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## CalKIDS Expands Access to Education Resources

CalKIDS News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - CalKIDS, California's landmark scholarship program for college and career training, awarded laptops to eight families across Sacramento and California as part of a statewide initiative to expand access to essential learning tools and increase awareness of the CalKIDS Scholarship Accounts available.

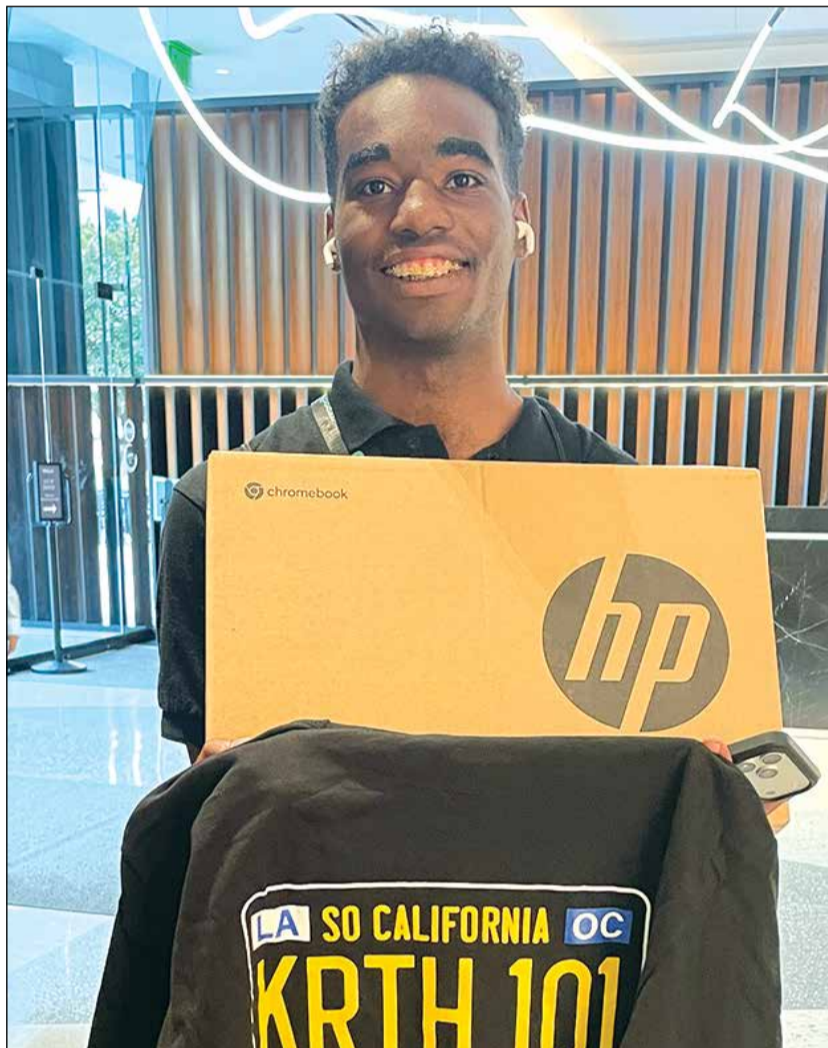
The giveaways, conducted in partnership with Audacy radio stations, were designed to reach families where they already spend their time and to help bridge the digital divide that continues to impact students across the state.

Today, a reliable laptop is more than a convenience; students need one to complete basic school assignments, apply to colleges, explore career and technical education programs, and access the digital tools that support long-term academic success.

For many families, the impact has been immediate. One Sacramento parent shared that the new laptop will support all three of her sons, who are required to use a computer for school. Until now, the family relied solely on rented devices and had never been able to purchase one of their own. She said they were incredibly grateful to finally have a laptop at home, one that will ease the stress of keeping up with schoolwork.

"The path to higher education starts with access, and when families learn about CalKIDS and receive tools like laptops, it becomes easier to take that first step," said Cassandra DiBenedetto, executive director, ScholarShare Investment Board.

"These efforts are about removing barriers, increasing awareness, and making sure every family knows that



A CalKIDS Laptop Giveaway winner smiles after receiving a new HP Chromebook, along with KRTH-101 gear from CalKIDS partner Audacy. Courtesy photo

California is investing in their children's futures."

As CalKIDS continues its statewide outreach, the program is working with trusted partners including schools, community-based organizations, and hospitals to remind families that millions of dollars in CalKIDS Scholarships are still available to claim.

Children born in California on or

after July 1, 2022, automatically receive up to \$175 in a CalKIDS Scholarship Account, and eligible public-school students in grades 2 through 12 can receive up to \$1,500 to help offset the cost of higher education.

Families are encouraged encouraged to learn more, check eligibility and claim their child's CalKIDS Scholarship by visiting CalKIDS.org. ★

## Board Approves School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding

Washington Unified School District News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - During the regularly scheduled Washington Unified School District (WUSD) Board of Education meeting on Dec. 18, 2025, the Washington Unified School District Board of Trustees approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Washington Unified School District and the City of West Sacramento.

The agreement, made in collaboration with the West Sacramento Police Department (WSPD), formalizes the partnership for a School Resource Officer (SRO) set to begin in the 2026-27 school year. This action follows the West Sacramento City Council's approval of the same Memorandum of Understanding on Dec. 3, 2025.

The Memorandum of Understanding creates a formal, five-year partnership (July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031) in which Washington Unified School District and the City of West Sacramento jointly fund and coordinate one full-time School Resource Officer assigned to support all Washington Unified School District schools, with a primary focus on River City High School and Yolo High School. The agreement is designed to enhance existing safety efforts, foster positive relationships between students and law enforcement, and support a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for all students, staff and families.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, the School Resource Officer is a full-time, sworn West Sacramento Police Department officer who will: maintain a

consistent, visible presence on campuses and serve as a supportive mentor and trusted adult for students; prioritize prevention and intervention, including support around issues such as truancy, substance use, and gang activity, and provide safety education upon request; and assist with emergency response, participate in safety drills, and support training for students and staff on the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), and collaborate in the review of comprehensive school site safety plans.

The Memorandum of Understanding clearly states that the School Resource Officer will not be responsible for school discipline, routine student supervision such as hall or lunch duty, or access student records.

Washington Unified School District and West Sacramento Police Department will



begin the process to select the dedicated School Resource Officer, with Washington Unified School District participating in interviews and providing input on the final candidate.

