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Final Cadet Class of the Year Graduates

Graduation Caps Year of Record Hiring and Rising Interest in Law Enforcement Careers



The 137 new officers who were sworn in during a Dec. 5 ceremony at the California Highway Patrol Academy will be placed throughout the state to protect and serve communities. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As the end of 2025 nears, Governor Gavin Newsom joins the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in celebrating the department's final graduating class of the year.

The 137 new officers who were sworn in during a Dec. 5 ceremony at the California Highway Patrol Academy will be placed throughout the state to protect and serve communities.

This marks a significant achievement for the California Highway Patrol, which graduated 780 cadets in 2025 alone. California Highway Patrol continues its efforts to recruit highly qualified individuals to protect the state's community safety.

"I'm proud to see the young women and men stepping up to keep our communities safe," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "As we close out the year, California continues to make real progress, strengthening protections across the state while staying focused on the

needs of the people we serve."

California Highway Patrol Commissioner Sean Duryee said, "These cadets have been pushed to their limits and faced significant pressure but despite all the hardships, they never gave up."

"Their determination to keep going, even when facing challenges, demonstrates their dedication to helping others and serving the people of California," Duryee said. "The California Highway Patrol (CHP) proudly welcomes these new officers and looks forward to the remarkable achievements they will make throughout their decades of service."

During their 26 weeks in the California Highway Patrol Academy, cadets trained in vehicle code enforcement, crash and criminal investigations, emergency vehicle operations and officer safety. The academy's curriculum also focuses on legal responsibilities, communication, ethics and cultural awareness in order to prepare cadets to serve California's diverse population.

Earlier last week, the cadets took part in a five-mile run as one of their

training's last parts. The new officers begin reporting to one of the California Highway Patrol's 102 Area offices throughout the state on Dec. 15.

A Growing Force Protecting Californians

California Highway Patrol's recruitment initiatives over the past few years, including the launch of the 2022 statewide "Join the CHP 1000" campaign and the "Cadets" web series, which can be watched on the California Highway Patrol YouTube page (www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiGuz08MkSM) continue to drive strong interest in law enforcement careers.

Including the Dec. 5 newly-sworn members, the California Highway Patrol has brought on more than 2,300 officers from January 2022 through this December.

From 2022 to 2024, applications increased by more than 52 percent.

California Highway Patrol is on track to receive more than 33,000 applications by the end of the year, continuing the upward trend.

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Gandara Named WUSD's Director II of Facilities, Construction and Planning

Washington Unified School District News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Washington Unified School District (WUSD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Daniel Gandara as the new Washington Unified School Director II, Facilities, Construction and Planning, effective last Wednesday.

Gandara brings extensive experience within the Washington Unified School District and a proven track record in facilities management, construction oversight and project leadership.

Since joining the Washington Unified School District in 2011 as a groundskeeper and progressing to lead groundskeeper and facilities project analyst,

Gandara has coordinated multimillion-dollar modernization projects, managed bond oversight and collaborated with architects, contractors, DSA inspectors and school administrators to deliver projects on time and within budget.

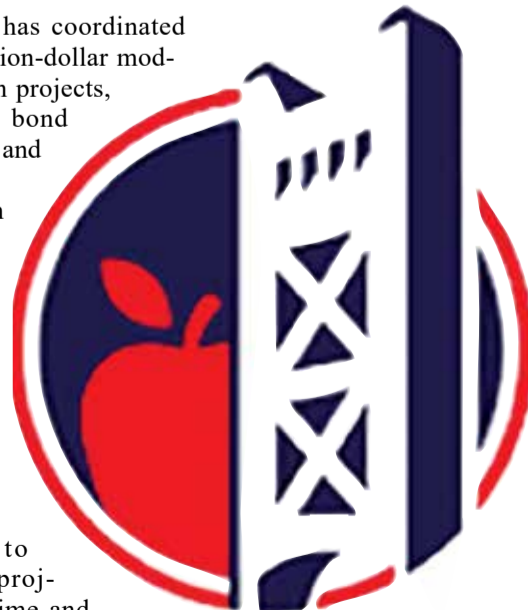
Gandara's certifications in construction management from UC Davis, School Facilities Leadership from the Coalition for Adequate School Housing and hands-on expertise in regulatory compliance,

development and long-range planning position him to excel in advancing Washington Unified School District's facilities mission. In his new role, Gandara will lead strategic facilities planning,

construction initiatives and maintenance operations to support safe, equitable learning environments across district sites.

Colleagues praise his reliability, collaborative spirit and commitment to student and staff needs, as evidenced by strong recommendations highlighting his role in projects such as the Westfield Village Modernization and various districtwide facilities improvements.

Join the Washington Unified School District in welcoming Gandara to this leadership position. His deep district knowledge and dedication will go a long way to strengthen Washington Unified School District's infrastructure, benefiting students, staff and our community, according to district officials. ★



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. ★

California's Infrastructure Graded a 'C-'

Aging Assets and Weather Challenges Continue to Strain Infrastructure Systems

American Society of Civil Engineers News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released the 2025 Report Card for California's Infrastructure on Dec. 3 assigning 17 categories of infrastructure a cumulative grade of C-, the same grade that the state received in its 2019 report and below the national grade of C in the 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure.

Although improvements have been made, resulting in six category grades improving, a C- indicates that California's built environment is not equipped to keep pace with the needs of the largest economy and population in the U.S., particularly as diverse environmental challenges impact infrastructure systems.

California's aviation, energy, hazardous waste, levees, ports and rail grades all improved compared to their 2019 marks, while the state's dams, drinking water, schools and stormwater categories decreased.

Grades for each category are listed below.

Ports and rails received a B; aviation received a B-; wastewater received a C+; hazardous waste received a C; bridges, solid waste and transit received a C-; and dams, drinking water, levees, public parks and schools received a D+. Energy, inland waterways, roads and stormwater received a D.

"While California's infrastructure faces significant challenges, this report serves as a clear call to action," said Yaz Emrani, P.E., co-chair, 2025 Report Card for California's Infrastructure. "It highlights both the urgency and the opportunity for us to invest in modernizing and strengthening our systems. By prioritizing infrastructure renewal now, we can create safer, more sustainable communities and pave the way for a stronger future. With focused investment, we can turn these challenges into lasting improvements for all Californians."

