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## A Full Year of Fun

*Cordova Community Council Announces Yearlong 2026 Events*



"Kind Bubbles" was one of the highlight exhibitors of the 2025 Kids Day event with interactive activities for all kids. Photo by Rick Sloan

By Omella Rossi

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Cordova Community Council has announced a yearlong calendar of community events for 2026, ranging from family festivals and civic observances to major fundraising and cultural celebrations across Rancho Cordova.

"The Cordova Community Council will be joining the rest of the country in celebrating the



Attendees of all ages can be seen waving flags as they enjoy the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July Parade in 2025. Photo by Rick Sloan

250th anniversary of the United States this year," said Cordova Community Council Executive Director Shelly Blanchard. "Events will be busting out the red, white and blue and focusing on the semi quincentennial of the Declaration of Independence, the document which gave birth to our nation and changed the world forever. When you see "America 250," you

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**Dave Tamayo Elected SMUD Board President**



SMUD's Board of Directors elected Dave Tamayo as President of the Board, effective Jan. 1, and running through December 2026. Photo courtesy of SMUD

SMUD News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - SMUD's Board of Directors elected Dave Tamayo as President of the Board, effective Jan. 1, and running through December 2026. President Tamayo was elected to the SMUD Board in 2014. He represents Ward 6, which includes Meadowview, Oak Park, Parkway, Airport and Valley Hi neighborhoods.

Tamayo has lived in the Fruitridge Manor neighborhood of south Sacramento since 1989, where he raised his family and has long been active in community affairs. He has led efforts to establish science programs and gardens in local schools, co-founded his neighborhood association and successfully advocated for public parks, affordable housing and urban infill.

Tamayo has served on a number of public boards and commissions, including the South Sacramento Planning Advisory Committee, the Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission, the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District and the California Structural Pest Control Board. He also has served on the boards of the nonprofit Sacramento Mutual Housing Association, Sacramento County Alliance of Neighborhoods, California Stormwater Quality Association and the Sacramento Urban Creeks Council.

Tamayo worked as an environmental scientist for Sacramento County for 30 years. He is recognized as a public policy leader in protecting natural resources by effectively influencing state and federal environmental regulations. He wrote the County storm water pollution ordinance, co-founded the region's River Friendly Landscaping Program and helped create local, statewide and national integrated pest management programs.

Tamayo has also served in an advisory capacity

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## It Takes a (Tiny) Village

City of Rancho Cordova News Release

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - When Tiny's dad fell on hard times and lost his housing, he reached out for help to make sure Tiny stayed healthy and happy. Through the city's Animal Services Assistance Program (ASAP), Tiny was able to see a veterinarian the very same day and left with a clean bill of health. ASAP is funded by a grant from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

But their story doesn't end there. The dedicated staff at City Net, an organization who partners with the City of Rancho Cordova, were behind the scenes, working hard to secure pet-friendly housing for this dynamic duo — but to keep Tiny by his dad's side, vaccines were needed, as soon as possible. Utilizing ASAP, Tiny's dad reached out to Rancho Pet Hospital — who got him in the very next day.

Almost everything was ready for their big move into their new home, but not quite. Animal Services Officers gathered donated



The dedicated staff at City Net, an organization who partners with the City of Rancho Cordova, were behind the scenes, working hard to secure pet-friendly housing for this dynamic duo. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

supplies to make sure Tiny and his dad were ready for their new chapter: a cozy bed, collar, leash, and toys.

They made it home just in time for the holidays and today, they're safe and

warm. This story shows us what's possible when a community comes together — City Net, Animal Services, Code Enforcement, our local veterinary clinics, and generous

residents all made this story possible.

Learn more about the Animal Services team and ASAP at [CityofRanchoCordova.org/AnimalServices](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org/AnimalServices). ★

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# A Full Year of Fun

# Storms Deliver Much-Needed Water



Rancho Cordova's Victoria Mendoza Folkloric Dance Group, featuring dozens of dancers in colorful costumes, filled the stage at the 2025 iFest grand finale. Photo by Rick Sloan

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should expect something special."

The lineup begins Jan. 23 with the first monthly Rancho Cordova luncheon of the year at Rancho Cordova City Hall, featuring Mayor Garrett Gatewood. Hosted jointly by the Cordova Community Council and the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce, the luncheon series is held on the third Friday of each month and brings together residents, business leaders and government officials. The gathering has been held monthly for 64 years.