Once a candidate has been approved, Washington Unified School District and West Sacramento Police Department will finalize scheduling, training and implementation details to ensure the Student Resource Officer is prepared to support students and staff when the program launches in the 2026-27 school year. ★

## CalCCA Challenges CPUC Decision Raising Energy Bills

California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) recently filed a Petition for Writ of Review with the California Court of Appeal, Third District, challenging a recent California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decision that retroactively changes the methodology used to calculate the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), a key component of electric rates for more than 15 million Californians who receive service from Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs).

State law requires the CPUC to ensure "ratepayer indifference," meaning neither IOU customers nor CCA customers should experience cost shifts due to retail choice. To accomplish this, the CPUC compares each utility's procurement costs with the current market value of its generation portfolio and applies the resulting difference -- positive or negative -- to customer bills as a PCIA charge.

For many years, the PCIA produced higher charges for CCA customers. But in 2024 and 2025, rising market prices increased the value of utility portfolios, resulting in lower PCIA charges for some CCA customers. Although the existing methodology was developed with utility support in 2018 and applied consistently for years -- including during periods when utility customers benefited -- the CPUC acted once it began to increase rates for utility customers.

In an abbreviated four-month proceeding and with the support of the IOUs, the CPUC adopted Decision 25-06-049, altering the methodology for setting market price benchmarks used in the PCIA. The decision was justified by concerns about transaction volumes underlying one benchmark for 2025, despite no evidence in the record showing that the existing benchmark was inaccurate. The CPUC then applied the new methodology retroactively to 2025 rates already in effect.

CalCCA's petition argues that the CPUC's action violates the statutory prohibition against retroactive ratemaking, which protects rate stability and prevents after-the-fact changes to approved rates. The petition also asserts that the CPUC lacked adequate findings or evidence to change the existing methodology.

For more information, visit [www.cal-cca.org](http://www.cal-cca.org). ★

# New Year, New Laws

## California Highway Patrol News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is committed to keeping the public informed so they can make the safest choices for themselves and their families. As part of this effort, the California Highway Patrol is highlighting new public safety laws passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Unless otherwise noted, these laws take effect Jan. 1, 2026.

### Crimes: Burglary Tools (AB 486, Lackey)

Assembly Bill 486 makes it a misdemeanor to possess a key programming device, a key duplicating device, or a signal extender with the intent to commit burglary. The offense can result in up to six months in county jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

This bill expands existing law by adding those three tools to the list of tools illegal to possess with the intent to commit burglary.

### Electric Bicycles: Required Equipment (AB 544, Davies)

Assembly Bill 544 mandates that electric bicycles must have a red reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear during all hours of operation, not just during darkness as the law previously required.

The bill also allows the California Highway Patrol-developed online electric bicycle safety and training program to fulfill the safety course requirement for minors who receive a helmet violation involving electric bicycles.

### Off-highway Electric Motorcycles (SB 586, Jones)

Senate Bill 586 defines an "off-highway electric motorcycle" or "eMoto" as a vehicle that: is designed primarily for

off-highway use; is powered by an electric motor that does not require a motor number; has handlebars for steering, a manufacturer-provided straddle seat, and two wheels; and is not equipped with manufacturer-provided pedals.

This bill also classifies an off-highway electric motorcycle as an off-highway motor vehicle (OHV), subject to the same rules and regulations. This includes a requirement that a person operating an off-highway motor vehicle wear a safety helmet and that every off-highway motor vehicle not registered under the Vehicle Code display an identification plate or device issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

### Pedestrian Safety: School Zones: Speed Limits (AB 382, Berman)

Assembly Bill 382 allows local authorities to lower the school zone speed limit from 25 to 20 miles per hour by ordinance or resolution through Jan. 1, 2031. After this date, the speed limit will automatically decrease from 25 to 20 miles per hour in school zones when proper signage is posted.

### State Highway Work Zone Speed Safety Program (AB 289, Haney)

Assembly Bill 289 authorizes the Department of Transportation to establish a work zone speed safety system

pilot program. The program will utilize a fixed or mobile radar or laser systems to detect speeding violations and capture a clear photograph of a vehicle's license plate. Citations will be issued to the vehicle's

the stopped vehicle or slow down to a safe speed if changing lanes is not possible.

### Traffic Safety: Speed Limits (AB 1014, Rogers)

Assembly Bill 1014 authorizes the Department of Transportation to reduce a speed limit by five miles per hour on a highway, and mandates warning citations during the initial 30 days after a speed limit is lowered.

### Vehicle Removal (AB 875, Muratsuchi)

Assembly Bill 875 authorizes a peace officer to impound a vehicle for at least 48 hours if the vehicle has fewer than four wheels but does not meet the definition of an electric bicycle, is powered by an electric motor capable of exclusively propelling the vehicle over 20 MPH on a highway and the operator is not licensed to operate the vehicle or is a class 3 electric bicycle being operated by a person under 16. A safety course may be required as a condition of release if the impoundment involves a child under 16 years old operating a class 3 electric bike as described in Section 312.5 of the Vehicle Code.

The following public safety laws were passed during the 2024 legislative session and will go into effect in 2026.

### Electric Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices and Storage Batteries (SB 1271, Min)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, Senate Bill 1271 focuses on improving the safety standards for electric bicycles, powered mobility devices, and related lithium-ion batteries. It requires these devices and their components, such as batteries and charging systems, to be tested by accredited laboratories to meet specific safety standards. The bill also mandates labeling these products to show compliance with safety regulations, ensuring consumers are informed. Furthermore, it prohibits distributing, selling, or leasing e-bikes and related equipment unless they meet these standards, aiming to reduce risks like fire hazards and electrical malfunctions. Beginning Jan. 1, 2028, the bill would prohibit a person from renting or offering for rental an electric bicycle, powered mobility device, charging system, or storage battery unless it has been tested to the specified safety standard.

Autonomous Vehicles (AB 1777, Ting) Upon the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) adoption of necessary regulations, AB 1777 creates new authority for a law enforcement officer to issue a "notice of autonomous vehicle (AV) noncompliance" to an autonomous vehicle manufacturer for an alleged traffic violation committed by one of their vehicles. Beginning July 1, 2026, AB 1777 establishes additional requirements for how AVs that operate without a human operator in the vehicle interact with first responders, including a requirement for manufacturers to provide a two-way device in the vehicles to communicate with first responders.

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registered owner with specified requirements and procedures for program implementation, citation issuance, review and appeal.