California has some of the strictest environmental regulations in the U.S. While these regulations aim to ensure the future of California's natural resources, environment and quality of life, they also increase the cost of infrastructure projects due to extended planning and permitting processes for systems that urgently need rehabilitation or replacement, adding to the future needs and funding gaps outlined in this report.

California's transportation funding gap exceeds \$216 billion over the next 10 years. More than



Energy, inland waterways, roads and stormwater received a D. "While California's infrastructure faces significant challenges, this report serves as a clear call to action." Image by Susie Spades from Pixabay

65 percent of California's bridges (C-) are older than their typical design life of 50 years, and 6 percent of these structures are in poor condition, in line with the national average. In addition to heavy usage from freight movement and a robust population and economy, California's bridges must be built to withstand earthquakes, wildfires, flooding and sea level rise, which adds to maintenance and modernization costs. Nearly 30 percent of the state's roads (D) are in poor condition, higher than the national average of 22 percent.

California's energy sector (D) is undergoing a major transformation to meet its 2045 goal of 100-percent clean energy and the state has invested heavily in innovative solutions to make its grid more resilient, resulting in less outages and environmentally friendly. California stands alone as the only state that does not adhere to the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) which mandates compliance with various American Society of Civil Engineers Standards and Manuals of Practices. As a result, California's minimum design weather loadings for overhead electric lines are lower and weaker than the rest of the U.S., contributing to lower grades and reliability.

Despite being a national leader in water innovation and recycled water technologies, the state struggles with equity, affordability and resilience of its aging drinking water (D+) network, especially in rural and disadvantaged communities. More than 85 percent of water utilities rely on components older than their



California's bridges must be built to withstand earthquakes, wildfires, flooding and sea level rise, which adds to maintenance and modernization costs. Photo by Jimmy Chan https://www.pexels.com

design life, leading to more than 105 billion gallons of water being lost per year due to leaking pipes. Upgrades would cost more than \$11.5 billion over the next five years but only \$3.5 billion is currently planned to be dedicated to these networks.

"At California American Water, our commitment goes beyond maintaining pipes and pumps; it's about safeguarding the health, safety and prosperity of every community we serve," said Sarah Leeper, president, California American Water. "The urgency of this mission is highlighted by the recent American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) report, which downgraded California's drinking water grade from a C in 2019 to a D+ in 2025."

"This underscores the significant infrastructure pressures facing our state, including droughts and climate resilience and aging pipes and critical equipment. As we face

these challenges, our ongoing investments are essential to help ensure that Californians continue to have safe, clean, reliable and affordable water for generations to come," Leeper said.

The report includes the recommendations below to improve the grade.

Promote legislation that provides consistent and reliable long-term funding. To ensure reliable infrastructure investment, California should advocate for dedicated, long-term funding sources across sectors and support legislation that removes barriers to funding flexibility.

Encourage collaborative leadership in infrastructure. California should promote cross-sector partnerships and invest in workforce development to strengthen infrastructure leadership. Advancing asset management, predictive maintenance and innovative practices, such as smart

technologies and sustainable materials, will improve system performance and resilience.

Raise public awareness of the connection between infrastructure conditions and quality of life. California should involve communities in planning, educate residents on infrastructure's role in safety and well-being, and transparently communicate both improvements and risks to foster trust and preparedness.

Implement efficient infrastructure delivery through improved policies and regulations. California should streamline permitting and adopt data-driven, risk-based approaches to accelerate infrastructure delivery and reduce costs. Modernizing standards and integrating multi-modal, climate-resilient planning will help ensure systems are efficient, adaptable and future-ready.

The report card was created as a public service to inform citizens and policymakers about the infrastructure needs in California. Civil engineers use their expertise and school report card-style letter grades to condense complicated data into an easy-to-understand analysis of California's infrastructure network. American Society of Civil Engineers State report cards are modeled after the Report Card for America's Infrastructure, which is released once every four years.

For more information about the American Society of Civil Engineers, visit www.asce.org or www.infrastructurereportcard.com or follow @ASCETweets and @ASCEGovRel on Twitter. ★

750,000 CalKIDS Scholarships Awarded

CalKids News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As National Scholarship Month shines a spotlight on the power of educational opportunity, California celebrates the growing impact of the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) Scholarship Program, the nation's largest children's development account program, serving more than five-million children statewide.

Launched in 2022, CalKIDS provides scholarships worth up to \$1,500 for eligible public-school students and up to \$175 in scholarships for every child born in California on or after July 1, 2022.

Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board and chaired by state Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, CalKIDS was created to make higher education more accessible for California families and to promote college-going mindsets across communities.

In just three years, more than

750,000 students have already claimed their scholarships, which can be used to help pay for tuition, books, housing and other educational expenses at accredited colleges, universities and vocational schools across the country.

"CalKIDS is one of the smartest investments our state has ever made. The program is a catalyst for building family assets and expands access to education," said Treasurer Ma. "For older students, it offers real financial support to meet immediate education needs. For younger families, it plants the seeds of lifelong financial literacy."

The CalKIDS Program is designed to advance educational access and economic mobility for California families. By giving every eligible child a scholarship account automatically, with no application required, CalKIDS removes barriers and provides families with an easy first step toward higher education.

"Having a CalKIDS [Scholarship] Account had helped

me a lot," said Abigail Lopez, a California State University, San Bernardino student. "I found out about it my first year of college and wanted to use it to pay my tuition, books and housing. It relieved some stress I had about paying for things for school. I will forever be grateful for the money I had received from CalKIDS."

For many new parents, CalKIDS serves as an early reminder that it's never too soon to start thinking about their child's future.

"College may be a long way away, but seeing my son get his first scholarship last year was a special moment as a new parent," said Lindsay Ferguson of Orange County.

Said Cindy Duran, Faculty CalWORKs coordinator and Saddleback College counselor, "My experience with CalKIDS has been eye-opening, especially when students are able to use the money for college and vocational school. CalKIDS provides families with an additional way to receive money for their education that most students aren't

aware of. What makes CalKIDS even more impactful is that families don't need to apply; accounts are created automatically and students can simply register online to claim their funds."

Sixty percent of all Californian public-school students in second- to 12th-grade are eligible for a CalKIDS Scholarship.

One-hundred percent of children born in California on or after July 1, 2022, can claim a CalKIDS Scholarship.