February programming includes a Date Night event on Feb. 5, followed in March by the council's signature recognition event, the Community Volunteer Awards. The 26th annual celebration, themed "March Volunteer Madness," is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Rancho Cordova City Hall. Tickets are \$30. The public event honors outstanding volunteer contributions across categories including business and faith leadership and culminates with the prestigious Rancho Cordovan of the Year award. Nominations are being accepted through 5 p.m. Jan. 31.

Family-centered events highlight the spring season, beginning with Kids Day in the Park on April 25. The long-running festival, now more than three decades old, is geared toward children 12 and younger and their families, combining hands-on activities with a health and resources fair.

On May 9, the Rancho Cordova iFest International Festival and Wines of the World will celebrate the city's cultural diversity with a free, family-friendly outdoor event. The council will also host a Memorial Day ceremony on May 25 honoring those who have served the nation in war and peace.

Summer programming includes Moonlight



California Capital Airshow attendees watched in awe as the jets soared through the skies at the 2024 Airshow. Photo by Rick Sloan

Movies, an outdoor movie series held every Friday in June on June 4, 12, 19 and 26. This year Moonlight Movies will feature fun films celebrating what's great about this great country. Make sure to follow the Cordova Community Council online for the opportunity to participate in online voting for your favorite movies.

July brings the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July celebration, a two-day festival and parade that serve as the community's signature event. Friday night concerts will follow throughout August on Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28. This year's lineup include Class of 85, Neon Playboys, Adam Aldama and the Aces and Mercy me Band.

September events include a Sept. 11 observance marking the anniversary of the 2001 attacks, followed by the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony Sept. 12. The annual gala honors the city's sports legends and preserves Rancho Cordova's athletic history.

October features several major events, led by the Heartstoppers Haunted House, running from Oct. 2 through Oct. 31. The volunteer-driven attraction, located at the former Mineshaft property at 2300 Mineshaft Lane, is the council's largest annual fundraiser and is presented in partnership with another nonprofit organization.

October's California

Capital Airshow is set for Oct. 10-11 at Mather Airport, offering Rancho Cordova residents and visitors a weekend of aerial excitement and aviation exhibits. Now marking its 20th anniversary, the nonprofit event will feature the internationally renowned U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds as the headline act, performing precision flight demonstrations over Sacramento skies in celebration of both the airshow's milestone and America's 250th birthday. Attendees can expect a mix of high-flying aerobatics, immersive ground displays and interactive exhibits that highlight historic and modern aircraft, hands-on STEM activities and live entertainment for all ages. The airshow also showcases large military transport aircraft, classic warbirds and public safety and first responder aviation assets on the ground, giving guests up-close access to unique airplanes and crews.

Civic observances continue in November with the State of the City address on Nov. 4, when the mayor will outline progress and future priorities for Rancho Cordova, followed by a Veterans Day observance Nov. 11. The year concludes with the annual Christmas tree lighting on Nov. 29, a public event celebrating community unity, local business and Rancho Cordova's civic identity.

For more information on events, schedules and tickets, visit [www.cordovacouncil.org](http://www.cordovacouncil.org) ★



An aerial view in the morning of fog partially covering the San Joaquin River and Webb Tract Island (Left) in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, located in San Joaquin County, California. Photo taken Oct. 30, 2025. Courtesy photo

## California Department of Water Resources News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 24 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 5 inches, which is 50 percent of average for this location.

The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of the Department of Water Resource's water supply forecast. Statewide, the snowpack is 71 percent of average for this date.

Today's results are welcome news for water managers who rely on the statewide snow surveys to make water supply decisions for the year ahead. California's statewide snowpack had been lacking in early December with above-average temperatures and very little storm activity. Recent storms have turned that around and provided a significant boost to the snowpack and the state's water supply.

"The dry conditions and warmer temperatures in early December delayed our snow-building season, but the return of storm activity, especially in the last week, helped to build a solid base for this year's snowpack," said Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist for the Department of Water Resources.

"Thankfully, the recent storms that reached the state were cold enough to provide necessary benefits for the snowpack and our water supply. While California is in a better position now, it is still early in the season and our state's water supply for this year will ultimately depend on a continued cadence of storms throughout winter and early spring."