### Vehicles: Highway Safety (AB 390, Wilson)

Assembly Bill 390 expands the "slow down and move over" law to include any highway maintenance vehicle or stationary vehicle using flashing hazard lights or warning devices such as cones and road flares. Drivers approaching such a vehicle must move into a lane that is not next to

## When Shopping This Holiday Season, Don't Forget to Get Health Insurance for 2026

By Covered California

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The holidays are upon us, and for many, that means rushing to shop for all the things that make this time of year special. While looking for deals, don't forget to pick up health insurance for 2026.

Finding the right plan amidst all the holiday action may feel overwhelming. Am I getting the right coverage for my family? What's a deductible versus a copay? Will I have coverage for my pre-existing condition?

Covered California can help you navigate the complexity of health insurance. It's a free service that helps you explore your options and find the plan that meets your needs — and your budget. With Covered California's Shop and Compare Tool at CoveredCA.com, you simply enter some basic information, like your ZIP code and income, to see prices for a variety of health and dental plans from brand-name insurance companies.

This year, the state of California is offering extra help paying for your plan. Individuals with annual incomes under \$25,800 and families of four with incomes under \$53,000 can get a Silver plan for \$0. These subsidies are only available through Covered California.

"As we get closer to year-end holidays and family celebrations, health insurance may be one of the last things you're thinking about — but being insured is one of the best ways to protect the physical, mental and financial health of you and your family," said Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman.

"To ensure that you have coverage for all of 2026, you need to sign up by Dec. 31, and Covered California is here to help you every step of the way."

No matter where you get health insurance, being covered is critically important. Research shows that people without health insurance have worse health outcomes, are more likely to be hospitalized for avoidable health issues and face more financial hardships while accessing care. In fact, medical costs are the leading reason for bankruptcy in the United States.

It's safe to say that having some kind of health insurance is better than having none at all.

"Without [health insurance], I could be looking at huge, huge, huge medical bills," said Melanie, a Covered California enrollee



Research shows that people without health insurance have worse health outcomes, are more likely to be hospitalized for avoidable health issues and face more financial hardships while accessing care. Photo courtesy Freepik

and early retiree from Orange County.

"There's just peace of mind that if you have a really bad year, maybe you're going to pay seven or eight thousand dollars, but you're not going to pay 700 or 800 thousand dollars."

In the Sacramento area, a 45-year-old couple earning around \$43,000 could get a Bronze plan for \$0 for 2026. Compare that to the estimated \$1,800 penalty the California Franchise Tax Board would charge them for not having

insurance, and the value is clear.

While looking for health insurance, it pays to shop around. Using the Shop and Compare Tool, households renewing their Platinum plans can find another plan through their current insurer with 23 percent lower premiums per month. Those in Gold plans can sign up with their same insurer with 23 percent lower premiums per month. People with Silver 70 and 73 plans can find a new plan through their

current insurer with 39 percent lower premiums per month.

Every plan offered through Covered California includes free preventive care, including annual checkups and screenings, mental health and substance abuse services, and even free children's dental insurance.

"We know that when people are insured and get the health care they need, they're healthier and they're able to be more successful in work, school and life," said Dr. Monica Soni, chief medical officer for Covered California.

"As we head toward the end of the year, make sure to put health insurance on your holiday list, because you can't use your health insurance if you don't get health insurance. A Covered California plan ensures that you receive a free, annual preventive care checkup to get a head start on a healthy 2026."

Learn more about your options by visiting CoveredCA.com, where you can easily find out if you qualify for financial help and see the coverage options in your area. You can also keep up to date on important changes to health insurance.

Those interested in learning more about their coverage options can also get free and confidential assistance over the phone, in a variety of languages, from one of more than 14,000 certified agents and community-based organizations throughout the state.

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Call Covered California at (800) 300-1506. Additionally, those who qualify for Medi-Cal may enroll on CoveredCA.com year-round.

Get a jump start on healthy living in 2026 by finding a comprehensive health insurance plan through Covered California. To get coverage for all of 2026, you need to sign up by Dec. 31. Covered California is here to help all Californians find the right plans, answer your questions, and connect you to the care you need.

"Whether you sign up for a platinum or a bronze plan, you get high-quality coverage from brand-name insurance companies, at a price that fits most any budget," said Altman.

"As we get closer to the end of the year, now is the time to shop and compare plans to make sure you and your family get the coverage you need." ★

# Matsui, Tokuda, Obernolte, Hurd Lead Bipartisan Effort to Improve Staffing, Prevent Cuts at National Park Service

# School Board Reorganizes Officers for New Year

**Washington Unified School District News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - During the Dec. 18, 2025, Special Board of Education Meeting, the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) Board of Trustees conducted their annual reorganization to determine new officers and committee assignments for 2026.

**The new Washington Unified School District Board of Education Officers for 2026 are as follows:**

President Virginia Coffey, Area 1; Vice President Vanessa Castro, Area 2; Clerk Jannette Hunt, Area 3; Trustee Sarah Kirby-Gonzalez, Area 5; Trustee Jackie Thu-Huong Wong, Area 4.

**In addition to selecting officers, the Trustees approved the following Board subcommittee assignments.**

**Yolo County School Boards Association:**

Member: Vanessa Castro; Alternate: Jackie Thu-Huong Wong.

**City of West Sacramento 2x2:**

Members: Sarah Kirby-Gonzalez and Vanessa Castro; Alternate: Jannette Hunt.

**County of Yolo 2x2:**

Members: Virginia Coffey and Vanessa Castro; Alternate: Jannette Hunt.

**Curriculum Council Subcommittee:**

Members: Virginia Coffey and Sarah Kirby-Gonzalez; Alternate: Jackie Thu-Huong Wong.

**Facilities Subcommittee:**

Members: Vanessa Castro and Jannette Hunt; Alternate: Virginia Coffey.

**Policy Subcommittee:**

Members: Virginia Coffey and Sarah Kirby-Gonzalez; Alternate: Vanessa Castro.

**Finance Subcommittee:**

Members: Jannette Hunt and Vanessa Castro; Alternate: Sarah Kirby-Gonzalez.

**Board Governance Handbook Subcommittee:**

Members: Jannette Hunt and Virginia Coffey. ★



**Congresswoman Doris Matsui.** Courtesy photo

when taken along with a one-third reduction in workforce, will impact the local economy as well as park operations such as fire remediation and safety,” wrote the lawmakers. “Furthermore, at Joshua Tree National Park, staffing shortages have reduced fee-booth coverage and eliminated evening shifts, limiting visitor safety information, cutting needed fee revenue, and increasing the likelihood of congestion and search-and-rescue incidents. And at Haleakalā National Park, staffing shortages are delaying critical conservation work and backcountry maintenance, limiting both visitor access and protection of endangered species.”