Families can visit www.CalKIDS.org and click "Confirm Eligibility" to check eligibility and claim a CalKIDS Scholarship. Public school students will need their Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a 10-digit number found on the student's school portal, transcript or report card, or by directly contacting their school.

Parents of newborns will need the 13-digit Local Registration Number (LRN), located on their child's birth certificate.

Once a CalKIDS Account is claimed, students can request to use their scholarship funds after

turning 17 and enrolling in an accredited higher education or career-training institution.

CalKIDS plays a central role in California's cradle-to-career vision, promoting savings behaviors and college-going mindsets in communities statewide. Research from Washington University in St. Louis's SEED OK study, found that a small investment at birth can change family behavior and expectations for years to come, especially for marginalized households and communities of color.

Scholarship investments such as CalKIDS help close long-standing gaps in educational equity and send a powerful message to children: the future is yours. The full Washington University in St. Louis study can be found online at csd.wustl.edu/items/seed-for-oklahoma-kids-seed-ok-2.

Families and students are encouraged to take the easiest step toward a brighter future by visiting calkids.org today to check eligibility and claim their CalKIDS Scholarship. ★

Stomper Spreads Holiday Cheer



Stomper participated in ABC10's Stand Against Hunger fundraiser, donating \$50,000 to the cause. Photo courtesy of the Athletics

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With the holidays right around the corner, the Green & Gold stayed busy spreading cheer throughout the Sacramento community. Here's a look at November's highlights.

In partnership with ABC10, the Athletics proudly supported this year's Stand Against Hunger fundraiser with a \$50,000 donation. Stand Against Hunger is a holiday-season campaign

dedicated to raising funds and awareness for local food banks, helping fight food insecurity across the Greater Sacramento region.

West Sacramento Dia de los Muertos Celebration

Stomper brought joy and energy to the West Sacramento Día de los Muertos Celebration, joining families and community members honoring loved ones. The celebration offered a special moment for the community to come together and share stories,

culture and connection.

West Sacramento Veteran's Day Parade

Stomper marched alongside veterans, families and local organizations at the West Sacramento Veteran's Day Parade. The parade honored the bravery and service of those who have served in the armed forces. It was a privilege to celebrate the service and dedication of our veterans alongside the West Sacramento community. ★

Final Cadet Class of the Year Graduates



The new officers begin reporting to one of the California Highway Patrol's 102 Area offices throughout the state on Dec. 15. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

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Enhancing public safety remains a top priority for Gov. Gavin Newsom, and in November 2024, California successfully achieved its multi-year California Highway Patrol recruitment goal of 1,000 new officers.

California Highway Patrol continues to actively

recruit dedicated individuals who are ready to make a difference in communities throughout California. A career with the California Highway Patrol offers comprehensive training, competitive benefits and opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

To learn more about joining the California Highway Patrol, visit CHPMadeForMore.com to take the first step toward a rewarding career in law enforcement.

The California Highway Patrol mission is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service and Security. ★

Data Shows 90.2% of California Farms are Family-Owned

Farm Flavor News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A new study on behalf of Farm Flavor has identified the states with the most family-owned farms. Data shows that 90.2 percent of California farms are family-owned.

Now more than ever, people want to know where their food comes from. National conversations often center on "Big Ag" and corporate takeover of the food sector but the latest United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Census of Agriculture shows a more nuanced reality on the ground: most American farms are still run by families.

Nearly 95 percent of U.S. farms are family-owned and a large majority are small operations with modest annual revenue. Throughout the U.S., family farms anchor local economies, preserve working lands and sustain community food systems, and in many states, capture the biggest share of sales.

With this in mind, Farm Flavor researchers analyzed the latest USDA data to understand how many U.S. farms are family-owned, how much they produce and which states rely most on family-run farms.

U.S. Family Farms and Sales by Type

Family farms are the foundation of American agriculture. According to the USDA, a family farm is one in which the majority of the business is owned by the principal operator and individuals related to them. Encompassing everything from small, sole proprietorships to large corporate-structured operations driving industry consolidation, family operations make up 94.7 percent of all U.S. farms and are responsible for 80.7 percent of total agricultural output – a striking reminder that America's food system remains overwhelmingly family-run.

Together, small and midsize family farms (those with less than \$1 million in annual gross income) account for 90.8 percent of farms and nearly one-third (30.2 percent) of total agricultural output. These farms are vital to rural economies, providing local employment and sustaining communities across every region of the country.

At the same time, large family farms (those earning \$1 million or more annually) represent a much smaller share of total farms but contribute more

than half (50.6 percent) of the nation's agricultural output. These larger family operations reflect the increasing efficiency and scale of modern production agriculture, especially in commodity crop and livestock sectors.

Farms not owned by the principal operator and his or her family make up only about 5 percent of all farms and contribute 19.1 percent of agricultural output. Altogether, these figures underscore that American agriculture remains overwhelmingly a family-run enterprise, from small diversified farms to large multi-generational operations.

California's agricultural landscape is dominated by family-owned operations, although slightly less so than the national average. In California, 90.2% of all farms are family-owned, compared to 94.7% nationwide. These farms generate 73.6% of the state's farm sales, somewhat lower than the 80.7% share nationally.

California has 56,976 family-owned farms out of 63,134 total farms, producing \$48.0 billion in sales. Nationally, 1.8 million family-owned farms account for \$484.4 billion in sales out of nearly \$600 billion total.

One notable difference is scale: the average family-owned farm in California generates \$842,650 in sales, more than three times the U.S. average of \$269,079, reflecting the state's larger operations and high-value commodities.

Methodology

The data in this analysis comes from the USDA 2022 Census of Agriculture (the most recent release). To identify the states with the most family-owned farms, researchers calculated the share of farms in each state that meet the USDA's definition of a family farm, meaning the majority of the business is owned by the principal operator and individuals related to them by blood, marriage or adoption. The analysis also compared agricultural output, measured as the market value of products sold, across different farm types, including small, midsize and large family operations as well as non-family farms. All dollar figures were inflation-adjusted to 2025 values, using data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index.

