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Home Sales Decline for November

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the greater Sacramento region reflected normal levels in November as builder incentives continued to promote seasonal sales volumes, the North State Building Industry Association reported today.

November sales by reporting Building Industry Association members totaled 409, down 19 percent from October (a five-week month) and down 22 percent from November 2024 (a four-week month). However, sales were 8 percent higher than the 10-year monthly average.

North State Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said the sales totals were in line with expectations.

"Because builders have a toolbox of incentives to offer prospective buyers, we're still seeing new homes taking a larger share of overall purchases than we typically experience, and that is likely to continue in the near future," Murphy said.

"Mortgage rates are expected to remain in the low 6 percent range into 2026, and affordability remains a challenge. Fortunately, however, many builders are able to provide incentives to increase affordability."

However, Murphy warned that in the long run the affordability problem is only going to be solved by increasing the supply of new housing to meet the continued demand for homes in our region.

"The Building Industry Association will continue working with local governments in the area to expedite the zoning and permitting processes and to reduce the staggeringly high level of fees they charge, which now averages \$109,000 per home," he said.

Once again, the most sales in November were seen in Rancho Cordova, where 77 sales were reported. That was followed by Roseville with 67, Elk Grove with 54, Sacramento with 52 and Plumas Lake and Lincoln, which tied for fifth place with 35 each.

Building Industry Association statistics covered 195 new home communities in El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org.

Small Business Leaders Comment on Jobs Report

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California state director John Katabeck for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) said the Dec. 4 release of the monthly NFIB Jobs Report showed that 33 percent (seasonally adjusted) of small business owners reported job openings they could not fill in November.

That's up one point from October and the first increase since June. Unfilled job openings remain above the historical average of 24 percent:

"We will shortly release our small business legislative agenda for the 2026 half of the session and topping that list will be a call for state lawmakers to pay off, or significantly down, California's unemployment insurance (UI) loans it took out from the federal government during the pandemic," Katabeck said.

"It's worth reminding everyone that only business owners pay unemployment insurance taxes, so having to calculate this debt has a big impact on whether or not to hire more

employees or cut back the hours of existing employees or, worst of all, to lay off workers," Katabeck said. "It can't be a badge of honor, especially going into an election year, that California is the only state that has not paid Uncle Sam back the money it took to keep its UI Trust Fund solvent and unemployment checks going to those in need of them."

National Federation of Independent Business' Jobs Report is a national survey of National Federation of Independent Business-member small-business owners, not broken down by state. The typical National Federation of Independent Business member employs between one and nine people and reports gross sales of about \$500,000 a year.

"The economy has continued to grow steadily, despite the recent government shutdown. On Main Street, job growth continues to be constrained by a lack of qualified employees," said Bill Dunkelberg, chief economist at the National Federation of Independent Business.

Highlights from the Latest NFIB Jobs Report

A seasonally adjusted net 19

percent of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, up four points from October and the highest reading of the year. The last time that hiring plans reached this level was in December 2024.

In November, 21 percent of small business owners cited labor quality as their single most important problem, down six points, erasing most of October's sudden increase.

Labor costs, reported as the single most important problem by small business owners, remained at 8 percent.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 26 percent of small business owners reported raising compensation in November, unchanged from October. A net 24-percent (seasonally adjusted) plan to raise compensation in the next three months, up five points from October. The last time plans to raise compensation were at this level was in December 2024.

Keep up with the latest California small business news at www.nfib.com. Follow the National Federation of Independent Business on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA.



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A New Chapter at City Hall

Gatewood takes mayor's gavel, Budge named vice mayor



Garrett Gatewood stands alongside his wife as he is sworn in by Steven Gatewood as the 2026 Rancho Cordova Mayor during the Dec. 15 City Council meeting. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

African American male to be elected as a councilmember, but also the mayor of this city. Thank you to my wife, my parents and my friends.”

Gatewood outlined three priorities he said will guide his term: technology, economic development and service to the community.

The meeting also included a presentation recognizing outgoing Mayor Siri Pulipati for her year of service. Gatewood praised Pulipati's leadership and noted the milestones achieved during her tenure.

“This year, Siri made history as the first woman of color to serve as mayor,” Gatewood said. “She

Start 2026 Strong by Claiming Your CalKIDS Scholarship



To date, CalKIDS scholarship funds have been used by nearly 150,000 students towards their academic success at a college or career training program. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

By Omella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

The Rancho Cordova City Council selected its leadership for 2026 during a special meeting Dec. 15, appointing Vice Mayor Garrett Gatewood as mayor and Councilmember Linda Budge as vice mayor following public comment and council discussion.

The appointments were made in accordance with City Council Resolution No. 131-2025, which governs the annual selection of council leadership officers. The council amended earlier resolutions No. 5-2004 and No. 185-2004 on Nov. 17, to update the date for those years selection do Dec. 15. The swearing-in for both positions took place later that day at the regular City Council meeting.

City Clerk Stacy Leitner outlined the process for selecting the city's mayor and vice mayor, noting that while the council typically follows a rotation among its members, there is no fixed or mandated order.

“While the selection is a rotation amongst council members, it's important to note that there is no fixed or mandated order for which that rotation takes place. It is up to the City Council to determine who will serve in these particular leadership roles,” said Leitner. “This is an annual process and provides the opportunity for each council member over time to be considered.”

Several residents addressed the council during public comment, urging specific appointments and raising concerns about council dynamics.

Helen Whelan Bashaw, a Rancho Cordova resident, criticized deviations from what she described as an established order and voiced support for Councilmember Joe Little.

“I would like to discuss this issue of rotating people around to the juniors at the bottom of the list. I think that's appalling,” Bashaw said. “In order to train and develop the whole council you need to keep to the order that was established. Garrett Gatewood should be moved to mayor and Joe Little to vice mayor.”

Bashaw also expressed concern about how Little, the council's newest member, has been treated.

“My concern is based on outward displays of contempt towards Joe Little,” Bashaw said. “Joe Little's legal background makes him a vital asset to the council as he understands the legal cause and effect when self-motivated decisions are made favoring a particular interest and the people's interest.”

Another resident, James Garcia, submitted comments echoing support for Gatewood as mayor and Little as vice mayor.

“I am writing to respectfully recommend that the



Stacy Leitner administered the oath of office to Vice Mayor Linda Budge during the Dec. 15 City Council meeting. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova



The meeting also included a presentation recognizing outgoing Mayor Siri Pulipati for her year of service. She stands alongside her two children and mom at the Dec. 15 City Council meeting. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

City Council nominate Vice Mayor Garrett Gatewood as mayor and Councilmember Joe Little as vice mayor,” Garcia said.

Following public comment, Councilmember David M. Sander, Ph.D. made a motion to nominate Gatewood for mayor and Budge for vice mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Siri Pulipati and passed by the council.

With the vote, Gatewood will serve as Rancho Cordova's mayor for 2026, while Budge will assume the role of vice mayor. The formal swearing-in and ceremonial presentations took place later that evening during the City Council's regular meeting.

City Clerk Stacy Leitner administered the oath of office to Vice Mayor Linda Budge, who swore to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic,” adding that she accepted the obligation freely and would “well and faithfully discharge the duties” of her office.

Mayor Garrett Gatewood was sworn in by Steven Gatewood and addressed the audience following the oath. Gatewood expressed gratitude and reflected on the historic significance of his appointment.