“We recognize the importance of efficiency within the federal government. However, reducing National Park Service staff, including positions in supporting offices across DOI, would only intensify the operational challenges parks already face,” the lawmakers continued. “We respectfully encourage you to work directly with NPS career professionals, including regional directors, associate directors, and Senior Executive Service staff, to identify practical solutions to staffing constraints.”

Recent court filings detail the Interior Department’s plans for further staffing cuts, including reducing an

additional 272 positions at NPS in the coming months. The letter also calls on Secretary Burgum to work with Congress to address staffing needs.

The bipartisan letter is also signed by Reps. Don Beyer (D-VA-08), Dan Newhouse (R-WA-04), Emily Randall (D-WA-06), Young Kim (R-CA-40), Gabe Amo (D-RI-01), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-08), Maxine Dexter (D-OR-03), Maria Salazar (R-FL-27), Mike Quigley (D-IL-05), Mike Lawler

(R-NY-17), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-07), Jack Bergman (R-MI-01), Jared Huffman (D-CA-02), Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-AS-AL), Maggie Goodlander (D-NH-02), David Valadao (R-CA-21), Seth Magaziner (D-RI-02), Kevin Kiley (R-CA-03), Joe Neguse (D-CO-02), James Moylan (R-GU-AL), Becca Balint (D-VT-AL), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY-02), Kim Schrier (D-WA-08) and Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-01). ★

**Congresswomen Doris Matsui News Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Congresswomen Doris Matsui (D-CA-07) and Jill Tokuda (D-HI-02) and Congressmen Jay Obernolte (R-CA-23) and Jeff Hurd (R-CO-03) led a group of 28 total lawmakers in sending a letter to Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum urging him to address insufficient staffing levels and refrain from additional employee reductions at National Parks across the country, citing the impact of staffing shortages on park visitors and the economies of neighboring “gateway” communities.

Since January 2025, the National Park Service (NPS) has fired or lost more than 24 percent of its staff, creating significant challenges at National Parks including decreased capacity for emergency response and disruptions to visitor services, infrastructure maintenance, and conservation work.

“[A]t Yosemite National Park, staffing cuts combined with record-setting visitation from January to July led to a 40% increase in search and rescue efforts compared to the same period last year. At Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park in Montrose, Colorado, the South Rim Fire burned campsites, maintenance vehicles, and other infrastructure, which,

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# Portion of County Road 22 Temporarily Closed



**A yellow-faced bumble bee, *Bombus vosnesenskii*, nectaring on *Eryngium*.** Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

**By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Who will find and photograph the first bumble bee of the year?

The sixth annual Robbin Thorp Memorial First-Bumble Bee-of-the-Year Contest officially began at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2026. The first person to photograph or video a bumble bee in the two-county area of Solano and Yolo and send to the Bohart Museum of Entomology at [bmuseum@ucdavis.edu](mailto:bmuseum@ucdavis.edu) will win a coffee cup designed with the endangered Franklin's bumble bee, the bee that Thorp monitored on the California-Oregon border for decades.

The entries must include the time, date and place.

The contest, launched in 2021, memorializes Professor Thorp (1933-2019), a global authority on bees and a UC Davis distinguished emeritus professor of entomology, who died June 7, 2019, at age 85. A 30-year member of

the UC Davis faculty, he retired in 1994 but continued working until several weeks before his death. Every year he looked forward to seeing the first bumble bee in the area.

The black-tailed bumble bee, *Bombus melanopygus*, is usually the first bumble bee to emerge in this area, Thorp used to say. It forages on manzanitas, wild lilacs, wild buckwheats, lupines, penstemons, clovers, and sages, among others.

The 2025 Robbin Thorp Bumble Bee Memorial Contest was won by Michael Kwong of Sacramento and Kaylen Teves of Vallejo, Monarch Watch volunteers who photographed a yellow-faced bumble bee (*Bombus vosnesenskii*) on an oak leaf at the Glen Cove Marina, Vallejo on Jan. 11 while they were looking for monarchs. At the time, Teves was a computer science student at San Francisco State University, and Kwong, a senior environmental scientist with the State of California.

In 2024, Nancy Hansen of Fairfield, who

photographed a black-tailed bumble bee, *B. melanopygus*, in her yard at 10:57 a.m., Monday, Jan. 1.

In 2023, Ria deGrassi of Davis photographed a *B. melanopygus* at 12:32, Jan. 8 on a ceanothus in her yard.

In 2022, there was a tie between Maureen Page, then a doctoral candidate in the lab of pollination ecologist Neal Williams, professor, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology; and Ellen Zagory of Davis, retired director of public horticulture for the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden. Each photographed a bumble bee on manzanita in the Arboretum at 2:30 p.m., Jan. 1. Page photographed a *B. melanopygus*, while Zagory captured an image of the yellow-faced bumble bee, *Bombus vosnesenskii*.

In 2021, UC Davis post-doctoral researcher Charlie Casey Nicholson, then of the Williams lab and the Elina Lastro Niño lab, photographed a *B. melanopygus* at 3:10 p.m., Jan. 14 in a manzanita patch in the Arboretum. ★

**Yolo County News Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - A portion of County Road 22 has been closed as of Friday, Dec. 26, due to high-water levels in the Sacramento River from the heavy rainfall in Northern California over the past week. The closure will extend from approximately one mile east of the County Road 102 and Main Street intersection to the Interstate 5 westbound ramp intersection with County Road 22.

When water levels rise in the Sacramento River, the Fremont Weir -- located about seven miles northeast of Woodland -- spills into the Yolo Bypass to reduce downstream flooding as the river approaches Sacramento. County Road 22, which runs through the Yolo Bypass,

becomes submerged during these conditions and remains closed until river levels drop below the Fremont Weir’s elevation and spilling stops.

The bypass may remain flooded for several weeks, resulting in an extended road closure. Once waters recede, Yolo County Road Maintenance will assess, clean and repair any flood-related damage before reopening the roadway to traffic.