The full Farm Flavor report can be found at farmflavor.com/farm/states-with-most-family-owned-farms. ★



Before family and loved ones, the cadets took their oath and received their badges, officially joining one of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hosts Children's Christmas Party



Santa Claus will make an appearance at the Children's Christmas Party and will be handing out free gifts to children who attend. Photo courtesy of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary Post 8762

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8762 News Release

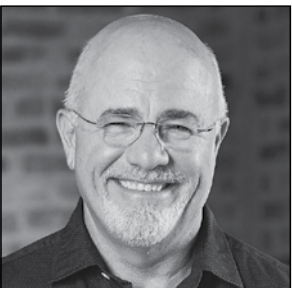
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Children up to 11 years of age and their parents are invited to attend the annual Children's Christmas Party from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 905 Drever Street in West Sacramento.

There will be hot dogs, drinks and snacks, crafts, face painting, gift bags and a special visit from Santa Claus and he will be bringing presents for all the children! This event is free to the community and will be hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary Post 8762. Have questions? Call 916-591-7122. ★

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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says The Importance of Employee Buy-In

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. ★

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



Autumn Rains Hasten Persimmon Harvest

California's persimmon harvest accelerated last month as crews worked to pick fruit ahead of mid-November rainstorms. Persimmons withstand rain better than some fruits, but after multiple storms, "the fruit gets riper and breaks down faster," Yuba County farmer Steven Springer said. The Golden State grows most of the nation's persimmons, though at roughly 3,000 bearing acres in California, the crop's footprint is smaller than other relatively niche fruits such as pomegranates and kiwifruits. Production is concentrated in the San Joaquin Valley, with some acreage in the Sacramento Valley and in central and southern coastal areas. In 2022, California's persimmon crop was valued at \$35 million. "It's a growing commodity," said Dillon Luallen, sales representative at Sierra Sun Fruit Marketing in Fresno County. "It's relatively easy to farm, and it seems like consumption of persimmons has been going up year after year."

New Clean Water Act Rule Provides Clarity for Farms

A new rule by the Trump administration is expected to narrow the scope of federal oversight on the nation's wetlands and other waterways. The proposed rule clarifies what "waters of the United States" means and carries out directives from a 2023 U.S. Supreme Court ruling about how the Clean Water Act applies to working farmland. It aims to ensure that only relatively permanent, standing or continuously flowing bodies of water—such as streams, oceans, rivers and lakes—and

wetlands that are connected to and indistinguishable from such water bodies are federally regulated. Farm advocates say the rule could save farmers time and money by reducing permitting requirements for activities on their land. "The Supreme Court clearly ruled several years ago that the government overreached in its interpretation of what fell under federal guidelines," American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall said, adding that the new rule "protects critical water sources while respecting the efforts of farmers to protect the natural resources they've been entrusted with."

Specialty crop Growers Face More Risks and Fewer Tools

For specialty crop farmers, 2025 has offered little relief from mounting financial pressures. Markets that once promised stable margins are now defined by volatility, with production expenses outpacing price gains and exports at risk under global trade uncertainties. Despite contributing more than \$75 billion in farm-gate value—over a third of all U.S. crop sales—growers of specialty crops such as fruits, nuts and vegetables have fewer risk-management and safety-net options to help weather these challenges. The result is a widening gap between cost and revenue that threatens profitability across much of the farm economy. The diversity that defines the sector also amplifies its vulnerability. Each crop relies on distinct production systems, marketing channels and labor demands, making it difficult to design one-size-fits-all safety nets or risk-management tools. ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Derek L. Calvin, 61, was cited Friday, Nov. 7 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Aleksey Basistyy, 39, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 26 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Cassidy Messatizza, 31, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 26 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Shayla Kelly Owens, 31, was arrested Sunday, Nov. 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Julian Marcelo Barraza, 62, was arrested Monday, Dec. 1 on Glide Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Barraza had been released from custody on bail for a previous narcotics-related case and had search terms for firearms and drugs. Investigators conducted a search of his residence at this location and located a clear plastic bag containing a white crystalline substance that later tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine. Officer knew and confirmed Barraza had two prior felony drug convictions. Barraza was transported and booked at Yolo County Jail, charged with possession of a hard drug with prior convictions and committing a felony while out on bail.

Elena Adam, 29, was arrested Monday, Dec. 1 at Town Center Plaza for grand theft. Adam was observed walking around the retail store at this location and filling a shopping cart with children's shoes and clothing. She was then observed retrieving plastic shopping bags from an unoccupied register and placing all the merchandise in her shopping cart into the plastic bags. Adam then attempted to exit the store past all points of sale without paying. Loss Prevention detained her and recovered merchandise

valued at \$1,547.48. She was placed under citizen's arrest and West Sacramento Police transported her to Yolo County Jail for booking.

David Jesse Flint, 37, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 2 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer conducted a bike shop on Flint, who initially identified himself with a different name. Flint stated he was on searchable probation and consented to a search of his person. During the search, officer located a concealed dagger attached to a string around Flint's neck. A records check of the name Flint provided found an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Flint then stated he lied about the name, which was actually his cousin. Flint's real identity was then provided and confirmed, and a records check revealed two outstanding warrants and probation status. Flint was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrants, probation violation, carrying a concealed dagger, and false impersonation.

INCIDENTS / CRIME REPORTS

Saturday, Nov. 22 – business in Town Center Plaza reports an unknown suspect broke into their location. The rear door was tampered with and damaged. No cash or valuables were reported missing. Items inside the location were tampered with. Estimated value of damage was \$5,000.

Saturday, Nov. 22 – victim reports an unknown suspect threw a bottle at their vehicle at the intersection of South River Road and U.S. 50. Value of damage was \$500.

Wednesday, Nov. 26 – victim reports their bike, valued at \$100, was stolen on West Capitol Avenue. Unknown suspect was captured on video and a description provided.

Sunday, Nov. 30 – business in Town Center Plaza reports two unknown suspects broke into the business and stole approximately \$17,000 worth of merchandise.

Monday, Dec. 1 – business reports a battery valued at \$300 was stolen from their construction equipment at a construction site on Delta Lane.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250934

The following person(s) is doing business as: Couriero, 405 Garden Street Apt 211, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Adam Lizarraga, 405 Garden Street Apt 211, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 6, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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COURIERGO 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250858

The following person(s) is doing business as: Devine International, Shoreline Chassis Pool, 3870 Channel Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Devine & Son Trucking Co. Inc., 3870 Channel Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 1999.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 7, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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DEVINE 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250855

The following person(s) is doing business as: A&T Cleaning Services, 845 Fenley Way, Winters, CA 95694.