“I am truly honored to be the mayor of Rancho Cordova,” Gatewood said. “It's going to be such an amazing year. I am the first

brought a calm, thoughtful and community-centered approach to the role. She put strong emphasis on the issues residents cared most about — safe neighborhoods, clean and connected communities, and programs to uplift our kids.”

Gatewood highlighted progress made under Pulipati's leadership, including public safety initiatives such as new technology tools, the Real Time Innovation Center, expanded efforts to address mail theft and the launch of a new neighborhood watch program.

“She made technology and education a priority for our city,” Gatewood said. “The one thing Siri kept front and center all year long was our young people.”

Pulipati also addressed the council and community, reflecting on her time as mayor and her ongoing commitment to public service.

“A major part of my job is listening to the residents,” Pulipati said. “That's what I've been doing all of my years as a councilmember and now as mayor. I go by three things whenever I rule on anything. that it is legally, ethically and morally correct.”

Pulipati said her priorities of education, public safety and economic development will continue as she remains on the council.

“I do have high hopes for the city,” Pulipati said. “As for myself, I'm here to serve in any capacity that I can.” ★

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

As the year comes to a close and families begin setting goals for the year ahead, California is reaffirming its commitment to young people through CalKIDS, the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program. Backed by a \$2 billion statewide investment for more than 5 million children, CalKIDS is the largest education-focused asset-building effort in the nation, providing automatic scholarship accounts to millions of California children and students to help pay for college or career training after high school.

As families think about meaningful gifts this holiday season and prepare for the opportunities a new year brings, claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship Account is a simple step with a lasting impact. Eligible children and students can receive between \$175 and \$1,500 in free scholarship funds, with no application, no essays and no income verification required. These funds are already set aside for children and students and can be used for qualified higher education expenses, making CalKIDS one of the most accessible scholarships available to California families.

“CalKIDS has been an amazing success, with nearly 1 million scholarship accounts already claimed by California families,” said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, Chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board, which administers CalKIDS. “As we look ahead to the new year, families across the state still have a tremendous opportunity to claim scholarship dollars already set aside for their children and students, funds that can help lower the cost of college or career training and expand what's possible for their future.”

More than 60% of public-school students in grades 2 through 12 are eligible for a CalKIDS Scholarship Account worth up to \$1,500. When CalKIDS launched in 2022, the program awarded scholarship accounts to students from elementary school to high school, meaning current college students may also be able to claim and use their CalKIDS Scholarship funds today. Awardees can use



As families think about meaningful gifts this holiday season and prepare for the opportunities a new year brings, claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship Account is a simple step with a lasting impact. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

their funds until age 26.

Additionally, 100% of newborns born on or after July 1, 2022 in California automatically receive a CalKIDS Scholarship Account worth up to \$175. This includes an initial scholarship awarded at birth, with additional incentives available when families claim the account and link it to a ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan where they can continue saving on their own.

CalKIDS Scholarships can be used for tuition and fees, required books and supplies, computer equipment and other qualified education expenses at accredited institutions nationwide making CalKIDS one of the simplest and most flexible scholarships students can claim this holiday season and in the year ahead.

To date, CalKIDS scholarship funds have been used by nearly 150,000 students towards their academic success at a college or career training program. For one awardee, Bryan a student at California State University, Fullerton, CalKIDS was described as: “A financial ease into pursuing a degree.”

Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship takes only a few minutes at CalKIDS.org.

For public school students, including those who are now college-aged, families will need the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a 10-digit number found on school portals, report cards or by contacting the public school the student attended during the 2021–22, 2022–23, or 2023–24 academic years.

For children born in California on or after July 1, 2022, families will need the

child's date of birth and the Local Registration Number, a 13-digit number found on the birth certificate.

Once an account is claimed, families can log in at any time to view their scholarship balance, link it to a ScholarShare 529 account, learn how the funds can be used and request a disbursement once the student is enrolled in higher education or career training.

CalKIDS reflects California's long-term commitment to expanding opportunity, reducing education costs and investing early in the success of its young people.

Families are encouraged to check if they have a CalKIDS Scholarship Account available to claim this holiday season by visiting CalKIDS.org.

About CalKIDS: *The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is the nation's largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, and Chaired by State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, the program is designed to promote the pursuit of higher education statewide by empowering families to build assets, nurture savings habits, and raise their educational aspirations. Eligible public school students can receive CalKIDS Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 and every child born in California on or after July 1, 2022, is awarded a CalKIDS Scholarship worth up to \$175, ensuring more families have the resources needed to support their children's education. To learn more, visit CalKIDS.org.* ★

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Jingle All the Way, Lincoln Village!

By MPG Staff and photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Lincoln Village neighborhood came alive with holiday spirit on Thursday, Dec. 11, as residents gathered for the 11th annual Lincoln Village Community Christmas Parade.

More than 50 decorated vehicles participated in the festive procession, which wound through the streets of Lincoln Village, delighting families and neighbors with lights, music and colorful displays. The



City officials braved the cool weather decked out in Christmas spirit at this year's Lincoln Village Community Christmas Parade.



City Councilmember Joe Little was one of the supporters and contributors of this year's Lincoln Village Community Christmas Parade.

community group, with support from the City of Rancho Cordova, City Councilmember Joe Little and Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume.

"had a great time" at the annual parade and thanking ITLV and community members for their efforts and enthusiasm.

"It was a fun night — so glad to be a part of it," said Taylor Haven, an event specialist with the Cordova Community Council.

City officials, local organizations and residents were in attendance, lining up the streets to cheer on participants and celebrate the season together. Organizers said the strong turnout and community support reflected the spirit of Lincoln Village and the continued success of the annual holiday tradition. ★

The Cordova Parks and Recreation Department also participated and praised the event in a statement, saying the district's board members and staff

residents together. Along the parade route, giveaway stations offered hot chocolate, cookies and goody bags filled with candy and small gifts, adding to the celebratory mood.

The parade was organized by the It Takes a Lincoln Village (ITLV)

CAHIP NorCal Celebrates Successful Toy Drive



From left, CAHIP Legislative Chair Josh Edwards (Eureka Insurance Solutions), CAHIP Community Service Chair Michele Childers (Cypress Dental), CAHIP Executive Director Lauren Bayha (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions) and CAHIP Media Relations Chair Corinne Huey (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions). Courtesy photo

CAHIP Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Association of Health Insurance Professionals, Northern California (CAHIP NorCal) is proud to announce the successful completion of its annual Toy Drive in partnership with River Oak Center for Children. Through this collaboration, gifts were provided to 300 families in the community, helping bring joy and support to children and caregivers during the holidays.

organization," said Michele Childers, CAHIP NorCal Community Service Chair. "It was incredibly rewarding to serve local families and to partner with River Oak Center for Children once again. Their dedication to supporting children and families makes a real difference, and we're honored to be part of that work."

The Toy Drive reflects CAHIP NorCal's ongoing commitment to community service alongside its work in advocacy, education, and professional development for health insurance and benefits professionals.

CAHIP NorCal Board members Lauren Bayha (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions), Corinne Huey (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions), Michele Childers (Cypress Dental) and Josh Edwards (Eureka Insurance Services) attended the gift-wrapping event, volunteering their time to help prepare presents once families had made their selections.

CAHIP NorCal extends sincere gratitude to River Oak Center for Children and to all members and volunteers who contributed their time and generosity to make this initiative a success.