Detour signs will be posted to direct motorists to alternate routes. The primary detour is expected to be Interstate 5, which has bridges over the Yolo Bypass in both travel directions. Access to properties and businesses along the closed section of road will be maintained. For the County’s Road Closures map, visit [www.YoloCounty.gov/road-closures](http://www.YoloCounty.gov/road-closures). ★

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**Almond Board Votes to Stop Funding USDA Crop Forecast**

The Almond Board of California's board of directors voted this month to discontinue funding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Objective Measurement Report, which is a pre-harvest forecast that can affect market behavior. Many growers complained that this year's USDA forecast overestimated the size of the crop, causing almond prices to plummet just as the new crop was hitting the market. "I know we've all been frustrated with the market volatility we've experienced as an industry, especially following the release of the objective estimate this past July," ABC President and CEO Clarice Turner said. Turner acknowledged the USDA objective forecast has been a useful tool for the industry. "However, when the crop shifted from growing to consolidating and declining acres, like we've seen over the last four years, the calculation started to become problematic," she said.

**Hemp Producers Weigh Potential Fallout of New Law**

A new federal law that revises what qualifies as legal hemp has California growers, regulators and other stakeholders assessing what impact the changes could have on the fledgling industry. Signed into law in November as part of a broader spending package to reopen the federal government, H.R. 5371 narrows the federal definition of hemp by imposing strict limits on intoxicating hemp products. The new law, which takes effect November

2026, adopts a total delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, limit of 0.3%, a threshold so low that hemp advocates say the new federal limits could criminalize hemp with trace amounts of THC that naturally occur in the plant but are not enough to be intoxicating. The trade group U.S. Hemp Roundtable has asked the federal government for more time and to meet with hemp stakeholders to talk about "robust" regulation of industrial hemp rather than a product ban.

**Marin County Ranch Honored With Top Conservation Prize**

Stemple Creek Ranch of Marin County is the 2025 California Leopold Conservation Award recipient. The \$10,000 award honors farmers, ranchers and forestland owners who go above and beyond in their management of soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat on working land. Loren and Lisa Poncia, owners of Stemple Creek Ranch in Tomales, were presented with the award during the California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Dec. 8. The ranch raises organic, grass-finished beef and lamb and pastured pork, which it sells directly to consumers, grocery stores, restaurants and butcher shops. The 650 acres they own and much of what they lease has Marin Agricultural Land Trust agricultural conservation easements on them. This ensures that the land will be conserved as open space and in productive agricultural use in perpetuity. "We're trying to dance with Mother Nature within our fencelines," Loren Poncia said of his family's approach to conservation. ★

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**ARREST REPORTS**

**Nancy Leanora Carrillo**, 39, was cited Thursday, Dec. 4 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of a narcotic controlled substance.

**Elena Onica**, 63, was cited Friday, Dec. 5 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Yolanda Ninfereba Zamora**, 49, was cited Tuesday, Dec. 9 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Fernando Baca**, 62, was cited Tuesday, Dec. 9 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**William Jay Bissegger**, 39, was cited Tuesday, Dec. 16 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for vandalism. This was a citizen's arrest by a business victim.

**Robert Joel Burkett**, 26, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 17 at an undisclosed location by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct, loitering on private property. Officer was dispatched to the location for a suspicious subject. The reporting party advised an unknown male jumped the fence into her backyard. Upon arrival, the officer detained the male, identified as Burkett. The reporting party stated she has never seen Burkett before, and he does not live there. She heard a noise coming from the backyard and observed Burkett holding her Kobalt weed whacker, and he tried to take a food processor then broke her fence while trying to flee. A records check revealed Burkett's residence in Woodland, not the dispatched location. He refused to provide a statement under Miranda and was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

**George Alex Clark**, 34, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 17 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer observed Clark, a known subject with warrants, walking into the parking lot of a business at the location. A records check confirmed the warrants and Clark was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Yuriy Penkov**, 47, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 18 on Rice Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to a nearby location for report of a commercial burglary in progress at a tow yard not open to the public at the time. Notes on the call advised there was live video feed of a subject on the property attempting to pry open the trunk of a vehicle. Assisting officers arrived on scene and set up a perimeter around the location including the launch of a drone. Officer observed a male subject walking through the yard wearing all grey with a black backpack. The drone pilot observed the same male, who then jumped onto the roof of a neighboring business. Officers on scene activated lights and sirens, and the male subject continued to evade officers through several yards before climbing onto the roof of the arrest location where he was eventually taken into custody by assisting officers who also climbed onto the roof. A records check of the male, now identified as Penkov, found multiple outstanding bench warrants and he was placed under arrest. A search revealed several burglary tools and under Miranda, Penkov admitted to entering the yard to gain access to the vehicle's trunk. Penkov was transported to Yolo County Jail, additionally charged with burglary, possessing burglary tools, resisting a peace officer and

theft with two prior convictions.

**John Daniel Ibarra**, 35, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 18 at Water Street and Hobson Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched for report of a stolen vehicle. The reporting party had just seen their own vehicle but with switched license plates. Officer located the vehicle at the arrest location, where a high-risk traffic stop was initiated and the driver and passenger removed from the vehicle and detained without incident. A records check of the driver, identified as Ibarra, found multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest. During a search incident to arrest, officer found a clear glass pipe with a bulbous tip and burnt residue inside. Officer also found a white crystal-like substance in Ibarra's right front pants pocket. Under Miranda, Ibarra stated that his friend picked him up in the vehicle the day before and let him drive the vehicle, and he did not know it was stolen. The registered owner of the vehicle confirmed no one had permission to drive it and he wanted to press charges. Ibarra was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with the warrants, possessing a stolen vehicle, possessing unlawful paraphernalia, possessing a controlled substance and driving while license suspended for DUI.

**Litzi Estefania Marquez Plascencia**, 24, was arrested Friday, Dec. 19 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. On Dec. 11, officer was assigned a courtesy report from police in Midlothian, Texas regarding identity theft using a social security card. The victim in Texas learned another person had been using her social security number to obtain employment in West Sacramento. The local officer was provided pictures of a social security card with Plascencia's name on it with the Texas victim's social security number, permanent resident card, and I-9 employment eligibility verification form. The officer attempted to contact and interview Plascencia at her workplace and was unable to locate her. On the date of the arrest, Plascencia came to the West Sacramento Police department of her own free will to inquire why police were looking for her. Using an interpreter, officer read her Miranda rights and Plascencia understood. She admitted to not having her own social security number or permanent resident card and obtaining documents that she knew to be false or forged from another person. She stated she did not know it was a crime to do so. Officer confirmed Plascencia signed her I-9 where the penalty of perjury is provided and she was booked into Yolo County Jail on charges of perjury, getting other's identification and knowingly using personal information to commit a violation.

