overdose deaths.

Abdalla's leadership has extended beyond addiction treatment. Less than two years ago, the jail faced a backlog that left patients waiting months for specialty care and off-site appointments. Today, thanks to major process improvements, urgent referrals are now scheduled within two weeks and routine referrals within three months.

Additionally, high-risk patients, including those needing cancer care, are closely tracked to ensure their care is coordinated quickly.

Abdalla said this work is especially important because incarcerated individuals are among the country's most medically vulnerable. Many enter custody with chronic medical or mental health conditions and face barriers such as unstable housing.

"Their time in jail can be a big opportunity for us to provide health care services that they may otherwise not have access to. I feel grateful to be a part of that. My hope is that they leave in a better place than they came in," Abdalla said.

Abdalla credits Sacramento County's strong on-the-ground collaboration between custody and medical leadership for creating the environment that allows these improvements to take shape and the county credits her leadership for guiding the team forward.

To learn more about adult/juvenile health, visit Sacramento County's Primary Health Services' online page at dhs.sac-county.gov/PRI/Pages/PRI-Home.aspx. ★

Sacramento County Maintains Class 2 FEMA Rating

Class 2 Rating Provides 40% Discount on Flood Insurance

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has renewed Sacramento County as a Class 2 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

The rating allows residents and businesses within Special Flood Hazard Areas of unincorporated Sacramento County to receive a 40-percent discount on flood insurance for most National Flood Insurance Program policies issued or renewed on or after Oct. 1, 2026.

Through the Community Rating System program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency ranks communities based on a point system for activities implemented to reduce flood risk. This includes promoting mitigation measures to the public, implementing flood warning systems and promoting the purchase of flood insurance.

The ranking ranges from 10 (lowest) to 1 (highest). According to Federal Emergency Management Agency, there are 22,600 participating National Flood Insurance Program communities. Nationwide, there are 1,504 communities taking part in the Community Rating System program.

Nationwide, there are two Class 1 Community Rating System communities and 10 Community Rating System Class 2 communities. California has 97 Community Rating System Communities with only one Class 1 community and one Class 2 community, which is Sacramento County.

"In the unincorporated parts of Sacramento County, we have 4,539 properties that purchase their flood insurance coverage through the National Flood

Insurance Program," said Department of Water Resources Director Matt Satow.

"The Class 2 rating we have achieved and corresponding 40% discount will save our residents over \$500,000 in 2026 on their flood insurance policies and on average, \$121 per policy," Satow said.

When Sacramento County joined the program in 1992, Federal Emergency Management Agency initially gave the County a Class 9 rating. Over the years, Sacramento County's Department of Water Resources has steadily worked to improve its rating by meeting the criteria set by Federal Emergency Management Agency to protect Special Flood Hazard Areas of unincorporated Sacramento County.

The first Class 2 was awarded in 2017. The renewal of the Class 2 rating comes as the county embarks on its update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is updated every five years to address the list of hazards and assessed risks that make the area vulnerable.

The updated plan will help improve the resilience of Sacramento County to weather future disasters. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan allows agencies to apply for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding and lessen the cost of flood insurance to the residents of Sacramento County, and the surrounding cities through Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program.

You can learn more about the Sacramento County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan online at stormready.org and the county's Class 2 status at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System visualization website at crsviz.com. ★

'The Ripple Effect' Project Wins Award

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

Sacramento County Department of Health Services' Behavioral Health Division is celebrating a major national win after its Safer Sacramento Team earned a 2025 Shorty Impact Award for "The Ripple Effect" documentary blog series.

The Shorty Awards honor the most influential and purpose-driven digital campaigns in the world, recognizing work that creates real social impact through storytelling, creativity and community engagement. Receiving

this award places Sacramento County's project among the top public-health campaigns nationwide.

"The Ripple Effect," a nine-part documentary blog series, was created in response to the alarming rise in fentanyl overdoses and poisonings. Safer Sacramento wanted to cut through the noise using short-form video format to shed light on the fentanyl crisis, the heartbreak of loss and the strength of community.

The county's research shows that the raw, honest storytelling and deep connection in "The Ripple Effect" helped reduce fentanyl-related deaths in Sacramento County by 27 percent. That number isn't just a statistic; it

represents lives saved, families kept intact and futures realized.

Every installment carried a call to action: links to resources for treatment and recovery and people responded. "The Ripple Effect" has more than 19,000 clicks to the county's support services page and more than 41,000 visits to educational content.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. More than 101,000 people engaged, not just with likes and shares, but with their hearts. They shared personal stories in the comments: those of grief, survival and hope. Some were heartbreaking. Some were healing. And through

it all, Safer Sacramento connected them with services: bereavement support, trauma care or someone to say, "I understand and want to help."

"This has been an exciting, passionate and heartfelt project," said Lori Miller, the Behavioral Health Services' Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Division division manager.

"It was an honor to be part of this meaningful and impactful work and the success of this documentary. A huge thank you to all the community partners and the family members who have lost loved ones and bravely shared their stories in hopes of saving lives. Congratulations to

Sacramento County," Miller said.

This is just one of the many efforts Sacramento County is working on to combat the fentanyl crisis. To watch "The Ripple Effect" series or to learn more, visit the Safer Sacramento page online at safersacramento.com/the-ripple-effect. To get involved in the Safer Sacramento Project or share your story, email Miller at Millerlori@sacounty.gov.

One call connects you to mental health and substance use treatment support. Sacramento County's Behavior Health Services-SAC Call Center is available to connect you with the services you need at 916-875-1055. ★

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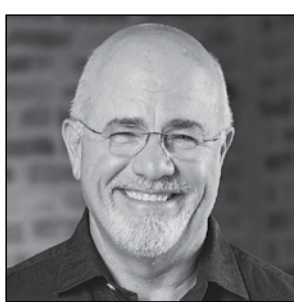
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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says The Importance of Employee Buy-In

Dear Dave,

How do I get my employees to buy-in to the company mission, and really get onboard with what I want to accomplish and the steps toward making it happen? I feel like I have a lot of good people working for me, but I'm not sure I'm getting the message across in terms what I expect and what it will take for them and the business to succeed.