"Giving back to our community is a meaningful part of who we are as an

For more information about CAHIP NorCal and future community events, visit www.cahip-norcal.org. For more information about River Oak Center for Children and the important work they do, visit www.riveroak.org. ★



Floats paraded down the streets of Lincoln Village at this year's community Christmas parade.

parade has become a cherished community tradition, known for its welcoming atmosphere

and strong neighborhood involvement.

The event was sponsored in part by Measure

H, Rancho Cordova's Community Enhancement Grant, which supports local projects that bring

Soil Born Farms Stems Together Broccoli Buddies Project

FUSD's Cordova Gardens Elementary School

City of Rancho Cordova News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On Friday, Dec. 5, Soil Born Farms joined forces with Folsom Cordova Unified School District's Nutrition Services Department, Cordova High School's Future Farmers of America Agriculture Academy and Cordova Gardens Elementary School to celebrate the Broccoli Buddies Project.



The Broccoli Buddies Project is part of Soil Born Farms' ongoing mission to educate and inspire young people about sustainable agriculture, nutrition and the benefits of eating locally grown produce. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

This hands-on program, supported by the city's Community Enhancement & Investment Fund, introduces students to the importance of local agriculture and healthy eating.

planting and harvesting and enjoyed a vegetable harvest-themed lunch, connecting classroom learning with healthy eating habits.

locally grown produce. By partnering with schools and community organizations, the program helps students develop hands-on skills and an appreciation for where their food comes from.

During the celebration, students learned about local agriculture and how fresh produce grows in their community, created broccoli crowns, gained practical experience in

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To learn more about the Agriculture Academy at Cordova High School and Soil Born Farms' programs, visit SoilBorn.org. ★

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Navigating Family Dynamics and Grief During the Holidays

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The holiday season is most often described as joyful, warm and full of celebration, but many people experience something more complex, like dreading gatherings knowing they can stir up stress, old patterns or emotional triggers and even intensify the grief of missing a loved one that's passed.

If this time of year feels complicated, that's perfectly normal. The holidays come with expectations, routines and memories that can heighten emotions.

Let's unpack why emotions run high in December and look at tools to deal with complex situations during the holidays.

Some factors that may contribute to complex emotions in December and getting triggered include: stepping into old family roles, feeling pressure to keep the peace, encountering conversations that feel sensitive or overwhelming, missing someone deeply during gatherings, being reminded of past losses or difficult years, old tensions, feeling judged or misunderstood, unresolved conflicts and changes in relationships

Any of these factors might lead to a triggering event where someone feels signs of irritability and withdrawing feelings. These reactions are normal. It's the body responding to a situation that feels intense.

Here are some tools to stay



Emotions may run high during holiday family gatherings. Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services provide a myriad of services to help residents navigate mental health struggles during the holidays. Photo courtesy of Anchiy via iStock

grounded in these moments.

Take pauses: A short walk, a moment outside, or even a trip for a water refill can give space for the body and mind to reset.

Set boundaries gently: Boundaries are an act of self-care, not conflict. It is okay to say, "I'd rather not talk about that right now," or "I need a moment," or "I'm going to step outside for a bit."

Reach out to someone supportive: A quick text or call can make a person feel less alone.

Practice grounding: Noticing five things, place feet firmly on the ground and take slow breaths

to regulate the nervous system.

Permission to feel: You don't have to force cheerfulness. It's okay to feel sad, tired, hopeful or anything in between.

Reflecting after the gathering: When things quiet down, take a moment to reflect and check in. What felt comforting? What felt difficult? What do I need moving forward?

Grief doesn't follow a schedule, and the holidays can magnify feelings of loss. Reminders appear everywhere – traditions, music, foods, photos and empty chairs that used to be filled.

Some ways to honor a loved

one might include lighting a candle in their memory, cooking their favorite dish, sharing stories with friends or family, writing them a letter or creating a small ritual that brings comfort.

There is no right or wrong way to grieve. Your journey is yours.

Family dynamics can be complicated and grief can feel heavy, especially during the holiday season. If this time of year brings emotional overwhelm, talking with someone can make a real difference, whether that's a friend, community member, support group or a behavioral

health professional.

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services provide a myriad of services to help residents navigate mental health struggles during the holidays.

Sacramento County's CORE Community Wellness Centers offer drop-in centers for mental health resources. For more information or to locate centers, visit: dhs.sacounty.gov/BHS/Pages/Adult-Mental-Health/CORE%20Program.aspx

Behavioral Health Services-Screening and Coordination (BHS-SAC) offers access and coordination of services in Sacramento County. For more information, visit: dhs.sacounty.gov/BHS/Pages/BHS-SAC.aspx

Mental Health America offers a variety of mental health and crisis resources. Visit mhanational.org/crisis-services/ for more information.

The NAMI Support Line offers emotional support, mental health information and resources. For more information, visit www.nami.org/support-education/nami-helpline/

Everyone deserves peace, connection and care this holiday season.

If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of self-harm or hopelessness, you can call or text 988 for immediate support or visit the county's Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic, 2130 Stockton Boulevard, Building 300, Sacramento, CA or call (916) 520-2460. ★

Rise In Local Salmonella Case Data Linked to Statewide Outbreak

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Salmonella cases rose above normal levels in Sacramento County this fall due to an outbreak linked to contaminated eggs from Vega Farms, Inc., a Dixon, CA based company. Case counts are anticipated to decrease following the voluntary recall by Vega Farms, Inc.

"We urge residents and businesses to check for recalled eggs and follow recall guidance to protect themselves and help prevent additional illnesses," said Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Sacramento County public health officer.

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are warning residents and

local businesses not to eat, sell or serve recalled in-shell eggs distributed by Vega Farms, Inc. Consumers should throw recalled eggs away or return them to the place of purchase for a refund, and businesses must not sell or serve recalled eggs.

Sacramento County Public Health is providing data to the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to support the ongoing investigation of a Salmonella Enteritidis outbreak linked to contaminated eggs and to ensure recalled products are removed from local stores and restaurants.

California Department of Public Health has confirmed 66 cases linked to the outbreak statewide, 49 of which are reported



Pictured are sample packages of recalled Vega Farms eggs. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

cases from Sacramento County. There have been 13 hospitalizations and no deaths. The high

number of outbreak cases in Sacramento County aligns with the distribution area of Vega Farms eggs (Davis

and Sacramento).

Sacramento County recorded 39 total Salmonella cases in September, 48 total cases in October and 36 total cases in November. These case counts were all above the three-year average for each month, with the increase directly tied to the outbreak.

Consumers should not eat recalled eggs and should throw them away or return them to the place of purchase for a refund.

Businesses should not sell or serve any of the recalled eggs.

Consumers and businesses should wash and sanitize items and surfaces that may have come into contact with the recalled eggs using hot soapy water or a dishwasher.

Anyone finding these products for sale should call the California Department

of Public Health Complaint Hotline at (800) 495-3232 or submit an electronic report to California Department of Public Health's Food and Drug Branch.

Consumers who become sick after eating the recalled eggs should call their health care provider. Salmonella infection symptoms usually begin six hours to six days after exposure and include diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps.

Illness typically lasts four to seven days, and most people recover without medical treatment. But for some people, the symptoms may be so severe that treatment or hospitalization is needed. Children younger than 5 years of age, adults 65 and older and people with weakened immune systems are more likely than others to get very sick. ★

TOT Grant Program Available for Local Non-Profits

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is continuing its commitment to supporting local non-profit organizations through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program. A total of \$1 million in grant funding will be available to eligible non-profit organizations operating in Sacramento County.