Anissa Jihad, 845 Fenley Way, Winters, CA 95694. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 6, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 6, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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CLEANING 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250962

The following person(s) is doing

business as: Lee's Health Advisor, 3340 Bevan Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Irene Lee, 3340 Bevan Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 17, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
LEES 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250969

The following person(s) is doing business as: Lefier's Delights, 2768 County Road 88A, Dunnigan, CA 95937.

Marivel Ferros Montoya, PO Box 620, Dunnigan, CA 95937. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 18, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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LEFIERS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250968

The following person(s) is doing business as: Ascentpath Veterinary Laboratories, 2950 Beacon Boulevard, Suite 50, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Ascentpath Laboratories Inc, 4530 El Macero Drive, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 18, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 18, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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ASCENTPATH 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250972

The following person(s) is doing business as: AW Mortgage, 3560 Saint John Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

ATW Enterprise, LLC, 3560 Saint John Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 21, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 19, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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AW 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250955

The following person(s) is doing business as: Odesa Trading Solutions, 1830 Madrone Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Aleksandra Sbitneva, 1830 Madrone Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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ODESA 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250980

The following person(s) is doing business as: Pizza Factory Inc, 108 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694.

13PF Inc, 108 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 21, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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PIZZA 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250954

The following person(s) is doing business as: AMPS-EV II, LLC 752 Ikea Court, West Sacramento, CA 95605

AMPS-EV, LLC, 111 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 13, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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AMPS 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250978

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

Honest Man's Mobile RV Repairs, 259 RAINBOW DRIVE Unit 15938, LIVINGSTON, TX 77399 County of Polk

Mailing Address: 2398 Woolner Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533 Along For The Ride, LLC, 259 RAINBOW DRIVE Unit 15938, LIVINGSTON, TX 77399

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

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

Along For The Ride, LLC S/ ABRAHAM OJEDA, MANAGER OF ALONG FOR THE RIDE LLC,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/20/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KQUAM, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250900

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

1. BLACK AUGUST, 2. BLACK AUGUST FOUNDATION, 3. BLACKAUGUST.ORG, 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, YOLO, CA 95616 - 2687 County of YOLO

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 106, YOLO, CA 95697 - 0106

MARE PRINCIA STUDIOS INC., 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, YOLO, CA 95616

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on AUGUST 4th, 2025.

MARE PRINCIA STUDIOS INC. S/ THEODORE HARRISON III, PRESIDENT, MARE PRINCIA STUDIOS INC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/24/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
Morgan Braun, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250996

The following person(s) is doing business as: Exterior Perfections, Alumalux USA, 2509 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Maksim Vlasov, 2509 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 2, 2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 2, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
EXTERIOR 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250994

The following person(s) is doing business as: R&S Transport, 2900 Azalea Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Romeo Logarta Vergara JR, 2900 Azalea Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 5, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 2, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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TRANSPORT 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250989

The following person(s) is doing business as: L.P. Lock Systems Solution, 328 North Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

Alexis Lopez Sanchez, 328 North Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 1, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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LP 1-2-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20250937

The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Caietti's Truck Repair, 404 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on December 14, 1988, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Caietti III Inc, 404 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The business was conducted by: A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 7, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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CAIETTIS 12-12-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV20253205

Gilbert Louis Cota JR has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gilbert Louis Cota JR to Gilbert Louis Cota-Zambrano.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 12, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court

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COTA 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-3295

Nhac Trong Pham & Lan Thi Pham has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jason Pham Trong Le to Jason Trong Pham.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 19, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
PHAM 12-26-25

NAME CHANGE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-3214

Sayed Najib Sadat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sayed Murid Sadat to Mureed Sayed Sadat and Sayed AB Musawr Sadat to Musawer Sayed Sadat and Sayed Sulisman Sadat to Suliman Sayed Sadat and Sayed Najib Sadat to Najib Sayed Sadat and Sayed Ibrahim Sadat to Ibrahim Sayed Sadat.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 26, 2025
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court

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SADAT 12-26-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Ricardo Edward Terlesky.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Christopher Luke Terlesky, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Christopher Luke Terlesky be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner: TODD R. ROBIE, 2534 NORTHROP AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CA 95826, Telephone: 916-720-3939
12/12, 12/19, 12/26/25
CNS-3991320#
NEWS-LEDGER 12-6-25

Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jennifer Wallis, 2950 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 300, Walnut Creek, CA 94597; 925-222-5554

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TERLESKY 12-19-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT AIELLO SR.

CASE NO. PR2025-0278

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ROBERT AIELLO SR. A Petition for Probate has been filed by ZACHARY YOUNG in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO.

The Petition for Probate requests that ZACHARY YOUNG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 12-30-2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 14 Room located at 1000 MAIN STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695, PROBATE DIVISION.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner: TODD R. ROBIE, 2534 NORTHROP AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CA 95826, Telephone: 916-720-3939
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 25-35779 A.P.N.: 008-471-004-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/10/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: Myrick G. Tantiado, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: Vylla Solutions, LLC Recorded 9/14/2021 as Instrument No. 2021-0034823 in book _____, page _____ of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California. Described as follows: As more fully described in the Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 1/22/2026 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: North (Rear) entrance

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that a mobilehome registered to CATHERINE LOUISE LICKERS, in which ELIJIO EUGENE GALLEGOS may claim an interest, and described as a 1970 CAMERON mobilehome, Decal Number AAA4950, Serial Number 30191, Label/Insignia Number A383691, and stored on property owned by Valhalla Estates MHC-LP ("Valhalla Estates MHC"), at 3901 Lake Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, Yolo County (specifically, those goods located/stored at Space #137 within the park), will be sold by public auction at the Valhalla Estates MHC on **December 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** and such succeeding sale days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale, as well as costs and attorney's fees pursuant to contract, statute, and/or law.

This sale is by public auction on a certified funds basis (money orders, cashier's or traveler's checks only). **Must have money order(s), cashier's/traveler's check(s) made payable to Valhalla Estates MHC-LP to participate/bid.** NO cash, NO personal checks, NO business checks, NO guarantees or letters of credit allowed. NO exceptions. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees. Valhalla Estates MHC reserves all rights.

This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code § 798.56a and Commercial Code § 7209-7210.

DATED: November 13, 2025
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE

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to City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$433,221.10 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 704 POPLAR WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 008-471-004-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further

recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill

the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware

that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (949) 776-4697 or visit this Internet Web site <https://prestigeopstandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35779. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site.