- Franklin

Dear Franklin,

It's a no-brainer that employee buy-in is great, even essential, for your business. But actually getting buy-in? That can be tough. Here are four steps I believe are essential to setting the stage for winning employees over and gaining their trust, their loyalty and their respect.

First, evaluate your leadership. Ask yourself, Would I follow the leader I am today? Great leaders

are open to feedback, humble and willing to grow. They lead by serving. And most teams will follow a good example, so lead with confidence, focus and transparency.

Next, define your mission, vision and values. Your mission describes what you do and why it matters. Your vision paints a picture of what the future will look like when your mission is lived out, and your values declare what your company stands for and guide how you make decisions. Share these often, and be very clear when you do. If these principles aren't firmly in place and understood, you're asking your team to navigate without a map.

Also, communicate consistently and clearly. Your team members aren't a bunch of mind readers. Share all your expectations and goals frequently, along with the why behind your plans. Make time for questions and mentoring, too. Your ability to communicate well goes a long way

toward determining team satisfaction and retention, along with the quality of your relationships and the level of trust you earn.

Finally, have a solid strategic plan. Don't just relay a vague outline your company's destination, map out a clear path of how to get there with all your leaders. A strategic plan with actionable steps shows your team what winning looks like and what it'll take to succeed.

And when the plan is specific and achievable, your team will rally around it.

- 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. ★

PoppTalk

With Mary Jane Popp

Real Christmas

It's parades and parties. It's food and family and shopping til you drop. And don't forget those treasured movies to see like "It's a Wonderful Life" and "White Christmas." Love those happy ending movies. But look out for those panic times...getting the right presents and sending those Christmas cards. Does anyone even send cards any longer? I do but I feel like a dinosaur. Still, I feel it's more caring that he or she took time to write a few words or even if they just sign it. Of course, try to find Christmas cards any where. Head to the computer and hit order. We are all in the same holiday boat, but perhaps we need to take a moment to think what Christmas is all about. Let's start with my panic attack I just went through. My main computer just had a melt down. NOOOOOO! Oh yes. So how will I buy and send presents and even those beloved cards? Of course I couldn't get a computer repair person for at least a week. Panic is building. Then I thought back to a time when computers and cell phones were just in our dreams. How did we navigate Christmas? We survived didn't we? And it was still a precious time without all that technology.

So let's look back to some trivia to remember about Christmas. Did you know that the first recorded celebration of Christmas was December 25, 336 AD, the first Federal Holiday in the U.S. began in 1870, Thomas Edison was behind those electric lights, the first Christmas card was sent in 1843, and today's Santa Claus dates back to Holland with St. Nicholas known as Sinter Klaas. The Dutch immigrants brought him to New York. But the details

of red suit, rotund belly, and reindeer pulling a flying sleigh was popularized by the 1822 poem "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" with that immortal first line "Twas the was night before Christmas." Oh, and Rudolph the red nosed reindeer was a marketing campaign in 1939 when Montgomery Ward wrote it's own Christmas book to hand out to kids during the shopping season. But there was an incredible real life story that will melt your heart. On December 7, 1914, five months into the outbreak of fighting in WWI, Pope Benedict XV called for a temporary cease-fire during he Christmas season? Military leaders on all sides ignored the request. But troops in the trenches responded. Christmas Eve sounds of Christmas carols began ringing out in German and English across no man's land. The next morning unarmed German soldiers approached the English lines shouting Merry Christmas and were met with handshakes, gifts of chocolate and cigarettes along with a spirited game of soccer. It was called the Christmas Truce, short-lived and never repeated again. The message sent was sharing a sense of humanity even in the darkest moments. Perhaps we could learn a lesson from that truce.

So from the past to the present and into the future, let us learn what the real meaning of Christmas is all about. It's not all the hoopla of gifts and decorations and parties galore. It is the miracle of the birth of Christ combined with love and caring and sharing. It comes straight from the heart and soul. So from my heart and soul, I wish you and yours a very blessed and MERRY CHRISTMAS filled with LOVE! ★

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MESSENGER 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08472
K'Briane Albro, 7800 52nd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Practical Doula Magic" 7800 52nd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
PRACTICAL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08476
Nestor E. Romero, 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenomenal Pool & Landscaping/916 Pools" 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
POOL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08541
Nazim Khakimov, 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Awesome CA" 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08541
Nazim Khakimov, 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Awesome CA" 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08541
Nazim Khakimov, 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Awesome CA" 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive

Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
AWESOME 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07890
NB Torrez Inc., 3437 E. Collier Road, Acampo, CA 95220 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Chopping Block Deli" 905 C Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
CHOPPING 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07891
NB Torrez Inc, 3437 E. Collier Road, Acampo, CA 95220 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "9 Bars Coffee" 2543 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
BARS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07849
Joyce Abu, 8617 Shadow Crest Circle, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fachimhairbraiding & Supply/Fachima Hair Braiding & Supply" 8617 Shadow Crest Circle, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
FACHIMA 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08536
NorCal Apex Enterprises LLC, 436 Main Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NorCal Apex Enterprises LLC/NorCal Apex" 436 Main Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
NORCAL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08439
Luis Barillas, 2830 Bravado Drive "D", Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stringfield's Auto Repair N Electric" 2830 Bravado Drive "D", Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
STRINGFIELDS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08443
Adam Walid Hachme, 2237 Fulton Avenue Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Choice Auto Center" 2237 Fulton Avenue Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
CHOICE 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08487
Gurjar Bros Transport Inc, 2665 Stone Creek Drive Apt 109, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "G Star Trucking" 2665 Stone Creek Drive Apt 109, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
STAR 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08589
Anatoly Gontar, 7948 Gander Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A+ Trading" 7948 Gander Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
TRADING 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08441
David Salomon Lopez Guiza, 3829 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DG Construction" 3829 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
DG 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08493
Alpha Golden Health Care LLC, 8043 Scythe Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Forbs Care Home" 7011 Forbs Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
FORBS 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08567
7992 California LLC, PO Box 2888, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Slocum House" 7992 California Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SLOCUM 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08619
Ruslan Mubarakshin, 2980 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sactown Locks" 2980 Marysville

Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 24, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SACTOWN 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07503
Joel Dickson Chiropractic Corporation, 11294 Coloma Road Unit H, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Evolved Spine Chiropractic" 11294 Coloma Road Unit H, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
EVOLVED 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08540
AK Distributors LLC, 3005 Stone Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zain Foods" 3005 Stone Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
ZAIN 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08499
Rai Acquisition One, LLC, 1840 Prairie City Road Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Steve's Pizza Folsom" 1840 Prairie City Road Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
STEVES 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08575
Eagle Auto Works LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eagle Auto Works & Tire Zone" 2539 Teska Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
EAGLE 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08179
Keith E. Jones, 17 Quay Court Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K9 Training Academy" 2609 Stonehaven Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
TRAINING 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08534
Sinbad Group Inc., 3033 Hurlay Way Suite 103, Sacramento, CA, 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sinbad Market & Bakery" 3033 Hurlay Way Suite 103, Sacramento, CA, 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SINBAD 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08681
Michael Tyler Shroat Reitmeier, 7589 Limerick Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NovaTech Solar Solutions" 7589 Limerick Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
NOVATECH 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08683
R Davis LLC, 4796 Winding Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Milagro Centre" 6241 Fair Oaks, Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025
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MILAGRO 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07782
Dulku & Singh Inc., 460 Rockport Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mobility City Sacramento" 11220 Gold Express Suite #404, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
MOBILITY 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08701
Wali Hassany, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NovaEdge Store" 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
NOVAEDGE 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08732
Steve Cook's Bowling Supply, 8530 Morrison Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bowling Badass" 8530 Morrison Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
BOWLING 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08586
David Nesterenko, 5424 Olympic Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rainsafe Solutions" 5424

Olympic Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025
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RAINSAFE 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08749
Adrian Armand, 3629 Gold Creek Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Adrian Armand SNSF" 776 Revere Street #H, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
ADRIAN 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08434
N'Guessan Sylvère Yao, 6100 Merry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yao American Trading" 6100 Merry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
YAO 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08791
Accelerated Auto Wholesale LLC, 8049 Bothwell Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Accelerated Auto Wholesale" 8049 Bothwell Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
AUTO 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08710
Logan Taggart, 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Valora" 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2025
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
VALORA 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08667
Erin Alexis Boetzer, 2609 Stonehaven Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K9 Training Academy" 2609 Stonehaven Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November

Congress Must Act Now

Rural Seniors Face Healthcare Crisis



Ronnie Janson is a board member of the nonprofit Golden Years Policy Council. Courtesy photo

**Commentary
by Ronnie Janson**

As a professional advisor with more than a decade of experience specializing in the financial security of California's elderly, especially in rural communities, I feel compelled to sound the alarm on an imminent crisis that threatens the very

foundation of long-term care in our state. Unless Congress acts swiftly, thousands of Californians could lose access to vital pharmaceutical services and long-term care.

This crisis stems from impending changes to Medicare Part D drug pricing, set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. While I support the worthy intentions of reforms to reduce prescription drug costs, these same reforms unintentionally put long-term care (LTC) pharmacies at risk. As many as 60% of LTC pharmacies could be forced to close at least one of their locations due to the new pricing model.

This could have catastrophic consequences, especially for rural seniors living in Butte, Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, Yuba and Colusa counties.

Long-term care pharmacies do far more than fill prescriptions. They provide a full suite of services

that no retail pharmacy can match: 24/7/365 medication management, patient-specific packaging and medication delivery. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities depend on these pharmacies to comply with federal requirements for safe, timely pharmaceutical care.

Nowhere is this interdependence more critical than in California's rural regions. One long-term care pharmacy might serve dozens of facilities spread across vast areas. If that pharmacy were to shut its doors, the ripple effects would be devastating. Nursing homes might be forced to close because they can no longer meet their legal obligations to residents. The result? In California, this means that the nearly 10,000 seniors in rural areas with long-term care needs are unable to access the services they currently depend on.

More than five-million Medicare beneficiaries rely on long-term care and one in four reside in a facility that utilizes long-term care pharmacies. These patients are among the most medically vulnerable: individuals living with multiple chronic conditions, cognitive impairments or mobility limitations. They cannot simply switch to a local retail pharmacy. In many cases, there isn't one within driving distance and even if there were, retail pharmacies aren't equipped to provide the high-level services these patients require and only long-term care pharmacies can fulfill.

Fortunately, there is a solution and time is of the essence.

H.R. 5031 (Preserving Patient Access to Long-Term Care Pharmacies Act), a bipartisan bill currently before Congress, would create a modest \$30 flat fee for each Medicare Part D drug

dispensed by a long-term care pharmacy. This fee would offset the revenue shortfalls created by the new drug pricing system, ensuring that long-term care pharmacies can continue providing essential services. Importantly, this solution preserves drug cost savings for seniors while stabilizing the infrastructure required to deliver them.

Without action, we risk triggering a healthcare collapse in California's rural communities. We risk leaving our most vulnerable neighbors without access to medications, care or the dignity they deserve in their later years.

Pass H.R. 5031 and protect long-term care for the seniors.

Ronnie Janson is a board member of the nonprofit Golden Years Policy Council, which represents seniors and their families in Butte, Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★



**By Supervisor
Rosario Rodriguez**

Over the last several years, homelessness in Sacramento County has changed dramatically. Much of this began after a Ninth Circuit court decision made it essentially legal for people to camp on public property unless enough shelter beds were available. Cities and counties across the West Coast felt the impact, including ours.

Camps grew along our parks, trails, and the American River Parkway, and local governments were left with very limited tools to address it. COVID then intensified the

problem. More people fell into crisis, service providers were stretched thin and encampments expanded into places we had never seen before. Even when deputies and outreach teams worked to offer services, they were often stuck in a legal gray zone where enforcement was not permitted.

In 2024, the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling that reversed the old Ninth Circuit decision. For the first time in years, Sacramento County once again was able to enforce rules against camping on public property. The county immediately began work to restore safety and access to parks, open spaces, and trails while continuing to offer supportive services as the first step in every contact.

As enforcement on

public land increased, many illegal encampments shifted to private property. Some owners posted signs or signed a "602 notice," which allows the Sheriff's Office to enforce trespassing laws when the owner is not present. But many owners do not have these notices and the challenge becomes even more difficult on vacant parcels or when the owner lives far away and cannot be reached.