Since 2017, the Board of Supervisors has allocated Transit Occupancy Tax grant funds to organizations delivering community-based programs and services

in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, and health and human services. This marks the eighth consecutive year of investment and strengthening local communities through this initiative.

The application period opens Jan. 5, 2026, at 8 a.m. and closes Feb. 6, 2026 at 5 p.m. Applications must be submitted online via the TOT Grant Portal (www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=sacco).

It's important to note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants will receive an electronic confirmation upon successful submission.

A grant workshop will be held via Zoom (registration required) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20, 2026. Register at: sacounty-net.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/4y-p340UwSomN-zkfyG25pw#/ registration

The topics covered will be program overview and eligibility, insurance requirements, application content and guidance, a submission timeline and live Q&A.

From Feb. 9 to 20, 2026, county staff will review applications for completeness and compliance with minimum eligibility requirements. Applicants will be notified electronically if proposals do not meet the minimum qualifications and will not continue the

evaluation process.

From Feb. 23 to May 13, 2026, qualifying applications will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked. The Board of Supervisors will establish funding allocations for each application according to its ranking. Allocations will be determined in alignment with established evaluation criteria, and the strategic priorities of the Board. This process will help demonstrate the greatest potential impact.

In June 2026, final award decisions will be made by the Board of Supervisors during a public hearing. Applicants will be notified of the hearing schedule and final decisions electronically within five business days of Board approval.

In July 2026, county staff will begin drafting and executing grant agreements with selected organizations.

The TOT Grant Program is funded by revenue generated from the County's Transient Occupancy Tax, which is collected from guests staying in hotels, motels, and other short-term lodging within unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

For more information, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, please visit the TOT Grant Program website.

For eligibility and grant program questions, contact: SacCountyTOTAdmin@sacounty.gov ★

Department of Child, Family and Adult Services Awarded for Commitment to Community

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is proud to announce that the Department of

Child, Family, and Adult Services (DCFAS) has been named the winner of the inaugural Social Sector Hero of the Year Award by Clear Impact.

This international recognition celebrates organizations that

demonstrate exceptional measurable impact, transparency and a commitment to continuous improvement in their communities. Clear Impact is an organization that offers software, training and support to

help governments, non-profits and communities keep track of their programs, see how their work is making a difference and share their progress.

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Clear Impact's Social Sector Hero strategies, particularly the use of storytelling to connect data with real-life impact.

To learn more, visit SocialSectorHero.com/Award. ★

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- Are you good at reflecting on your achievements? If you're like me, you're often in future-mode, focused on pursuing the next goal, always pushing forward. However, research shows that taking time to reflect can be extremely motivating and enlightening. Reflection helps us pause, recognize progress, and uncover lessons that can be applied to future challenges. Just as importantly, it gives us space to celebrate one another along the way.

At Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD), reflection is not just a mindset, it is a practice embedded in how we improve. Within our continuous improvement framework, reflection lives in the Study phase of the PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act) cycle. This is the moment where we intentionally slow down to ask: What worked? What didn't? What did we learn? It is also where we name and celebrate successes, recognizing the people and practices that moved us forward before we decide what comes next.

Here in FCUSD, we have been putting this into practice, looking back at recent achievements across our District and acknowledging the people behind them. These moments of reflection and celebration matter. They remind us that progress is not accidental; it is the result of dedicated students, families, educators, and staff working together in service of our shared

The Power of Reflection: Taking Time to Celebrate Each Other and Our Wins

mission: ensuring all students demonstrate high levels of learning through continuous improvement, transformative social-emotional learning, and culturally responsive instruction. It's a lofty goal, and yet we've made meaningful strides toward it, strides worth studying, celebrating, and learning from.

Over the coming months, we will continue highlighting District successes and how they connect to our ambitious goals for 2026 and beyond. Today, let's pause to recognize just a few:

Awards Galore — Several FCUSD schools earned California Distinguished Schools designations this year—an extremely high bar to meet. Other campuses received statewide recognition for fostering positive school climates, and one exceptional staff member earned a statewide award. While our educators don't do this work for accolades, these honors reflect extraordinary commitment and care that deserve to be celebrated.

Academic Over-Achievement — FCUSD continues to achieve results that are the envy of districts statewide, from our impressive 92.4% graduation rate to our improving attendance trends. We've also expanded learning opportunities through Career Technical Education, the International Baccalaureate Program, and Dual Enrollment with local colleges, opening doors and helping students earn college credit tuition-free. These outcomes give us valuable data to study and build upon.

Growth Spurt — Our community continues to grow at a remarkable pace,

and FCUSD has been laying the groundwork to build new schools and modernize existing campuses. Through creative planning and community support, particularly through voter-approved bond measures, we are reimagining learning spaces, enhancing safety, and ensuring our facilities meet the needs of today's students and tomorrow's innovations.

Unified Vision — With more than 4,355 staff members serving over 22,500 students across 37 schools and 90 square miles, maintaining a unified "One District" vision is no small feat. Yet it remains one of our greatest strengths. Thank you for supporting not only your local school, but the District as a whole. As we often say, a rising tide lifts all boats, and every student success strengthens our entire community.

I hope taking time to study and reflect on these accomplishments is as encouraging for you as it is for me and our entire FCUSD team. Reflection prepares us for action, ensuring that our next steps are thoughtful, informed, and aligned to what we know works best for our students.

As we enter the holiday season, I wish you time for reflection, celebration, and connection. May your days be filled with the people and moments that matter most. And if you're looking for a simple reflection activity over the break, try asking your student to share a few things they're proud of from 2025 and one lesson they'll carry forward into the new year. I think you'll be inspired by what you hear.

Warm wishes for a joyful and restorative holiday season. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08447
Car Mall LLC, 6538 Twin Park Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Car Mall Auto Sales" 6538 Twin Park Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
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CAR 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08396
Roberto Evan Delgado and Zoe Woomer, 9109 Castlebar Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ink Worms Printing Services" 9109 Castlebar Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2025
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INK 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09068
Origin Solar USA Inc, 910 Pleasant Grove Boulevard #353, Rosevale, CA 95678 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Origin Solar USA" 9198 Greenback Lane #200, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2025
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ORIGIN 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09093
Gabriel Gutierrez, 2756 Primo Way, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GGB Services" 2756 Primo Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2025
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GGB 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08578
Aziz Kadirov, 6052 Landis Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 and Aleksandr Girzhu, 8344 Wildflower Way, Antelope, CA

95843 and Elijah Kibukevich, 5055 Road 66 NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837 and Vladimir Chuguy, 8045 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 and Llon Koval, 4800 NE 118th Court, Vancouver, WA 98682 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Acts Academy" 5031 Jackson Street, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025
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ACTS 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08985
JMBN Inc., 3444 Garfield Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Margolis Gaming Labs" 3444 Garfield Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025
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MARGOLIS 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09038
Tyree Jovan Montgomery, 1068 Hayer Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under

the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vantage View Security Group" 1068 Hayer Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2025
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VANTAGE 1-16-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2025-08684
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: NovaEdge Store, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Wall Hassany and Maisam Hassany, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on November 26, 2025 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: November 26, 2025.
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
NOVAEDGE 1-2-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2025-03792
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Medic, 65 Quinta Court Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95823. Masuta Logistics Inc, 65 Quinta Court Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95823. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on May 20, 2025 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: May 20, 2025.
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MEDIC 1-16-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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#25CV026099