The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (949) 776-4697, or visit this internet website <https://prestigeopstandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35779 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must

send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/05/2025 Vylla Solutions, LLC 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (949) 776-4697 or <https://prestigeopstandpub.com/> for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 LaTredan Franklin, Trustee Sale Specialist PPP #25-009189 Published 12/12/2025, 12/19/2025, 12/26/2025
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Community Calendar

DECEMBER

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

Friday, Dec. 12: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13: West Sacramento Friends of the Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for members only. Open to the general public, 10 a.m. to noon. All proceeds from the sale support the Turner Community Library. Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 15: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Drop-in tutoring for grades 1 through 8, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Kids are invited to drop in after school for homework help in math, science, and more with a high school volunteer. Spots are first come, first served, and are limited to 20 minutes if other students are waiting.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Hug-a-Bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Gingerbread stuffies, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of winter by creating your own stuffed gingerbread person.

Saturday, Dec. 20: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Snickerdoodle cookie workshop, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us to learn to make this sweet treat for winter. Mix up your dough, then take it home to bake.

Clarksburg Branch Library, located at 52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg has the following events this week.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: That's a wrap, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Learn at least three unique wrapping styles to make your gifts stand out. Bring your own presents to wrap, or practice on books we'll provide. All materials included – plus enjoy a cozy cup of apple cider while you wrap.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Teen anime watch, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Movie night, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy "Rise of the Guardians" (rated PG) with popcorn.

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

Continuing through Sunday, Dec. 14: Woodland Wonderland of Lights, weekdays 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., weekends, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Experience the magic of the season at this dazzling drive-thru display that the whole family will love. Cruise through twinkling tunnels, festive scenes, and larger-than-life holiday light sculptures from the warmth of your car. Tickets are per vehicle and redeemable any day and time of the event. Tickets and more information at www.yolocounty-fair.net/p/tickets

Continuing through Monday, Dec. 15: West Sacramento Fire's Santa Run, weeknights starting at 6 p.m. Santa will travel through city neighborhoods on a decorated fire engine "sleigh," handing out candy canes, while helpers collect canned food donations for local families. Live Santa tracking will be available starting at 6 p.m. each night at <https://wsac.city/SantaMap> Schedules may change due to weather; updates will be posted one hour before

each run on WSFD's Instagram and Facebook pages.

Continuing through Tuesday, Dec. 23: See's Candy Sales at the West Sacramento Moose Family Center – Lodge 1762, 3240 Jefferson Blvd., daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This fundraiser supports the Lodge General Fund. Candy can be purchased in the Lodge or via drive-through. Call 916-371-9684 for more information.

Continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 24: Pence Gallery Holiday Market, 212 D St., Davis, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except for Dec. 24 (closes at 3 p.m.). Enjoy this treasure trove of handcrafted items made by regional artists and artisans, perfect for holiday gift giving. Purchases can be wrapped in a gift bag upon request. Pence members receive 10% off Holiday Market purchases.

Continuing through Monday, Dec. 29: Claude Monet – the Immersive Experience, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This exhibit features Exhibition Hub's award-winning, 4K digital mapping techniques through which guests are fully enveloped in Monet's brilliant and contemplative works. Tickets and more information at www.monetexpo.com/sacramento

Continuing through Sunday, Dec. 29: Magical Christmas Train at 18095 County Road 117. Step into a dazzling holiday wonderland aboard the newly reimagined train. Santa's elves fill each car with laughter and song, leading joyful carols, playing elvish games, and helping little ones craft their letters to Santa. Then, step off the train in Santa's Village – a storybook scene of snow-dusted streets, a glittering tree farm, and Santa himself waiting to greet everyone. For more information, or to schedule this one-hour trip, contact www.riverfoxtrain.com/experiences

Continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 31: Yolo County Animal Services Countywide Pet Food Donation Drive, find donation bins at participating businesses throughout Yolo County, including PetSmart in Davis and Pet Supplies Plus in Woodland. Residents may also drop off donations directly at YCAS, 2640 E. Gibson Rd., Woodland.

Friday, Dec. 12 through Sunday, Dec. 14: A Very DMTC Holiday Youth Cabaret, at Davis Musical Theatre Co. (DMTC) 607 Pena Drive, Davis. Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., this joyful holiday fundraiser showcases the next generation of performers. Audiences will enjoy a bright and uplifting 60-minute cabaret featuring beloved holiday songs and kid-powered comedy. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available, a cocoa bar, silent auction and seasonal treats.

Friday, Dec. 12: Live at DCC Free Noon Concert – Chanteuses! Noon to 1 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 4th and C Streets, Davis. Chanteuses, a treble choir under the direction of William Zinn, will perform choral pieces filled with harmonious sounds and holiday joy.

Friday, Dec. 12: Parents' Night Out, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland. Parents can enjoy a night out while Woodland Community Services entertain the children. The night will include pizza dinner, crafts, games, and a movie. Sign up online for \$20 per child and \$15 per sibling. Registration is limited

and will fill up. Call 530-661-2000 for more information.

Friday, Dec. 12: Kids' Night Out – Pancakes and Pajamas, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Drop off the kids for games, crafts, dancing, and supervised fun with Parks & Recreation staff. The kids get a night out while their parents or grownups get a night off. Kids will enjoy breakfast-for-dinner, cocoa, and popcorn. Pajamas are optional. Be sure to send the kids with blankets and pillows to lounge on during movie time.

Saturday, Dec. 13: Breakfast with Santa, seatings at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall, 415 2nd Street, Davis. This annual event provides a hearty breakfast for both adults and children. Children will get a chance to meet Santa and will also receive a goodie bag. This event raises money to help support youth in the area through college scholarships for students who attend DaVinci High School and for various non-profit foster care and kinship programs in Yolo County. Tickets and more information at Eventbrite.com.

Saturday, Dec. 13: Family Holiday Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave., Winters. This annual event, brought to you by Winters Friends of the Library, is filled with fun for the whole family. Enjoy musical performances, crafts to make and buy, visits with Santa, delicious food from Mrs. Claus' kitchen, and quality used adult and children's books for sale.