This created a frustrating situation for neighborhoods and law enforcement. Businesses cannot monitor their property around the clock and deputies have limited authority without the proper legal tools. Meanwhile, surrounding communities deal with the impacts that come with unmanaged camps, including trash, fires, unsafe

conditions and blocked walkways.

Early in my first year on the board, I was briefed on this gap in our laws. I immediately began asking why the county could not step in on private property when an encampment created a clear nuisance or danger.

After raising these questions, I convened meetings with county counsel and law enforcement to understand the underlying issue. Through that work, we learned that the county already has a nuisance abatement process for hazardous conditions on private property but illegal camping had never been formally connected to it.

This missing link is what we are now working on to fix. On Dec. 16, the Board of Supervisors will consider a change

to the unlawful camping ordinance that closes this loophole. If adopted, it will allow the county to begin abatement when a private property owner is absent, unreachable or unwilling to act, using the same nuisance abatement process that already exists for other dangerous conditions.

Law enforcement supports this update because it provides a clearer path to protect neighborhoods from blight and unsafe conditions. Deputies will continue to offer services first and help people connect with housing, mental health support, substance use treatment and other resources. For individuals who refuse services and continue to seek ways around the law, our communities deserve stronger tools that keep neighborhoods clean and safe.

This ordinance is an important step in restoring order and accountability. I look forward to the board's discussion on Dec. 16 and to continuing our work on solutions that support both public safety and public compassion.

If you'd like to share your thoughts or concerns with me, you can always reach my office at 916-874-5491 or email me at SupervisorRodriguez@sac-county.gov.

Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez represents the 4th District, which includes all or part of the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, Rio Linda, Elverta, Gold River, Rancho Murietta, North Highlands, Carmichael, Foothill Farms and Fair Oaks. ★

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME**

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
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
NIELSEN 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV027508

Magda Christy Taraya Perez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Magda Christy Taraya Perez to Magda Taraya Perez Knapp.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, 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 14, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
PEREZ 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV026099

Olena Ignatenko has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olena Ignatenko to Olena Oleynik and German Ignatenko to German Oleynik.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 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 6, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
IGNATENKO 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV026376

Mohad Haroon Shams has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohad Haroon Shams to Haroon Shams.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, 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 3, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SHAMS 12-26-25

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
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
NIELSEN 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV028499

Boyd Reed Anderson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Boyd Reed Anderson to Silver Dann.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, 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: December 1, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
ANDERSON 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV026392

Jennifer Ann Wolf has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Ann Wolf to Jennifer Ann Krieger.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, 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 4, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
WOLF 1-2-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 25CV000737
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
Jamie K Huber, an Individual, and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Iver Capital Corporation.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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 ser-

vice. 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.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web