**Chelsea Nicole Payne**, 36, was transported from Sacramento County Jail to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police on Sunday, Dec. 21 for an outstanding felony warrant.

**Frankie Lee Estrada**, 28, was arrested Monday, Dec. 22 on Walnut Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a suspicious subject and found a man urinating behind a trailer. The subject provided a name that dispatch indicated was not accurate. The man, later confirmed as Estrada, was revealed to be on searchable felony probation through Nov. 2027. The property owner identified Estrada as a previously trespassed person and signed a citizen's arrest form. Estrada admitted he was aware he was trespassed from the property. He was arrested for violating probation for being unlawfully on a property from which he had been trespassed and engaging in criminal conduct in giving false identification to the officer.

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

**Friday, Jan. 2: English conversation group**, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 3:** Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 5: Family story time**, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 6: Hug-a-Bye Baby**, 11 a.m. to noon. Teen advisory board, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 7: Wiggle Wednesday**, 11:15 a.m. to noon.

**Friday, Jan. 9: English conversation group**, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 10: Russian story time**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

## JANUARY

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**Friday, Jan. 9: TriMusica**, noon to 1 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 412 C Street, Davis. Part of the “Live@DCC” free noon concert series, TriMusica features clarinetist Sandra McPherson, cellist Susan Lamb Cook, and pianist John Cozza playing clarinet trios from two centuries. More information at 530-753-2894.

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**Saturday, Jan. 10: Holy Rosary Crab Feed**, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland. We invited you to be part of our event for adults 21+ supporting Holy Rosary Catholic School. Tickets are \$85 per person or reserve a table of 10 for \$820. Tickets available at the school office, 505 California Street, Woodland.

**Sunday, Jan. 11: Buy-Nothing:**

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**Out of the Box Ministries** holds a monthly event for volunteers to pack grocery bags for distribution to community members in need. Join us Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. to pack bags at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd. for Jan. 15 distribution at the same location. On distribution days, doors open at 6 p.m. for volunteers and 6:30 p.m. for clients. More information at 916-371-5875.

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**Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting**, Thursday, Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

**West Sacramento City Council** meets at 7 p.m. generally on the first

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The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

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dress and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4029 Dover St, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an “AS IS” condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbranc-

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT STREETCAR PROJECT

**Project Title:** Downtown Riverfront Streetcar  
**Date of Publication of Subsequent Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration:** December 15, 2025  
**Review Period:** December 15, 2025 to January 15, 2026  
**Sponsor and Lead Agency:** Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT)  
**Contact Person and Phone Number:** Anthony Adams, Planning Director, 916.708.4294  
**Project Locations:**  
• West Sacramento, Yolo County  
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**Project Description:**  
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The holidays are almost behind us, but our beloved Sacramento Kings saw to it that Kings fans were treated to an early Christmas gift. Two unlikely wins in the past four games, thrilling the hometown fans with electric wins over the Houston Rockets and the Dallas Mavericks gave every Kings fan a gift to remember.

A closer look at the Mavericks game gave fans a chance to stare and wonder, who is that guy sinking 3 for 6 shots from the 3-point line and adding 9 big points to the win total. None other than all but forgotten Doug McDermott, who ignited the team and created havoc for the visiting Mavericks team.

As I have expressed, McDermott is a weapon and should be used as such. He presents an immediate problem for opposing defenses when he enters a game, and against Dallas he was exactly that.

The Kings lit the beam with a 113-107 win over the visiting Mavericks, and for once McDermott had a reason to shower after the game.

I was pleased to see that his insertion into the Dallas game was not an anomaly, as McDermott saw action in Sunday night's game against the Lakers as well. Despite the fact that McDermott was only 1 for 4 from 3-point land, just seeing a rotation that had him playing a part was gratifying for me, and I hope it marks a change in Doug Christie's approach to in-game rotations moving forward.

In spite of their record, the Kings have real talent on this team and were it not for injuries and the inability to put lineups on the floor that represent sense, the likelihood of Sacramento approaching a 500 record at this point in the season is not out of the question.

Are there moves that need to be made? Yes, and they will come, but in the meantime, let's use the talent we currently have and see more wins like the ones over Houston and Dallas.

Not to be overlooked is the sensational play of ageless wonder, Russell Westbrook. A pivotal piece in the win over Houston, Westbrook added 21 crucial points, sinking 5 shots from beyond the arc, while adding 13 rebounds and 4 assists. King's fans are watching a legend

in action, and as he thrives on both ends of the court each night, no one would believe he is 37 years old. If you haven't yet bought a ticket to see this future hall-of-famer play, I exhort you to do so as quickly as you can. He is worth the price of admission, and you will say you've seen one of the great basketball players of all time.

In the Kings' recent win over Dallas, Westbrook passed Magic Johnson on the all time assists list, moving into 7th place. It remains to be seen if this will be Westbrook's last season, but if he continues to play at the pace he is now, there's every reason to believe that Kings fans may be in for one more season.

Domantas Sabonis is sorely missed, yet Sacramento finds ways to win in spite of their focal piece missing, and in the win over the Mavericks the Kings did not have the services of either Zach Lavine or Keegan Murray.

What that should tell Kings fans is that not only is there talent on this team, but team chemistry and rotations matter. I am hopeful that the appearance of Doug McDermott is just one small step in the right direction.

What will this team resemble with a healthy Domantas Sabonis in the paint, and Christie making rotations that make sense?

If there is anything good about an injury, in the case of Domantas, it forced Christie into playing 7' rookie Max Renaud, and he has responded in a big way.

Renaud had 12 points and 14 rebounds in the win over the Rockets and added 19 points in the win over Dallas.

Can Domantas and Renaud play side by side? Only time will tell, but I have long wondered if Sabonis could thrive as a number 4, and with Renaud in the lineup there is a chance we could witness just that.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because a move is in the offing, and it's my prayer that this next move is auspicious.

All the best for a happy and prosperous New Year!

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## Very Odd Election Year Starts with Republicans Possibly Leading the Governor's Race



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The 2026 campaigns for governor, a raft of other statewide offices, 52 congressional seats and 100 slots in the state Legislature officially begin today with the onset of candidate filing. It could be one of the oddest election cycles in California's 175 years as a state, albeit one that puts the state's convoluted politics in the national spotlight.

There are so many Democrats running for governor that it's theoretically possible for a Republican to win the office, despite the state's deeply blue political profile, especially with the possibility of even more Democratic hopefuls jumping into the mob -- as a herd of kangaroos is dubbed in Australia.