Olena Ignatenko has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olena Ignatenko to Olena Oleynik and German Ignatenko to German Oleynik.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 6, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
IGNATENKO 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV026376
Mohad Haroon Shams has filed a petition with this court for a

decree changing the name(s) of Mohad Haroon Shams to Haroon Shams.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 3, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SHAMS 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV021358

Scarlett Rose Nielsen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scarlett Rose Nielsen to Syrus Rose Nielsen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 8, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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NIELSEN 1-2-26

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

Boyd Reed Anderson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Boyd Reed Anderson to Silver Dann.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 1, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026
ANDERSON 1-2-26

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

Jennifer Ann Wolf has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Ann Wolf to Jennifer Ann Krieger.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 4, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV028982

Gurbir Kaur has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gurbir Kaur to Gegnit Kaur.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

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WOLF 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV029046

Kazuhiro Maclay has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kazuhiro Maclay to Robert Maclay.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 3, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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MACLAY 1-9-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV029349

Carl La Morris Teer II has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carl La Morris Teer II to Carlos La Morris Teer.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 9, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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TEER 1-9-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV029119

Mohad Haroon Shams & Horia Shams has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohad Yousuf Shams to Yousuf Shams.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV028982

Gurbir Kaur has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gurbir Kaur to Gegnit Kaur.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of an Ordinance proposed for adoption by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of January 5, 2026:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 10.50.010 AND 10.50.020 OF CHAPTER 10.50 OF TITLE 10 OF THE RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIC STREETS

The full text of the proposed Ordinances are available in the City Clerk's office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE DOUGLAS 103 PROJECT

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAX FOR TRANSIT-RELATED SERVICES FOR THE BIG BALLER STORAGE RV PROJECT SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL

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City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Meeting at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDY REPORT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53083

FOR **ALPHA ONE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, LLC**, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND **KOZPURE DEVELOPMENT, LLC**, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TO RECEIVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDY IN THE FORM OF CITY FEE WAIVERS NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$940,000).

The purpose of this public hearing is: Consideration of an economic development subsidy in the form of a waiver of specific city fees to support Alpha One Sports and Entertainment Group's and KozPure Development's construction of a new sports anchored arena entertainment district. The waiver of specific city fees would support the construction of the 7,500 seat arena and plaza on vacant land (APN: 072-0223-004-000 and a portion of 072-0490-024) located at the south east corner of Trade Center Drive and Kilgore Drive in Rancho Cordova, 95670. In compliance with Section 53083 of the Government Code:

- In receipt of the subsidy: Alpha One Sports and Entertainment Group, LLC, and KozPure Development, LLC, 3195 Zinfandel Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Start and end dates of subsidy: The waiver of specific city fees will begin on January 6, 2026 and end on July 1, 2031.
- Description of subsidy: The City will waive specific city fees in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$940,000) to off-set the cost of construction for a 7,500 seat arena and plaza. The arena will anchor an entertainment district that will include hotels, residential units, a retail and dining district, public plaza, and structured and surface parking.
- Public purpose and benefit: The public will benefit from the new sports anchored arena entertainment development, as the arena will provide the community with seventy (70) full time jobs and three hundred (300) part time jobs. The arena will also provide a venue for the community to attend live arena soccer, other sporting events, live concerts, entertainment, graduations and events. The plaza will be activated with outdoor events, live music festivals, and family friendly and community center events. There is currently no other venue in the city to host large events.
- Projected tax revenue: It is estimated that the arena will generate, on average, \$150,000 in sales tax revenue to the city per year from the sale of merchandise and concessions and \$240,000 in property tax.
- Job creation: The arena will employ seventy (70) full time and three hundred (300) part time positions. During the construction of the arena three hundred and fifty (350) construction related jobs will comprise of the following trades: laborers, carpenters, operators, masons, electricians, plumbers/pipefitters, sheet metal trades, electricians, roofers, glazers, sprinkler fitters, landscapers, architects, engineers, project management, surveyors, testing services, cleaning services, and administrative services.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the City of Rancho Cordova Economic Development Department at (916) 851-8780.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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Newsom's \$18 Billion Budget Gap Has Roots in Pandemic Aid Ending



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his first draft of the state's 2026-27 budget next month, he'll reveal whether he intends to deal squarely with its chronic, multi-billion-dollar deficit or punt the shortfall to his successor.
 Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, the Legislature's independent fiscal advisor, estimates the state faces an \$18 billion gap between projected spending and likely revenues next year and, if left unaddressed, the deficit will grow to \$35 billion a year.
 Meanwhile, Petek says, the state has rung up \$21.6 billion in off-the-books debt to cover deficits in recent fiscal years.
 Petek and others have warned about the possibility of a serious recession afflicting the national economy which would exacerbate the budget's imbalance and strain California's emergency reserves, which have already been tapped to cover shortfalls.
 Even without a recession, California's economy is, in Petek's words, "sluggish." Jobs are shrinking, and at 5.6% of the labor force, California's unemployment rate remains the highest of any state.
 The recent history of papering over deficits with gimmicks and borrowed money is not an encouraging

signal of a forthright approach. However, perhaps Newsom will opt to balance California's books before embarking on a near-certain presidential campaign.
 Unfortunately, the state is not alone in being plagued by yawning gaps between income and outgo. Throughout California, school districts, cities, counties and other units of local government are facing deficits rooted in the same dynamics that led to red ink in state finances – immense injections of federal relief funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 It's been estimated that the feds pumped as much as \$600 billion into California through state and local governments to counteract the pandemic's economic impacts, not counting many other billions that businesses and individuals received directly.
 The federal aid gave officials cash to spend with few safeguards and fueled a short-lived jolt of taxes, particularly income taxes.
 The Newsom administration interpreted the windfall as a permanent increase in revenue that led the governor to declare, in 2022, a \$97.5 billion surplus. He and the Legislature immediately ramped up spending. But the surplus never materialized, and eventually the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion four years.
 By then, however, the additional spending, especially for an expansion of medical care, was lodged in state law, and the state was left with what is termed a "structural deficit" in the \$20 billion range.
 Meanwhile, local governments and school districts were using their pandemic

aid to satisfy the demands by employee unions for salary increases, which often could not be covered once the federal aid vanished. Inflation in living costs ratcheted up union salary demands even further.
 A new report by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, which monitors California school district finances, examined the chronically troubled Sacramento City Unified School District and described how federal aid led to its financial quicksand.
 The report catalogued the district's history of overspending revenues and said, "This (federal) funding masked the district's existing structural deficit, delaying the necessary actions to be taken to address it."
 Even after the federal aid stopped, the district continued to sign union contracts calling for raises that it could not afford. And it failed to implement the cost-saving steps it had pledged to balance its budget, the analysis found.
 The budget problems in other school districts – Oakland Unified is a notorious example – and in local governments such as the City of Los Angeles have a similar ring. School trustees and city council members, elected with union support, squandered federal aid. Then they approved unsustainable contracts and blamed the resulting deficits on insufficient revenue.
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. ★

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Kings Korner
 By V.G. Harris