de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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, 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): Ali Nabavi, Coastal Crest Law Firm, APLC, 24310 Moulton Parkway, Suite O-1007, Laguna Woods, CA 92637, 949-751-6788.
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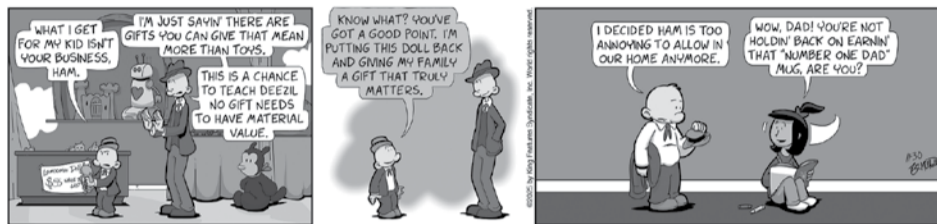
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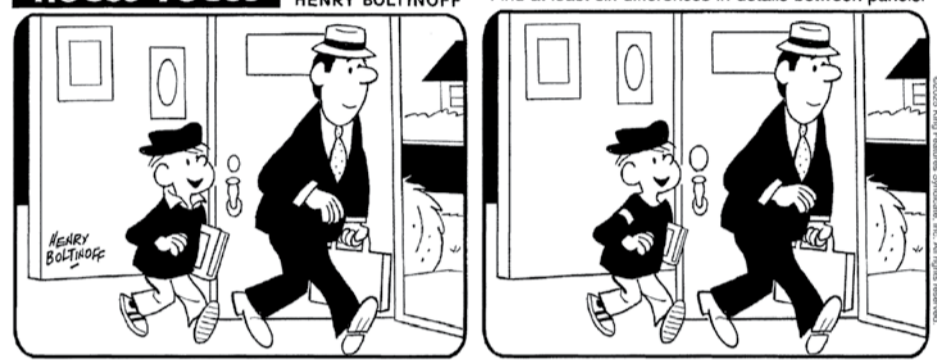
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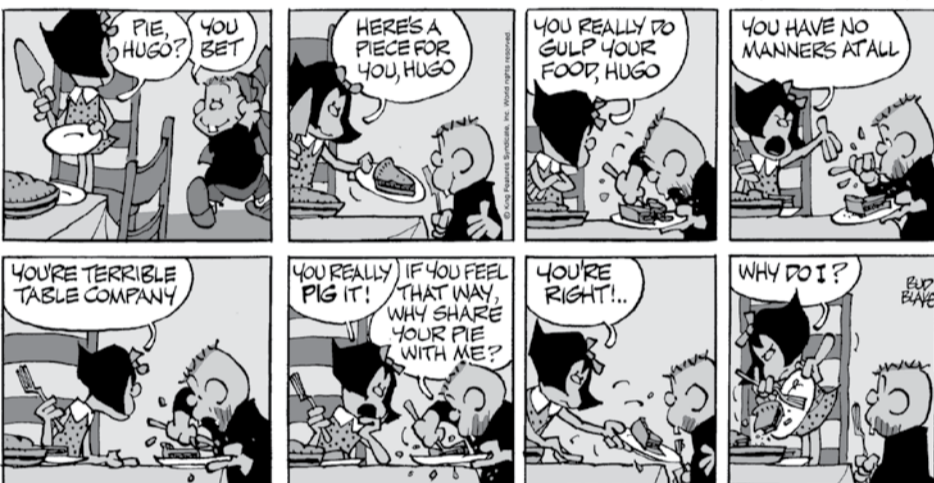
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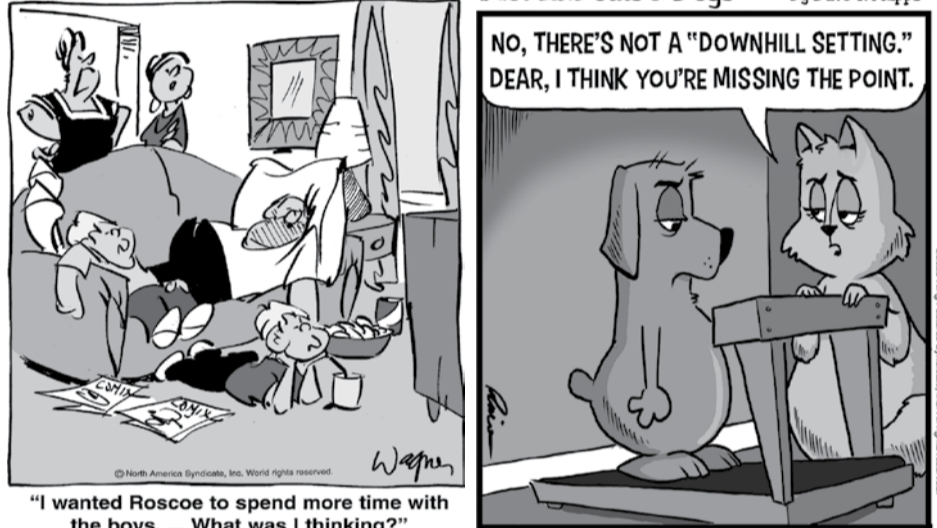
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 - Not flip
 - Mistress or lover, arch.
 - Precedes de Rivoli
 - Lift a hefty load
 - Sheep-like
 - Invoice qty.
 - Republic on Arabian Peninsula
 - *Aromatic additives
 - *Beer with Bloody Mary, e.g.
 - Major Uziel Gal-designed gun
 - Clarified butter
 - Although, for short
 - Distressed cry
 - Bamboozled
 - What a willow did?
 - J in B. J. King
 - Raspberry drupelets
 - Pelvic bones
 - Birch family tree
 - Banned apple spray
 - Impolite dinner sound
 - Left, Latin prefix
 - Dissenting clique
 - a.k.a. chickadee
 - Four seasons
 - Abode for #1 Down
 - Do, re or mi
 - Buddy Holly's "Peggy"
 - *Measuring tool at a bar
 - *Not shaken
 - Dough or cabbage
 - "Gross!"
 - Lacking guile
 - "The Day the World ___ Still"
 - Intelligence org.
 - Ruhr's industrial center
 - Job for a body shop
 - Finish
 - Condemn
- DOWN
- #1 Across, sing.
 - Jeans maker Strauss
 - Leave out
 - Swahili and other languages
 - One of the seven dwarfs
 - Victorian one and Elizabethan one, e.g.
 - *Liquor in Hurricane and Painkiller
 - *Verb related to hangover
 - Fine print add-ons
 - Feeble
 - Above and beyond
 - Mightier than sword
 - Shenzi of "The Lion King"
 - *Spanish dry red wine
 - *For ___ a Jolly Good Fellow"
 - Seductive stare (2 words)
 - *Citrus peel
 - Greeting
 - Laudanum ingredient
 - *Same as rail at a bar
 - South American wood sorrels
 - Trickeries
 - Roleplay
 - *Like martini with olive brine
 - Queen of Hearts' pastry
 - Campbell of "Scream"
 - fame
 - Cook in the oven
 - Sent a modern message
 - Ballerina's support
 - Decayed or disintegrated
 - Cease-fire
 - Use other end of pencil
 - Burlap fiber
 - Desktop picture
 - Small cave
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 - Microprocessor design, acr.
 - * ___ and anon"
 - Controvert
 - Psychedelic drug
 - *Liquor in Tom Collins and Gimlet

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a day makes. As the Sacramento Kings began another depressing losing streak, this one reaching 3 games, fans are pleasantly surprised by an upset win over the Miami Heat in Miami Florida.

Sharpshooter Zach Lavine showed up for the intrepid scorer he is, posting 42 points that was more than the Heat were able to handle.

Sacramento favorite Davion Mitchell, now running the point for Miami, will have to wait to show off his defensive magic, as Davion was sidelined with a groin pull.

The 127-111 win over the Heat marked the first time this season that Sacramento has won a game by double digits, and it could not have come at a better time.

Talk shows throughout Sacramento, pundits and fans alike have been all but applauding the thought of blowing up the current team and starting from scratch.

I am a proponent of taking your medicine however difficult it is to swallow, and do not cave in to pressure.

Just one year ago, team management acted in haste and sent one of the greatest players Sacramento has ever seen packing. Now DeAaron Fox is getting standing ovations in San Antonio and will likely bring a championship to the state of Texas.

Knee jerk moves don't work. Ask Nico Harrison, formerly of the Dallas Mavericks if that's a good idea as he insanely traded superstar Luka Doncic and paid the price by losing his job.

Steady at the helm is what Sacramento needs and don't misjudge the talent currently on this team.

Davion Mitchell, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones have taken up residence elsewhere, and other NBA teams are the better for it. We cannot fail to see the attributes in the players we have, and I was heartened to see that the Kings did something positive with last year's first round draft choice Devin Carter.

Carter, a talented and highly athletic young player has been sitting on the pines getting no playing time, but he was just sent down to Stockton where he will get much needed playing time in the G-league. Playing time is precisely what Carter needs, and I hope the Kings are not shortsighted when teams come calling, hoping to add

Carter to their roster.

When you draft a player #1 it says something, and Devin Carter needs to have every opportunity to show this franchise the value he brings.

The Kings have been able to produce a win without talented big man Domantas Sabonis, and it should give every Kings fan pause.

Are the Kings as bad as their 6-17 record would indicate, or are there plausible reasons for such a tepid and unenthusiastic start?

We have pointed out the horrific free throw shooting in nearly all of Sacramento's losses, and on the flip side, the precision free throw shooting when Sacramento posts a win.

Is this coaching staff capable of getting this group of NBA ballers to sink free throws at a clip of 80% or better? If they can, wins will come.