Meanwhile, both incumbent members of Congress and aspirants will be running in districts that have been radically gerrymandered to shrink Republicans' tiny delegation even more, as Democrats seek to regain control of Congress.

The possibility of a Republican governor, although very scant, stems from the state's top-two primary election system. All candidates, regardless of party, will appear on the same June 2 primary election ballot, and the two with

the highest percentages of the vote -- no matter how small those shares may be -- will face each other in the November election.

With upwards of a dozen Democrats now running and the possibility of others, it's possible the two Republicans in the mix so far -- Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and former television commentator Steve Hilton -- could theoretically finish one and two with perhaps as few as 10-15% of the votes each.

It's not likely if the Democratic cohort shrinks in the next few months as the weakest contenders drop out, lacking enough money or poll support to continue. However, the lack of a natural Democratic frontrunner and the seeming lack of party leadership strong enough to cull the herd bolster the mathematical possibility of a GOP upset.

Had former Vice President Kamala Harris or U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla decided to run, either would have been the immediate frontrunner. But by opting out, they left a vacuum.

At the moment, former Congresswoman Katie Porter is leading the Democratic pack, albeit with scarcely double-digit support in the polls. She and former Controller Betty Yee are the only two women now running with Harris. Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and former state Sen. Toni Atkins out. Porter also gained recognition during her unsuccessful bid for a U.S. Senate seat last year.

Billionaire Tom Steyer is currently the most visible contender, spending some of his immense

wealth on television and internet ads to depict himself as a populist who rails against "Sacramento politicians" and promises to reduce electric bills -- not unlike how Donald Trump achieved success.

Beyond Porter, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Attorney General and Biden cabinet member Xavier Becerra appear to be the strongest Democratic strivers. However, everyone is still waiting to see whether Attorney General Rob Bonta or Los Angeles businessman Rick Caruso will opt in.

Having so much uncertainty this late in the game is very unusual. However, at some point, perhaps around February or March, when the Democratic field finally begins to shrink, it will be possible to sort out the truly viable candidates from the wannabes and do some realistic handicapping.

Until then, as Willie Brown, the former state Assembly speaker and San Francisco Mayor and one of the state's most astute politicians, put it to Politico:

"The field is not considered of a quality that you as a Democrat would expect in California. We're still pretty much carried away with stardom, with individuals who have some impact ... We don't have any candidates like that at the moment."

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

### I'm on SS Disability; Should I Switch to Regular Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** Should I take my Social Security now at age 62, or wait till I am 65? I've been collecting SS disability due to health issues and was curious if I should wait or claim my regular Social Security retirement benefits now. **Signed: Disabled but Wondering**

**Dear Disabled but Wondering:** If you are now collecting Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and you are still disabled, it would be a disadvantage to claim your SS retirement benefits at this time (age

62), or even at age 65. That's because your SSDI benefit is the same as your full retirement age (FRA) amount, as calculated for you at the point you became disabled. Born after 1959, your FRA is age 67, but you are already receiving your FRA benefit while on SS disability even though you have not yet reached your full retirement age. That full SSDI benefit will automatically convert to become your SS retirement benefit when you reach your full retirement age.

If you were to claim your normal SS retirement benefit any earlier than your SS full retirement age of 67, the amount you get would be reduced for claiming early. At your current age, you would likely get between 75% and 80% of what you are now receiving on SSDI (depending on your exact age in the month you claim), and at age 65 you would get about 87% of what you are now receiving on Social

Security disability.

In other words, as long as your disability continues and you remain eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, you should not switch to your normal SS retirement benefit, because you would get less money. And the resulting benefit reduction would be permanent.

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The Bondi Beach attack in Australia was shocking, but not at all surprising. Some of the details were distinctive -- an idyllic spot on the Pacific Ocean instantly turned into a killing field, a father-son terror squad -- but the basic picture of a radicalized Muslim immigrant targeting a gathering of Jews was dreadfully familiar.

These events follow the same pattern because the fundamentalist version of Islam is, at its root, hostile to Jews. Let's say that there was a refugee flow of Unitarians, and some portion of those Unitarians was antagonistic to traditional Christians, such that they vandalized their businesses, harassed them in the streets and launched massive protests in favor of overseas Unitarian terror groups. In that case, we'd obviously cast a skeptical eye on Unitarian immigration.

Yet, this hasn't been true of Muslim immigration. Mainstream political parties across the West that have championed this open-handed policy are, understandably, losing ground to restrictionist parties that are more clear-eyed about the realities of immigration.

Antisemitism comes in all sorts of varieties, whether Christian, Muslim or secular. Still, it'd startle us to learn that someone attending a fundamentalist Christian church went and shot up a Jewish event, whereas it's not that unusual in an adherent of

## Australia's Dangerous Naivete

fundamentalist Islam.

Now, there are different interpretations of Islam, and it's not the role of an outsider to say which is correct. The key point is that important Muslim authorities and countless millions of the faithful embrace a fundamentalist version influential in war-torn areas of the broader Middle East that have sent so many refugees to the West.

The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood -- Hamas is the Palestinian branch -- was markedly antisemitic well before the establishment of the state of Israel. As one analyst has noted, its anti-Jewish agitation included "boycotts, graffiti and physical violence."

Sound familiar? A rancid paranoia about the Jews runs through this worldview. The 20th century Muslim Brotherhood ideologue Sayyid Qutb referred to "the tricks played by world Jewry so that the Jews may penetrate into body politic of the whole world and then may be free to perpetuate their evil designs."

The original 1988 Hamas charter reads like a transcript of the Candace Owens podcast, except with an armed wing attached. It avers that the Jews "strived to amass great and substantive material wealth," and used it to take "control of the world media." They are responsible for the French and Bolshevik revolutions, indeed, "most of the revolutions we heard and hear about." They founded "secret societies, such as Freemasons, Rotary Clubs, the Lions and others in differ-

ent parts of the world for the purpose of sabotaging societies."

They started World War I and World War II -- indeed, "there is no war going on anywhere, without having their finger in it." The document pronounced its support for Muhammad's prediction: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Muslims, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."

On top of all of this, it is believed that any territory once ruled by Muslims (i.e., all of Israel) must be retaken for Islam, and there is a feeling of bitter resentment at the power and success that the Jewish state has been able to amass while Muslim countries in the region have been torn apart by civil strife and stifled by catastrophically poor governance.