As the vaunted Houston Rockets entered Golden One Arena Sunday night with a gaudy 17-8 record was there anyone that could have conceived the Sacramento Kings would rebound the Rockets 55-47? You would be hard pressed to find someone, but that's exactly what the Kings did, resulting in a hard fought 125-124 win!
 Sitting just behind the Kings bench I was saddened by the number of empty seats that I gazed upon, and I found myself wondering why so many fans made the decision to stay home just days before Christmas.
 Why not take the family out and celebrate the great careers of players like Russell Westbrook and DeMar DeRozan, leading the team to a holiday victory? That's exactly what they did, and coming back from a double deficit hole in the fourth quarter the Kings ended regulation on a torrid 17-2 frenetic scoring stretch that sent the game into overtime.
 Future hall of famer Russell Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with just seconds left in regulation to put a hard-fought contest into overtime, much to the delight of Golden One holiday crowd.
 DeMar DeRozan led the Kings with 27 big points while teammate Russell Westbrook added 21 points of his own to go with 13 monster rebounds. Yes, Kings fans, the veterans came to play and, on this night, they came to win!
 All knotted at 112 apiece the Kings would end their losing streak after suffering back-to-back losses to the Portland Trailblazers, and it was an unlikely 3-pointer from Dennis Schroder with 2.2 seconds left on the clock that would propel the Kings to victory.
 Kevin Durant's 20-footer with one second remaining would miss the mark sending home a jubilant Sacramento Kings crowd. No one seemed to mind the rain as fans made their way to their cars, because on this night, the hometown ballers put on a show.
 Doug Christie's decision to finally focus on the young players is starting to pay dividends, but his reluctance to play Devin Carter and Keon Ellis is a mystery to me.
 Rather than give minutes to Devin Carter, the organization sent this 1st round draft choice to the G-league where he will get

all the minutes he wants. While I agree that court time is what Carter needs, I believe real NBA talent is what he needs to be up against.
 If the Kings want to see what the team's youth have to offer let's put them all out there. Both Carter and Ellis represent the defensive presence that coach Christie has been barking about, so why not let them show what they can do. Finally, put together a real plan of attack and get the message out there. Let the veterans do what they do, while giving substantial minutes to the young players at the same time.
 Most of all, find a rotation that makes sense and not something new every game. Putting Malik Monk of the bench for two and three games at a time makes absolutely no sense, and it belittles a talent that took considerably less money to stay in Sacramento. Malik showed where his heart is, now show Malik that you value his skills.
 Once again, the inability to access talent accurately rises to the top, and this coaching staff needs to get it together.
 Games like this victory over the Thunder do not have to be an aberration if this coaching staff will find rotations that make sense. It's not rocket science, so do it!
 Without question this team misses Domantas Sabonis and apparently, he is not returning anytime soon, so use your veterans wisely and play the legs off the youngsters.
 Fans have their favorite players, and if the messaging coming from Kings is correct, some of your favorite players may soon be taking up residence elsewhere. I for one, hope Domantas Sabonis remains a foundation piece and Sacramento fans can witness his high intensity style of play for years to come.
 In the meantime, remember this: The Sacramento Kings have proven on any given night this team can defeat any NBA team in America. The talent is here, and now is the time to come and see future hall-of-famers in action. Get out and support this team because they are playing hard!
 Keep the faith Kings fans and have a very Merry Christmas!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

Yes, Revive the Monroe Doctrine

President Trump likes putting his name on things, so maybe it was inevitable he'd get his own corollary to the Monroe Doctrine. Truth be told, what the president's just-released national security strategy sets out as a new proposition is really a restatement of the Lodge Corollary, named after Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in 1912. That proviso prohibited any foreign power or interest -- not just European governments -- from gaining "practical power of control" in the Western Hemisphere.
 Naming rights aside, the treatment of our hemisphere is a strong element of the strategy. The so-called Trump corollary aims to assert U.S. preeminence in the hemisphere and keep non-hemispheric actors from creating threats or controlling strategically vital assets here. It is, in the words of the strategy, "a common-sense and potent restoration of American power and priorities, consistent with American security interests."
 We should, by all means, breathe new life into a Monroe Doctrine that in recent decades has become a museum curiosity. The precipitating crisis for the making of the doctrine was an 1821 declaration by the Russians that they'd prohibit foreign shipping within 115 miles of their holdings on the Pacific coast. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams rebuffed the edict in terms anticipating the doctrine.
 The bigger issue was that the Spanish empire was disintegrating. The end of its

grip in the Western Hemisphere catalyzed the birth of Latin American republics and presented the risk of interventions by ambitious, illiberal continental European states.
 What to do? The British, who didn't want to get locked out of Latin American markets by other European countries and viewed the U.S. as a potential partner, suggested a joint declaration that continental powers should steer clear. We strung the Brits along and then President Monroe issued, on his own, what would become his eponymous doctrine in an annual message to Congress in 1823.
 He asserted that "the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers."
 New European footholds in the Western Hemisphere were thought to represent not just security, but territorial, demographic and ideological threats. Metternich, the Austrian statesman, took great umbrage. He called it an "act of revolt," and pronounced it "fully as audacious" and "no less dangerous" than the American Revolution. Tsar Alexander said that "it merits only the most profound contempt." But Russia backed off its 1821 power play.
 Initially, we weren't close to being militarily capable of contesting European encroachments and we relied on the British, in effect, to enforce our declaration. Still, the Monroe Doc-

trine became a predicate of American geopolitical power by avoiding major challenges to our hegemony in our own hemisphere. When we had the means, we enforced it ourselves. Once we were no longer distracted by the Civil War, we pressured France to end its intervention in Mexico in the 1860s. We got Germany to stand down during the Venezuela crisis of 1902 (this event led to the Roosevelt Corollary, named after President Teddy Roosevelt, stipulating the U.S. could deploy "an international police power" when Latin American countries were failing).
 Since the 1990s, though, we've let down our guard. China is now Latin America's second-largest trading partner after the United States, and has expanded its influence in the region on all fronts. Russia has relationships with Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba, and has increased its covert operations in Mexico. Hezbollah has a notable presence in Latin America.
 Trump's focus on countering these malign actors could be seen in his successful effort earlier this year to get Panama to pull out of China's Belt and Road Initiative, and is evident now in his pressure campaign against a Maduro regime in Venezuela that is aligned with China, Russia and Iran.
 Trump's actions often feel new and different, but here, his strategic departure is returning to a traditional American approach to our side of the Atlantic.
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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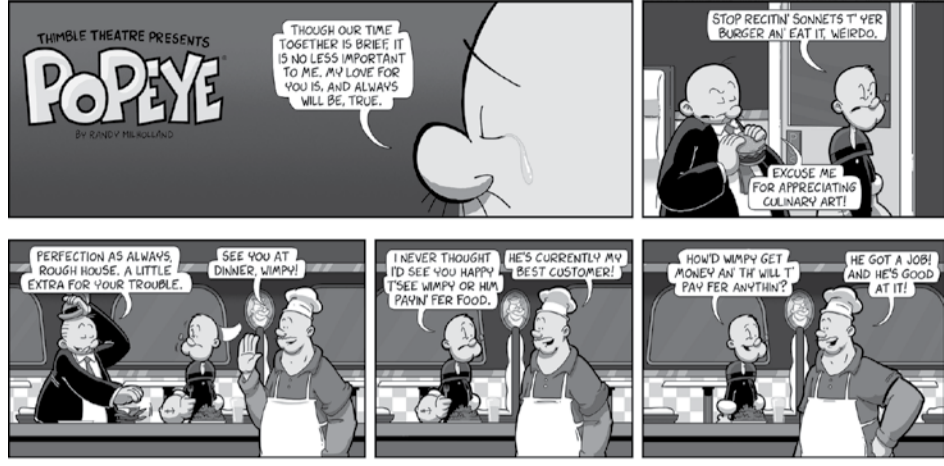
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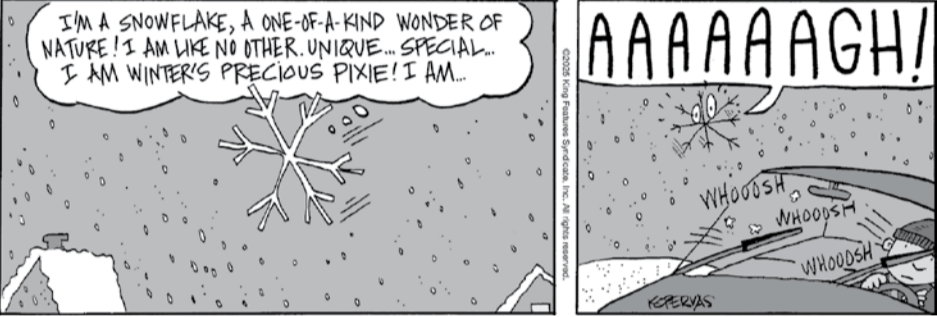
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 - "Show anger with arms"
 - Unnerve
 - Eurasian antelope
 - "___ but not heard"
 - Much, in Italy
 - Song of praise
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"We are thrilled to welcome Alonzo Carter as our next head football coach," Orr said.