Of course, the Kings need to improve on the defensive end, and when they hit the court with energy and a passion for getting stops, good things invariably happen.

Way too early to say I know how this season is going to go, and every fan should wonder if just one or possibly two moves could completely turn things around.

The Kings need to get bigger and longer, on that point few people will argue. But don't give away talent like Isaac Jones that already has the physical prowess this team needs.

Judge talent better, and if this staff can't do that, find people that can. Whether it's trades or in the draft, we need better judgement and we can't afford to wait much longer.

The good news is Sabonis won't be out much longer, and even one smart move could move the needle in a positive direction for the Kings.

I take my hat off to a fan base in Sacramento that I find amazing. Nearly unconditional support is hard to find and that is what this team has the privilege of playing in front of every night. Coaches coach better, and players hit the court every night and bring the best you have.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because there really is light at the end of the tunnel!

Merry Christmas!

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

California's New Labor Law could have Unintended and Unwanted Consequences



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The California Legislature has a bad habit of writing new law in the moment and paying little or no attention to its potential consequences.

While legislative history contains many examples, the most spectacular occurred three decades ago when legislators and then-Gov. Pete Wilson massively overhauled how electricity is generated, distributed and priced, telling consumers it would make power more affordable and reliable.

The real world impact was just the opposite. Power became less reliable, prices skyrocketed and the state's investor-owned utilities were pushed into insolvency.

Other examples of unintended consequences in California include launching a bullet train project without comprehensive construction or financial plans, sharply increasing public employee pensions without considering costs and doing the same with unemployment insurance benefits.

One could also add the current practice of draining emergency reserves to cover budget deficits that result from overestimating revenues and underestimating spending, leaving the state's finances vulnerable to an inevitable economic downturn.

Then there is Assembly Bill 288, one of many measures the Legislature dominated by Democrats and Gov. Gavin

Newsom have passed in recent years to thwart — or so they hope — President Donald Trump.

AB 288, sponsored by California labor unions and carried by Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, an Inglewood Democrat, expands the authority of California's Public Employment Relations Board — which oversees union-management activities in state and local governments and school districts — to include private sector employment.

The bill aims for the Public Employee Relations Board, or PERB, to step into the role performed for many decades by the National Labor Relations Board because, McKinnor and other advocates maintain, the NLRB is frozen by a dispute over its membership.

Early this year, Trump removed Dwyne Wilcox, the NLRB's chair, leaving the board without a quorum and unable to decide pending cases. Trump's action is being fought in the courts.

"Well, I'll just say that if we have no board, no quorum, no board, no justice to state workers, for state workers," McKinnor told the state Senate Judiciary Committee just before AB 288 passed. "And so, we need to make sure that, you know, that PERB can hear these cases, because if there's no forum for workers to resolve unfair labor practices, then where do they stand?"

"What do we do for them? We can't just leave them out in the cold because the NLRB doesn't have a quorum. We also can have loss of union protections, like bargaining rights, organizing protections and reinstatement after retaliation. And so, we can't have our workers unprotected, because employers will take advantage of that."

Private employer groups opposed the measure,

contending the existence of the NLRB, even though it's stymied, preempts a state from usurping federal authority.

Generally, states can legislate on labor relations only in economic sectors not covered by federal law. That's why, a half-century ago, California could create the public employment board and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board to oversee employment on farms and in food processing plants.

The NLRB and interests that opposed AB 288 are suing in federal court, contending that the legislation is illegal under federal law.

AB 288 represents a potentially disruptive, even dangerous, precedent. Were it to survive the legal challenge, every state would be free to create its own set of laws governing unionization of workers.

Blue states such as California could virtually mandate unionization of private sector employees, as it already has for public employees and farm workers.

Meanwhile, red states could virtually prohibit unions from organizing workers, to make the states more attractive to industry and insulated from NLRB oversight even if Democrats regain the White House.

Balkanizing labor-management relations would create chaos in the national economy. It also could potentially work to the overall disadvantage of union organizing efforts. Do California's unions and their political allies really want to take that chance?

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters Tax Filing Status and Medicare



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm trying to figure out if I should change my IRS filing status to "Married - Filing Jointly" prior to getting reviewed for my Medicare Part B and Part D. My current IRS status is "Married - Filing Single" and I noticed this filing status is more stringent. I will be turning 62 this year (2025) and I've read that Medicare will review my income 2 years prior to turning 65. Any input would be appreciated. **Signed: Uncertain Senior**

Dear Uncertain: Your IRS tax filing status has no bearing on your eligibility for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) or Medicare Part D (insurance coverage for prescription drugs). Medicare is an individual healthcare program, so enrolling in Medicare provides coverage for you (only), not your spouse (your spouse's Medicare eligibility will be individually evaluated).

What your IRS filing status may affect is the amount of your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. There is a Medicare provision called "IRMAA" (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which sets the income thresholds on which your Medicare premiums are based, and those thresholds are different if you file your income

tax as a single, or as "married/filing jointly." The IRMAA thresholds can change annually, and there's no way to yet determine what they will be when you are able to enroll in Medicare at age 65 (they are currently \$106,000 if you file as a single, and \$212,000 if you file your taxes as "married/jointly"). If your "provisional income" (your combined income from all sources) exceeds the threshold for your filing status, you will pay higher (than standard) Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. If your income is lower than the threshold, you will pay only whatever the standard Medicare Part B premium is for the year you start Medicare, and there will be no supplemental premium for your Part D coverage. For information, the IRMAA supplements are progressive — that is, the more you exceed the threshold by, the higher your IRMAA premium supplement will be. To see the current IRMAA thresholds and supplements (again, these will likely change when you are eligible for Medicare): www.cms.gov/newsroom/factsheets/2025-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles.

You are correct that your Medicare premium, when you enroll, will be determined by your total income from 2 years prior. So, if you plan to enroll in Medicare at age 65 (sometime in 2028), it is your 2026 income which will determine your Part B and Part D premiums, and that income will be defined by your 2026 income tax return. Note, too, that Medicare premiums are reevaluated each year, based upon your IRS income tax return from 2 years prior.