All of this is a toxic brew, and yet a swathe of the Muslim world is beholden to these beliefs. It is foolish to think that some element of Muslim immigrants to the West won't share this worldview and act on it -- to our great regret.

Australia welcomed a large influx of Muslim immigrants over the last several decades and accommodated a surge of antisemitism after Oct. 7. The resulting atrocity at Bondi Beach was heartrending and all too predictable.

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

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# Psyk and Pinnick Named Stats Perform All-Americans

## UC Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - After a season ranked near the top in multiple categories, helping UC Davis football make another deep run into the postseason, both Jacob Psik (first team) and Caden Pinnick (freshman) have earned Stats Perform All-American honors, making both Aggies two-time All-Americans following the 2026 season.

Psyk, already an FCS Football Central All-American (second team) and Buck Buchanan Award finalist was named to the First Team putting him among the best defensive linemen in the nation. While Pinnick doubled up on his Freshman All-American honors, having already been named a Freshman All-American by FCS Football Central.

Up front Psik was nearly unstoppable all season and his non-stop engine earned him unanimous first team All-Big Sky honors. Psik ended his season with 9.5 sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss, adding to his 48 total tackles (35 solo stops) while he added a pair of blocked kicks and five quarterback hurries.

With the most sacks by an Aggie since 2018 and the second most in a single season since 2013, Psik made his presence known on every snap and he ended the season leading the conference in forced fumbles (three), total sacks and tackles



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for loss and on the national stage he ranked 13th in fumbles forced, 17th in total sacks and 16th in tackles for loss.

Under center Pinnick put together one of the best seasons by a quarterback in the nation, making 12 starts while on his way to being named a Jerry Rice Award Finalist. The Aggie signal caller finished the season with 3,206 passing yards and 32

passing touchdowns, while averaging 267.2 passing yards per game with a passer efficiency of 172.4. On the ground Pinnick added 437 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 3.5 yards per carry.

Pinnick finished the season ranked nationally third in passing efficiency, fourth in total passing touchdowns and yards per pass attempt (9.3), eighth in total

touchdowns (11) and passing yards per game and ninth in completion percentage (70-percent).

About UC Davis Athletics UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked #1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as #1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is located in a true

California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026-27.

For more information, visit <https://ucdavisaggies.com/> ★

## Republic FC Adds Goalkeeper Jacob Randolph



"I'm excited to join the Sacramento Republic organization and community," said Randolph. "I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity and I'm ready to fight for trophies with this Indomitable club." Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

## Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Republic FC announced Dec. 16 the addition of goalkeeper Jacob Randolph. He will be added to the team's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Jacob is a great addition to our goalkeeping squad," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "He knows what it takes to be a part of an elite defensive team and we feel that he's going to add even more depth to our roster as we battle for multiple trophies."

The 6'5" shot stopper spent the first two seasons of his career with Eastern Conference club Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. In 11 appearances across all competitions, he recorded four clean sheets and from 2024-2025 was a part of the top defense in USL Championship with 28 clean sheets and just 56 goals conceded during the regular season. This past November, he and the Riverhounds won the first USL Championship title in club history.

"I'm excited to join the Sacramento Republic organization and community," said Randolph. "I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity and I'm ready to fight for trophies with this Indomitable club."

Randolph was a standout during his five-year college career. He first attended Barton College from 2019 to 2021 and in 34 appearances recorded a 0.91 goals-against



The 6'5" shot stopper spent the first two seasons of his career with Eastern Conference club Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

average and an 80% save success rate. His 10 clean sheets rank third in program history, earning him two All-Conference Carolinas selections and three Defensive Player of the Week honors. He spent his senior and graduate year at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington and in 17 games recorded seven clean sheets.

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 seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. As a special year-end incentive, fans who purchase a Season Ticket Membership between now and December 17 will receive an exclusive, limited-edition Republic FC Holiday Sweater. For more information, or to purchase a membership today, visit [SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships](http://SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships). ★

## Izzi Joins Staff as Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development

### Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Veteran college athletics administrator Michael Izzi has been named the Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development at Sacramento State, announced Director of Athletics Mark Orr.

In his role, Izzi will work collaboratively with University Advancement and oversee all fundraising activities for Intercollegiate Athletics.

"To have someone with Michael's experience in college athletics join our department is exciting," Orr said.

"His proven record of success in fundraising, program development, and team building makes him an exceptional addition to our athletics leadership team."

Izzi brings over 30 years of leadership experience in collegiate athletics, development and strategic advancement. His distinguished career includes serving as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at both UC Irvine and Cal State Northridge, as well as Senior Associate Athletic Director at Stanford University, where he helped raise over \$300 million in athletics gifts.

"I am excited to be working at Sacramento State during this new era of college athletics," Izzi said. "The school has bold vision of what it wants to accomplish and I look forward to playing a role in elevating the student-athlete experience."

Throughout his career, Izzi has led major capital campaigns – such as a \$100 million stadium renovation and \$70 million in scholarship endowments – and has built strong partnerships with athletes, donors and campus leaders.

At California State University, Northridge, he made a number of notable coaching hires, strengthened the department's compliance efforts, expanded the corporate partnership program and improved student-athlete academic

achievement.

While the Director of Athletics at UC Irvine, the Anteaters were routinely in the top five of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA)'s Division I-AAA Directors' Cup Standings. Forty-four UC Irvine teams finished in the nation's Top 25 final rankings in his tenure and a total of 79 teams have had representation in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) postseason. Those totals included three NCAA championships in men's volleyball as well as the

school's first trip to the NCAA Tournament in men's basketball.

Under Izzi's leadership, UC Irvine

Athletics saw a dramatic increase in the department's fundraising efforts, raising

money for two new buildings, the Santora Elite Training Center and Al Irwin Academic

Center, to enhance the student-athlete experience. Izzi was a member of The Big West Council, in addition to the Championships Committee and an Athletics Administrator Liaison. He was also a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Administrative Committee.

Prior to his arrival at UC Irvine, Izzi served over 16 years in athletics administration at Stanford. He was the primary supervisor for several sports and led one of the most successful athletic fundraising efforts in college sports. He implemented fundraising strategies that led to more than \$30 million in renovations to Maples Pavilion, more than \$100 million in renovations to Stanford Stadium, \$70 million in scholarships endowments and the endowment of several staff positions.

A former student-athlete at UCLA, Izzi received his bachelor's in sociology from UCLA. He is the father of two sons, Weston and Conrad, as well as daughter, McKenna. ★