"Coach Carter is a proven leader who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to developing student-athletes on and off the field. His history of success in recruiting, constructing teams and producing results at all levels of football makes him an ideal fit for Sacramento State. We look forward to welcoming him and his family back to his native Northern California and having him as part of the Sacramento community for years to come."

Known for his recruiting ability and deep roots in Northern California, Carter is coming home and most recently served as the assistant head coach and running backs coach at the University of Arizona. Additionally, he has experience as a head coach at the high school and junior college levels.

"Being named the head football coach at Sacramento State is truly an honor and a dream fulfilled," Carter said.

"I want to thank President Luke Wood and Athletics Director Mark Orr for giving me the opportunity to return to Northern California and lead this program. Every stop in my career has prepared me for this moment. Sacramento State deserves a program built on discipline, effort and pride. We're here to raise the standard and represent this University the right way."

Carter has spent the past nine seasons working under Brett Brennan at San Jose State and at the University of Arizona. He joined the Spartans football coaching staff in January 2017 as the running

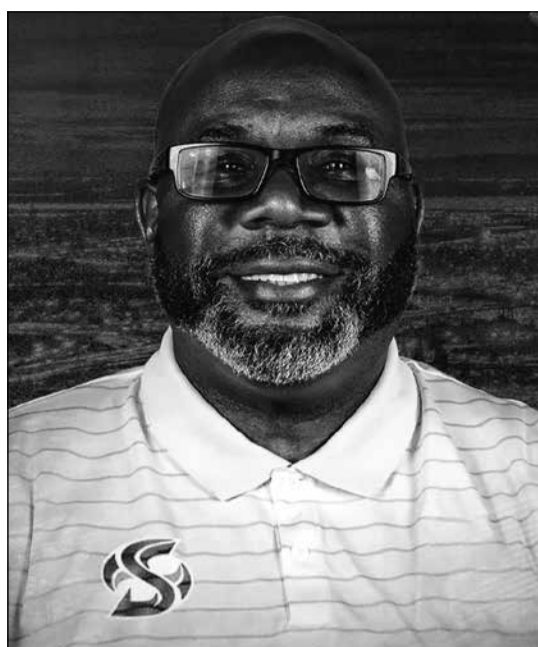
backs coach and added the duties of assistant head coach in 2021. After a successful run at SJSU which included three bowl appearances, he joined the Arizona staff prior to the 2024 season.

This season, the Wildcats went 9-3 in the regular season and will play in the Trust & Will Holiday Bowl on Jan. 2. The team rushed for 2,143 yards and 20 touchdowns and was led by Ismail Mahdi who had 826 yards and four scores. That effort helped Mahdi earn all-Big 12 Conference honors.

In his role as assistant head coach, he aided in the administration of the program, led practices and meetings in the head coach's absence and represented the team at campus and community events.

During Carter's final season at San Jose State (2023), running back Kairee Robinson finished second in the Mountain West Conference with a career-high 1,194 rushing yards and led the conference with a career-high 18 rushing touchdowns.

Carter's running backs played a large role in helping the Spartans go 7-1 overall in 2020, win the Mountain West title and end the season ranked 24th in the AP Poll. The San Jose State backs averaged 4.5 yards per rush and became one of the first two teams in NCAA Football Bowl



Pictured is Alonzo Carter, Sacramento State's 14th head football coach. Courtesy photo

Subdivision (FBS) history to complete a season without losing a fumble by a ball handler on offense, defense, and special teams.

As a head coach at Contra Costa JC from 2010-16, Carter led the team to four conference titles and a pair of bowl victories. In 2012, his team won the Bay Valley Conference, he was named the league coach of the year as well as the CCCFA Region II Coach of the Year. He added a second BVC title the following season and then won Pacific 7 Conference titles in 2014 and 2015. The team advanced to win the Living Breath Foundation Bowl in 2012 and 2014.

Prior to that position, Carter was the head coach at McClymonds High School in Oakland, Calif., for seven years (1999-06) where he won three CIF Oakland Section titles. He was also the head coach at Berkeley HS for three seasons (2007-09) and the head track and field coach at McClymonds High School for 13 years. Overall, he owns a 129-69-3 record as a head coach.

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic and up to the start of the delayed season, Carter became a national figure through his West Coast Zoom clinics — weekly sessions involving

hundreds of football coaches. Rooted in listening, learning and networking, he relied on his professional connections and hosted engaging ZOOM calls lasting up to seven hours, either once or twice a week. For his use of the Zoom technology platform, he received a 2020 Zoomtopia award for innovation — emphasis on diversity: bridging the divide.

In August 2020, he was named to the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches (NCMFC) executive committee. The organization's goal is to identify and groom coaches of color and create a list of coaching candidates for upward mobility. The NCMFC recognized his organizational commitment through his recruitment of more than 100 new members, providing mentoring, and mock interview sessions with its MVP Advocate Award for 2020. Since August 2020, he assisted 26 NCMFC members that advanced to coaching positions of greater responsibility or visibility.

Carter was inducted into the African American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, and the Contra Costa JC Hall of Fame in 2025. He holds coaching certifications from the American Football Coaches Association, the California Interscholastic Federation and the California Community College Athletic Association. Carter was selected to participate in the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship program in 2017 with the San Francisco 49ers.

Carter graduated from Cal State East Bay with a degree in African American studies in 2016. He was a member of the Pioneers' football and track and field teams while the school was known as Cal State Hayward. Carter is the father of four children: Alonzo Carter II, Alona Carter, Anthony Carter, and Kennedie Carter. ★

Republic FC Reinforces Roster with Pierre Reedy

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The club announced Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. Reedy will be added to the team's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Pierre is a well-rounded player who can have an impact on both ends of the pitch," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "He brings a mentality and work rate that make every team he's a part of better. We're looking forward to having him join our fight for silverware."

Reedy added, "It's an honor to be a part of this club. I'm looking forward to this new challenge and giving everything I have for this club and our fans."

Reedy spent the last two seasons with USL League One club Spokane Velocity, where he helped the expansion team reach back-to-back appearances in the league Final. Across all competitions, he recorded 35 appearances, four goals and five assists. Earlier this year, the Pennsylvania native was selected as the Player of the Week after adding a goal and two assists against Westchester.