FYI, there are advantages to filing your income tax as "married/jointly" (vs. married/

filing separately), and those are best evaluated by your tax advisor (we are not tax advisors here at the AMAC Foundation). And while it's true that the IRMAA thresholds are higher when you file as "married/jointly," it's also true that your total income as a married couple will be used when determining your IRMAA premiums for Medicare. So, once again, it is probably best to consult with a qualified income tax advisor for guidance on whether it is best, financially, for you to change how you file your income tax in 2026, considering that you will be enrolling in Medicare in 2028.

One final thing: If you are still working and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants), then you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends (thus temporarily avoiding the Medicare premiums). In other words, if you have creditable healthcare coverage from an employer, you don't have to enroll in Medicare immediately at age 65.

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The Tariffs Aren't Helping

whether health or entertainment. This means that the manufacturing share of the economy inevitably shrinks. The same trend is evident in other advanced economies.

This suggests that seeking a return to a bygone era of manufacturing via tariffs is the economic equivalent of King Canute and the waves (which wouldn't recede despite his command). Worse, sweeping tariffs make imported materials that are used to manufacture goods in the U.S. -- so-called inputs -- more expensive. As a result, manufacturing becomes less cost-effective. Right now, for instance, the price of heavily tariffed steel has been on the rise. That's good for steel companies -- a small slice of the economy -- but bad for all the other firms that use the steel to make stuff.

Then, there's the downside that U.S. tariffs cause foreign retaliation, harming U.S. manufacturers that export their products. Finally, when uncertainty is layered on top of this -- about when and if tariffs will come into effect and for how long -- it's a truly toxic brew.

There's a reason that the National Association of Manufacturers -- a group that one would expect to support any policy designed to assist manufacturing -- doesn't like the tariffs. It has warned "against broad tariffs that could disrupt supply chains, increase costs and undermine the global competitiveness of our member companies."

All signs point to its prescience. An Institute for Supply Management sur-

vey found that in October, the manufacturing sector contracted for the eighth consecutive month. The respondents to the survey, who are executives of manufacturing firms, frequently mention the tariffs as a cause of distress.

"Tariffs continue to be a large impact to our business," one respondent in the machinery category explained. "The products we import are not readily manufactured in the U.S., so attempts to reshore have been unsuccessful. Overall, prices on all products have gone up, some significantly. We are trying to keep up with the wild fluctuations and pass along what costs we can to our customers."

A survey of Texas businesses by the Dallas Federal Reserve found the same thing. About half of businesses reported negative effects from the tariffs, and only 2% positive. "The effect is most widespread in manufacturing," the bank noted, "where more than 70% of firms noted negative impacts."

The Trump administration has backed off tariffs on coffee and various food items, an implicit concession that they were a mistake and led to higher prices. It's probably too much to ask that the administration acknowledge the deleterious effect on many manufacturers.

These companies will have to endure the economic drag created by a government that wants to help.

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Aggies Sweep Rider of the Month Awards in Strong Season

UC Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Following a standout month of November in which the University of California, Davis equestrians earned back-to-back wins over Delaware State and UT Martin, Chloe Fares, Eliza Plum, Anna Donovan and Mya Clader were each recognized with the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Riders of the Month honors.

Fares delivered a breakout month in Fences, earning points in all three meets. She opened with an 82 aboard Cici at Delaware State to secure UC Davis' first point of the event in a 4-1 Aggie victory. The sophomore then rode to an MOP-winning 86 on Salty against UT Martin, the highest score of the event; outscoring her opponent by a whopping 20 points and helping secure the event win for the Aggies. Fares closed the month with another event-high mark, an 83 on Otis against Oklahoma State, securing a crucial second point for the team.

Fares' consistency, ability to produce under pressure and Eastern College Athletic Conference Rider of the Week recognition on Nov. 11 following



Chloe Fares, Eliza Plum, Anna Donovan and Mya Clader were each recognized with the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Riders of the Month honors. Photo courtesy UC Davis

the Delaware doubleheader Aggie victories, solidified her as the conference's top Fences rider for November.

Plum continued her impressive season in Horsemanship with two strong, point-earning rides. She began the month with a 66.5 aboard Cinch at Delaware State, earning UC Davis the first point of the event in a 2-2 tie. The sophomore then posted a 75 aboard Brady against UT Martin,

securing MOP honors and helping lead the Aggies to a 3-0 sweep in the event. Plum closed with a competitive 74 on Penny against Oklahoma State.

Following her Eastern College Athletic Conference Rider of the Week accolade on Nov. 11 from the Delaware doubleheader weekend, Plum's precision and competitive edge made her the conference's stand-out Horsemanship rider for

November.

Donovan anchored the Aggies' Flat squad, earning points in all three meets of the month. The sophomore opened with an 80 on Dude at Delaware State, contributing to a 4-1 event win and beating her opponent by an impressive 18 points. Donovan followed with back-to-back scores of 83, first on Peter against UT Martin, then on Calvigo against Oklahoma State; where Donovan posted the event's

highest score, beating her opponent by 14 points and helping UC Davis secure two more event victories.

Donovan's polished, composed riding throughout the month and her ability to deliver high marks in key matchups distinguished her as the conference's top Flat rider for November.

Clader once again set the tone for the Aggies in Reining, contributing pivotal rides in two of three meets. She earned UC Davis' lone point against Delaware State with a 65 aboard Aspen before posting a MOP-winning 70.5 on Delta versus UT Martin to help the team tie the event. The senior added a 71 on Mr. T against Oklahoma State, tying for the event's highest score in another strong outing.

Clader's reliability, poise under pressure and Eastern College Athletic Conference Rider of the Week recognition on Nov. 11 following the Delaware road wins helped secure her place as the conference's standout Reining rider for November.

The Aggies closed out the fall season but will be back in the spring to kick off their next season, starting on Jan. 28, on the road competing against Southern Methodist University. ★

Dunivant Steps Down as Republic FC President, General Manager

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC has announced that President and General Manager Todd Dunivant will step down from his role at the end of the year to pursue a new opportunity outside the club.

Dunivant will continue to support the organization through the transition period, including ongoing recruitment efforts, completion of 2026 roster-building and continued development of key strategic initiatives.

He will join Major League Soccer's New York City FC as the club's third sporting director in January. New York City FC is part of City Football Group, the world's leading private owner and operator of football clubs with 13 football clubs across five continents within the City Football Group family.