Saturday, Dec. 13: Gingerbread Workshop, noon to 2 p.m. at Vince's Restaurant, 840 Harbor Blvd. Join us for a workshop designed for children, families, friends, and neighbors of all ages. We'll provide everything you need to bring your gingerbread vision to life, from icing to structure supports to colorful candy details. Vince's Restaurant will have drink specials (grown-up ones too) along with small bites for purchase. Register in advance at www.thewondergrove.org

Saturday, Dec. 13: Woodland's Annual Holiday Celebration, 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Plaza, 2nd and Main Streets, Woodland. Enjoy the holiday craft fair during the afternoon and stay for the parade down Main Street from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This year's parade theme is "A Whimsical Holiday Tale" so expect to enjoy all the warm, holiday whimsy. Get your shopping done with local vendors selling unique items, tasty treats, holiday crafts, and more.

Sunday, Dec. 14: Wiggle Worms Nature Play, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Bryte Park, 425 Todhunter Ave. Join us for free neighborhood nature play. Sessions include unstructured play, art, science, songs, nature exploration, and story time. Dress for active, and sometimes a bit messy, play. Designed to engage kids ages 2 to 9 but siblings and babies are welcome. This is not a drop-off program; caregiver must be present during the whole session. More information at www.thewondergrove.org

Sunday, Dec. 14: Davis Sings Family-Friendly Holiday Concert, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 412 C Street, Davis. Enjoy the Davis Chorale and the Davis Youth Choir performances. Free to all, donations gratefully accepted.

Friday, Dec. 19 and Saturday, Dec. 20: Christmas Basket

Project Distribution: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lighthouse Covenant Church, 3605 Gregory Ave. This is for families who signed up in November for one basket per household. For more information, contact Olive Morrow at 916-410-5741.

Friday, Dec. 19: Three Sisters Gardens Tamale Friendraiser & Dinner, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Sales from this event will support Three Sisters Gardens Urban Farm Youth Leadership Development Program, where we teach at-potential, high promise youth how to grow, harvest, and distribute fresh, organic vegetables to low-income and food-insecure homes in the Broderick community. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. Volunteers also needed Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon for tamale preparation. For more information, or to volunteer, email kris@3sistersgardens.com.

Friday, Dec. 19: Art Reception, "Faces of Oneness" by Filo Sophie King, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center Gallery 1075, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Join us for an evening bursting with artistry, insight, and drive. Explore how everyone's uniqueness is part of a larger unifying whole and our essential unity. Exhibition on display daily through Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Saturday, Dec. 20: Whiskers Wonderland, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Yolo County Fairgrounds, Waite Hall, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. Join the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) for their first ever, one-day, eight-ring show. This is a CFA licensed, all breed, specialty and household pet cat show. Entries close Monday, Dec. 15 or when limit is reached. For more information, call 530-341-6976 or 510-853-2707.

Saturday, Dec. 20: Crafts and Drafts, noon to 4 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn, 985 Riverfront Street. Come get a cold one and meet your favorite local makers in one convenient and fun spot. Kid- and dog-friendly.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, twice each month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Park, 5th and B St., Davis. Expect to see friendly vendors with local handmade and original art, crafts, quality vintage items, upcycled treasures, earth-friendly creations, good food and more. Next fair is Sunday, Dec. 14. Information and other dates at www.daviscraftandvintage.org

Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be Jan. 3, making a tow truck. Registration required by using the following link: www.homedepot.com/workshops/

Lowe's Kids Workshops are free in-person each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. The next workshop will be creating a sleigh ride on Saturday, Dec. 20. Registration required by searching "events" at www.lowes.com

Mighty Rotary Club of West

Sacramento meets on Fridays at noon at Streets of London, 2200 Lake Washington Blvd. See www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

Out of the Box Ministries, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd, is looking for volunteers and drivers to help with their upcoming Christmas events: Dec. 14, 2 p.m. food packing, Dec. 16, 4 p.m. delivery to the Police Department, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. **Cookiepalooza**, 6 p.m., and Dec. 18, food distribution at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, Dec. 20.

Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, Thursday, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

West Sacramento City Council meets at 7 p.m. generally on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., second floor, also viewable on Astound Cable channel 20 and AT&T channel 99. More information, including how to participate and Committee meeting schedules, can be found at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas> The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

West Sacramento Moose Lodge 1762 Toiletry Drive – collecting to support those in need in the community. Drop off your new, unopened items now through December during business hours at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. in the red box by the back door. A list of suggested items is on the Lodge Facebook page; call 916-371-9684 after 4 p.m. for more information.

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Tours run rain or shine on the third Sunday of each month, unless there is flooding. View seasonal and permanent wetlands, native grasslands and young riparian forests. Meet at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Road 32B. Next tour will be Sunday, Dec. 21. Registration is required at www.yolobasin.org

COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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 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



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

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. ★

Rising Heat Leads to Minimal Losses for California Processing Tomatoes

Researchers Analyzed Traffic, Temperatures and 1.4 million Tomato Truckloads

By Emily C. Dooley, UC Davis News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- California’s \$1 billion processing tomato industry is highly efficient and likely will be able to withstand higher temperatures and traffic congestion with minimal postharvest losses, according to research conducted at the University of California, Davis.

The research, published in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, analyzed 1.4 million truckloads of tomatoes transported from thousands of farm fields to processing facilities between 2011 and 2020.

“It’s rare that we find an example where climate change is expected to have a negligible effect,” said Sarah Whinnell, who led the research as a postdoctoral scholar at UC Davis

and is now at University of Western Australia, Perth.

“Ultimately, the supply chain is a well-oiled machine. The losses are relatively small, and while temperature does increase them, it’s not by a huge amount.”

Researchers matched each truckload to California state highway traffic data and hourly temperatures, which ranged from 48 degrees to 108 degrees Fahrenheit. They compared truckloads of tomatoes from the same field and same growing season: for example, one traveling at 5 a.m. when temperatures are cooler and traffic is light with one travelling at 5 p.m. when the opposite is true.

The best-case scenario was when cool temperatures coincided with heavy traffic. The worst-case scenario was hot temperatures combined

with heavy traffic. When it’s hot, slow traffic speeds cause trucks to spend more time at damaging temperatures.

“If you have this magic scenario where temperatures are cool but there is traffic, you actually have the lowest losses,” Whinnell said. “This is because faster speeds cause vibrations that can increase damage in fresh produce.”

Comparing best- and worst-case scenarios, the share of soft, split or squished tomatoes doubles from about 1% to 2%. This equates to modest losses, the researchers also found.