He previously featured in USL Championship for Charleston Battery in 2023. He joined the Eastern Conference team midway through the season and helped them close out the campaign in strong form to finish third in the table,



Sacramento Republic FC announced on Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. The 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

a nine-point improvement from the previous year. Charleston would go on to claim its first-ever Eastern Conference Championship.

In 2022, he signed his first professional contract for Real Monarchs. He made 18 appearances MLS NEXT Pro appearances and was also called up to Real Salt Lake on a short-term loan that included two appearances. At the end of the 2022 season, Reedy trialed with Scottish Championship side Dundee FC before earning a contract for the second half of the season. He went on to make four appearances to help Dundee earn promotion back to the Scottish Premiership.

Before attending Penn State, Reedy was a member of New York Red Bulls youth academy. The three-year captain recorded 70 appearances, nine goals and 15 assists for the Nittany

Lions, earning five All-American selections. In 2021, he was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor, one of the most prestigious student-athlete awards in the country. He also featured for USL League Two side Reading United FC from 2016 to 2018 and helped them reach the 2018 National Championship Final.

Republic FC's 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7 when the club hosts FC Tulsa at Heart Health Park. Season ticket memberships are on sale now, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Chip Maxson 2025 MiLB Executive of the Year

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats are proud to announce that President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Chip Maxson has been named the "Baseball America" 2025 Minor League Baseball (MiLB) Executive of the Year.

Just two months after earning an honor of similar namesake from (MiLB), Maxson has been chosen as the top executive of all 120 MiLB affiliates by Baseball America, the website and print magazine company that has developed into one of the premiere baseball outlets in the country.

Under Maxson's leadership, Sutter Health Park undertook the unprecedented challenge of hosting two baseball teams and embarked on an ambitious eight-month renovation prior to the season.

"This recognition from Baseball America in addition to the honor from MiLB are a testament to the passion, dedication, and hard work of our entire team," said Sacramento River Cats President and COO Chip Maxson. "Every member of our staff plays a vital role in creating unforgettable experiences for our fans and I'm proud to share this honor with our entire organization and the Sacramento community."

Following the April 4, announcement that the Athletics would temporarily share Sutter Health Park, significant upgrades were made to meet Major League Baseball™ (MLB) standards. Among those included the installation of a state-of-the-art natural grass field equipped with AirPAT technology to enhance turf health, optimize moisture, temperature control, and ensure year-round playability. Six premium club and hospitality spaces underwent modifications, including the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, Sky River Casino Solon Club and Diamond View Dugout Club.

During the 2025 season, Sutter Health

Park hosted a total of 151 combined (Major League Baseball) MLB and MiLB contests in just 180 days. The ballpark recorded a 157 percent increase in announced attendance, welcoming nearly 1.1 million fans across all events.

Since joining the organization in 2012, Maxson has guided the River Cats through transformative growth. Among Maxson's immediate actions in 2013 was the addition and construction of the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, the first major project at Sutter Health Park since the stadium had been opened in 2000. Maxson's tenure includes leading the affiliation change to the San Francisco



Giants in 2015, securing a new stadium naming rights deal in 2019, and overseeing the team's third Triple-A National Championship - the first MiLB franchise in history to reach that milestone.

This is the second time in franchise history that the River Cats have earned this distinct honor from Baseball America. The first to do so was Sacramento River Cats President & General Manager Alan Ledford following the 2006 season.

Sacramento continues its string of post-season honors over the past two seasons, as following the 2024 calendar year the River Cats were honored as 2024 Bob Freitas Award winners by Baseball America, given annually to the top team from each of MiLB's three classification levels.

Sutter Health Park is the West Sacramento home of the three-time Triple-A Champion Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the three-time World Series Champion San Francisco Giants. Memberships, mini-plans, and suites and hospitality spaces for the 2026 season may be purchased now by calling the River Cats Ticket Office at (916) 371-HITS (4487), emailing tickets@rivercats.com, or visiting www.rivercats.com. For information on other events at Sutter Health Park, visit www.sutterhealthpark.com. ★

A's Agree to Terms with RHP Mark Leiter Jr. on One-Year Contract

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics have agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Mark Leiter Jr. on a one-year contract for the 2026 season, the club announced Dec. 17.

Leiter went 6-7 with two

saves, 14 holds and a 4.84 ERA in 59 relief appearances for the New York Yankees last season. He struck out 54 batters in 48.1 innings and walked 17 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.17. The 34-year-old right-handed pitcher appeared in 50 or more games for the third consecutive

season and his six wins were a career high.

Leiter has pitched for four teams in six seasons in the majors and is 16-29 with nine saves and a 4.60 ERA in 270 career appearances with the Phillies (2017-18), Blue Jays (2018), Cubs (2022-24)

and Yankees (2024-25). He was originally drafted by Philadelphia in the 22nd round in 2013 and did not pitch in 2019 and 2020 due to "Tommy John" surgery and the pandemic. Leiter returned to the majors in 2022 and appeared in a career-high 69 games

for Chicago in 2023 when he logged a career-low 3.50 ERA. He is the son of Mark Leiter, who pitched 11 seasons in the majors from 1990-2001, and the nephew of Al Leiter, who played 19 seasons from 1987-2005 and was a two-time All-Star. ★

Bridgeforth Steps Down as Varsity Basketball Coach



Cordova Lancers boys varsity basketball head coach Kevin Bridgeforth recently stepped down from his role with the program. Photo by Rick Sloan

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Cordova Lancers varsity head basketball coach Kevin Bridgeforth has resigned from his position with the team, according to school Athletic Director JP Dolliver.

The Lancers, who just began their winter season, had been under the guidance of Bridgeforth for just over one year. In his first season at the helm in the 2024-2025 school year, Bridgeforth coached the Lancers to a 1-22 overall record, including a 0-12 mark in Metro League play as he worked to establish a new culture within the basketball program. The circumstances surrounding Bridgeforth stepping down are unknown.

Officials at Cordova High School declined our request for comment on the matter, deferring to Folsom Cordova Unified School District Director of Athletics Peter Maroon.

When reached for comment, Maroon provided the following statement: "We wish Kevin Bridgeforth the best moving forward," he said. "We greatly appreciate all he did for the kids in the year that

he was here." Bridgeforth also did not respond to a request for comment.

Social media buzz following Bridgeforth's resignation has linked American River College assistant basketball coach Christopher Collins to the Lancers' coaching vacancy, however neither Dolliver nor Maroon could confirm that Collins was being hired for the job at press time.

Collins has also served as Director at YBA Elite, one of Northern California's top Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball programs since 2014 and is widely respected in youth basketball. An update will be provided when a formal announcement has been made.

Heading into Christmas break, the Lancers had compiled a 2-6 overall record. Lancers' junior varsity head coach Andre Evans has served as interim varsity head coach while the program looks to bring on their new hire. With Metro League play beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 6 in a home clash against visiting West Park, the team will have their work cut out for them as they hope to compete in an ever-ready division. ★



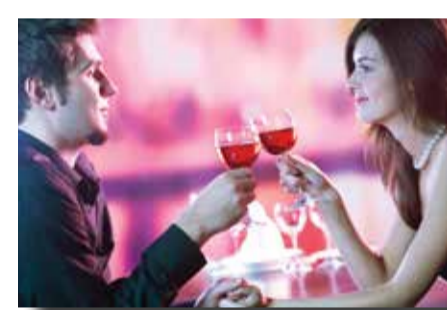
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