Dunivant first joined Republic FC as general manager in 2018, originally hired to serve as the club's head of soccer operations as the club prepared for its transition to Major League Soccer. In 2021, Dunivant succeeded previous President Ben Gumpert to lead the club's business operations as well.

In eight seasons, Dunivant has overseen one of the most competitive eras in club history, including advancing to the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Final, the first appearance by a second-division club in the championship match since 2008.

His tenure also included seven postseason berths, a Western Conference Final appearance in 2023, a Jägermeister Cup Final appearance this season and the launch of club and region transformational long-term projects with the focus primarily on the club's new downtown home currently under construction.

"I'm forever grateful to Kevin Nagle, Wilton Rancheria led by Chairman Jesus Tarango and Chris Franklin, and the incredible supporters of Republic FC for their confidence and trust to help create a special club for an Indomitable city," said Dunivant.

"These eight seasons in Sacramento have been truly fulfilling, with relationships that will last a lifetime. I am so proud of what we've built together," Dunivant said. "The future of the club has never been brighter and I'm extremely confident



Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant will step down from his role at the end of the year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

in the club's ownership, the hard-working front office staff and the talented players, coaches and technical staff who will deliver all of the rewards that this community and club deserve: a continued pursuit of silverware, an incredible stadium experience and a limitless future that will continue to be the talk of American soccer."

Transition planning is underway. Republic FC's Board of Directors has initiated a search process and is engaging with executive recruitment partners. Soccer operations, under the direction of head coach Neill Collins, will continue to build the club's roster for the 2026 season and beyond.

Training camp, including the club's annual open tryout, is set for mid-January ahead of an expected March opening night. New stadium development partners continue to be added to the team as the project nears vertical construction. Dunivant will remain with the club through the end of the year to support recruitment efforts, guide ongoing stadium development and ensure a smooth leadership transition.

Republic FC's executive leadership team remains one of the most experienced and respected senior staff groups in United Soccer League (USL). Over the past five seasons, Republic FC's executive staff has been honored annually by the United

Soccer League leadership and their colleagues across the league. The team of six executives also has decades of experience in professional sports across the National Basketball Association, National Football League and Major League Baseball, as well as with Sacramento's leading businesses.

Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango, Jr. emphasized the club's firm commitment to its long-term vision.

"Todd's passion and relentless pursuit of success for this club and community have been evident in every project he has been a part of and his efforts will long be connected to Republic FC. Our new downtown home continues to move forward because of Todd's diligent work and our future remains strong," said Tarango. "Leadership changes are a part of growth and Todd has positioned us well. We are deep into structural planning for the organization and our board, partners and executive team are aligned to keep our projects on track and our competitive goals high."

Organizational continuity will be supported by Republic FC's executive leadership team in collaboration with Wilton Rancheria Chief Operating Officer Chris Franklin and managing partner Kevin Nagle. December will include a structured handoff of priority initiatives to ensure stability and momentum heading into the new year.

"Todd has made a tremendous impact on Republic FC," said managing partner Kevin Nagle.

"I brought him to Sacramento because I knew he could help take this club to another level and he did. From building competitive teams to strengthening our organization, he's been a trusted leader. We're grateful for his work and wish him the best, while our focus stays on the future, our stadium, our vision and a strong 2026 season."

Season ticket memberships are now on sale for the 2026 season, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seats in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. As a special incentive to purchase a membership before the end of the year, anyone who signs up as a season ticket member now through Dec. 17 will receive an exclusive, limited-edition holiday sweater. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Football Signs 11 on Early Signing Period's First Day

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento State football team announced the signing of 11 high school seniors on the early signing period's first day on Dec. 3. The group is comprised of six offensive and five defensive players and features nine three-star recruits by 247Sports.

On offense, the team will bring in a pair of running backs and offensive linemen as well as a quarterback and wide receiver. Granite Bay High School senior Isaiah Ene and Marquez Wimberly are the latest additions to the talented Hornet backfield. Ene rushed for nearly 5,000 yards and 65 touchdowns during his career with the Grizzlies. Wimberly, who hails from Nazareth, Pennsylvania, amassed 1,781 yards and 27 touchdowns as a senior and has been an all-state selection.

Up front, Roger Vanderhoef and Daneil Mataele will both remain close to home. Vanderhoef (6-7, 350) recently completed his senior season at Grant High School in Sacramento where he helped the team to a



Eleven high school seniors were signed to the Sacramento State football team Dec. 3 during the early signing period's first day. Seven of the 11 players are from California. Graphic courtesy of Sacramento State

Metro League title and a berth in the Sacramento Section Div. I semifinals. Mataele (6-6, 360), prepped at Patterson High School in Manteca where he played on both sides of the ball.

Quarterback Jackson Presley guided Glacier High School to a Montana AA state title this fall. During his three varsity seasons, Presley threw for close to 8,000 yards and had 80 touchdowns. As a senior,

Presley tossed 35 touchdowns with just two interceptions.


One of his new targets will be wide receiver Dezmyn Hardy from Calabasas High School. Hardy posted 880 receiving yards with 13 touchdowns as a senior and finished the year with 1,006 all-purpose yards.

On defense, the team bolstered its front with the signing of Federico Cobarubio and Devyn Blake. Cobarubio played at Valley

Christian High School in San Jose where he was named first team all-league. Blake is from Edison High School in Huntington Beach and has been a first team all-Alpha League selection. Blake finished his varsity career with 126 total tackles.

Leki Holani and Jiah Walls are slated at linebacker for the Hornets. Holani was credited with 91 tackles as a senior at Santa Margarita High School in Rancho Cucamonga. That total included 14 tackles-for-loss and 4.5 sacks. His team won the Trinity League title in 2025 and advanced to the Southern Section Div. I championship. Walls played at Evans High School in Orlando, Florida. While there, Walls was named first team all-district after recording 139 tackles as a senior.


The secondary will be aided by the addition of Chakai Scott. The safety prepped at West Orange High School in Ocoee, Florida where he recorded 163 tackles during his career, including 75 as a senior. Scott was also incredible on special teams where he blocked 10 kicks (punt, field goals and PATS) in 2025. ★




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