The findings show that California’s processing tomato industry is highly efficient and could be a model for others, said senior author Tim Beatty, who is chair of the Department of Agricultural and Resource



Truckloads of tomatoes are transported through traffic and higher temperatures with minimal losses, research shows. Photo courtesy of UC Davis News

Economics at UC Davis. “Most supply chains aren’t nearly as efficient as the California supply chain, so what this says is if you’re a very efficient supply chain, you can mitigate the losses associated with climate change,” Beatty said. “It says that adaptation is possible to really reduce loss past the farm gate.”

Eighty-four cents of every farm dollar is generated after the product leaves a farm, but most climate change research has focused on how growing is affected. This research looks at that second stage and was possible because of comprehensive public data and detailed transport, tonnage and quality data supplied

by industry, Beatty said. “We know very little about the effects of climate change once product leaves the farm gate,” he said. “I think this paper is one of the very first to actually tackle that.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative supported this research. ★

DA Office Awarded Grant for Specialized DUI Prosecution Team

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County District Attorney’s Office will continue to have a specialized prosecution team that handles alcohol and drug-impaired driving cases through a \$234,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety.

According to Yolo County District Attorney’s Commons Data Transparency portal (<https://www.measuresforjustice.org/commons/yoloda>), since 2020, driving under the influence (DUI) investigations referred to the District Attorney from local police, California Highway Patrol and the Sheriff’s Office for criminal charges have increased. Recent jury trial convictions,

as well as numerous other DUIs that have resulted in pleas, highlight a disturbing and troubling trend of DUIs with Blood Alcohol Contents (BACs) vastly beyond the legal limit of .08. A blood alcohol content that is double or triple this rate is an exponentially greater danger to other drivers on the road and the community as a whole.

“Impaired driving is a growing problem, particularly with drivers suspected of operating a vehicle under the influence of both alcohol and drugs,” Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig said. “This program allows us to focus specifically on holding those who decide to drive impaired accountable for their dangerous actions.”

The specialized prosecution team will also partner with the statewide Traffic Safety Resource

Prosecutor Training Program to collaborate with law enforcement agencies on best practices for handling and managing DUI cases.

Yolo County’s Deputy District Attorneys who are assigned to the program prosecute the most serious and complex DUI cases, such as those involving injury and death and those involving drug impairment. Deputy District Attorneys assigned to these cases handle them through all stages of the criminal process, from the time of the arrest through sentencing.

Office of Traffic Safety Grant Attorneys also focused on training law enforcement officers throughout California on DUI investigations, teaching courses at the California Highway Patrol Academy and local law

enforcement agencies. To date, thousands of officers have received DUI training funded by the Yolo County District Attorney’s state Office of Traffic Safety grant.

The program has also been very active in community outreach. The team has taken steps to be involved with local high schools, youth programs, UC Davis programs, local community colleges and the Yolo County Citizen’s Academy.

Over the past seven years, the Office of Traffic Safety grant program has focused on educating youth on the dangers of DUI especially as it relates to drugs. While marijuana is now legal, the program aims to educate that marijuana causes impairment despite 34 percent of teenagers believing it is safe to drive after

smoking or ingesting marijuana. Since beginning this program, the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office has reached nearly every high school in the area with live DUI trials that are conducted in front of the students.

This is the 14th year the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office has received funding from the OTS for a specialized (DUI) prosecution program. Last year, the prosecution team filed 849 DUI cases, including 39 DUI drug cases and 15 DUI combined alcohol and drug cases.

The grant program runs through September 2026.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

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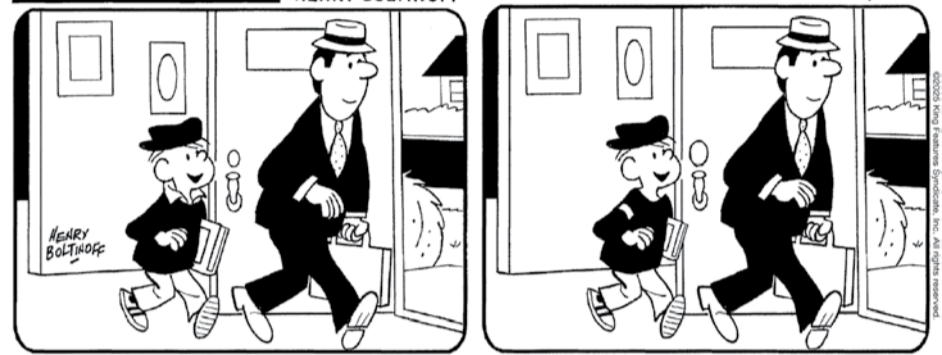
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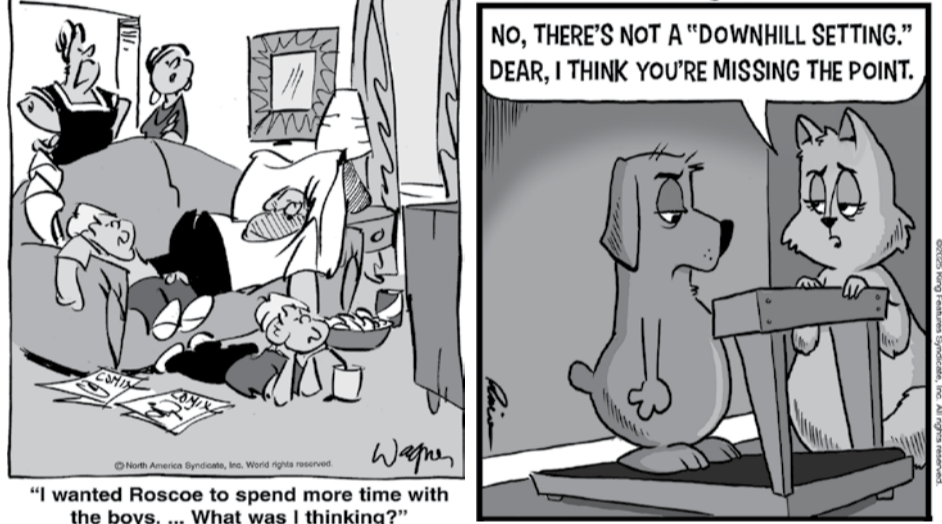
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Aggies Sweep Rider of the Month Awards in Strong Season

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 standout 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 Dezmyrn 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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