The Department of Water Resource's electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the Sierra Nevada indicate that

the statewide snowpack's snow water equivalent is 6.5 inches, or 71 percent of average for this date, compared to 115 percent on this date last year.

On average, the largest snow-producing months in the Sierra Nevada are January, February and March. Drought and flood always marked the California climate, but extreme whiplash between wet and dry is becoming more pronounced, not just year to year but often within the same season or month.

"It's great to see so much fresh snow in the Sierra following a relatively dry December," said Department of Water Resources director Karla Nemeth.

"More than any other factor, the rain and snow that falls in these critical winter months dictates how much water can be delivered to Californians and farmland statewide. We make the most of what Mother Nature delivers with advance planning that enables Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations and groundwater recharge."

Major reservoirs statewide are currently 123 percent of average thanks to recent precipitation on top of three consecutive years of above-average snowpack conditions.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California's "frozen reservoir." Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced by the Department of Water Resource's Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are key factors in determining how the Department of Water Resources manages the state's water resources.

The Department of Water Resources conducts four media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May. The next survey is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3.

For California's current hydrological conditions, visit <https://cww.water.ca.gov>. ★



Department of Water Resources staff check snow levels at the January 2020 snow survey. Courtesy photo

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# Soroptimists Give Holiday Joy to Veterans

**Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova and Gold River News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River recently completed their annual "mission" to fill and deliver holiday stockings to 150 female veterans receiving treatment at the VA Northern California Healthcare System (NCHCS).

Private businesses such as Same Day Healthcare Pharmacy (in the new SF Market), Tara Dietel's State Farm office, TruEarth Laundry Sheets, and Crumbl Cookie, as well as organizations including the City of Rancho Cordova, Visit Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County 2-1-1, Explore Rancho Cordova, Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Region and our Soroptimist club contributed items for the stockings.

The stockings included ChapStick; a squeeze ball; granola package; a pair of comfy socks; mini bottle of hand sanitizer; travel lint roller; sunglasses, medication container and mini tote bag; Crumbl cookie voucher; a package of 32 dissolving laundry sheets; hand lotion; tissue pocket pack; veteran post-it notes; gold veteran pin; aromatherapy candle; nail clippers and Emory board; stocking hat, and a beautiful holiday card wishing happy holidays and a thank you for their service. The stockings were stuffed on Nov. 20 and delivered the next day for distribution starting in December at the VA Northern California Healthcare System.

"Our Soroptimist club cares deeply for our brave veterans and the staff who serve them. We donated cases of snacks and vitamin water to the VA Northern California Healthcare System when the pandemic started, donated baby shower



Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River recently completed their annual "mission" to fill and deliver holiday stockings to 150 female veterans. Photo courtesy of Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River

items to pregnant veterans receiving care there, donated warm socks numerous times to the VA Northern California Healthcare System for veterans receiving chemotherapy and dialysis treatments, and now holiday stockings to bring

veterans some cheer during the holidays," said club vice president Sheryl Longworth. "We love our veterans and those who provide care to them."

Both last year and this year's veteran stocking "missions" were led by club secretary

and Air Force veteran, Stacy Delaney.

"Stacy did an amazing job coordinating all the donations and leading this committee," said club president Ingrid Rosten.

Club vice president

Longworth added, "Normally, our club members do not have direct contact with those we help. We generally drop off donations, materials, etc. to another organization who distributes our contribution to the actual beneficiaries."

After the 2023 holiday stocking mission, a woman dropped off some e-waste for the club's e-waste recycling fundraiser. The woman realized that the organization that provided her with a holiday stocking at VA Northern California Healthcare System earlier that day was the same organization that she was giving her e-waste to.

The veteran was so grateful to receive her holiday stocking. She shared that she was having some health challenges that affected her employment, and she was feeling down. The stocking she received brightened her day and outlook a lot.

"Knowing that a holiday gift from our heart that makes a difference in the life of a veteran, was the best feeling in the world and that's what the holidays are all about...spreading love to everyone. Our club now commits to a holiday stocking "mission" every year," Longworth said.

*Soroptimist is an international 501(c)3 non-profit organization who seeks to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that is what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are people at their best, working to help other women to be their best. Please email [siranchocordova@soroptimist.net](mailto:siranchocordova@soroptimist.net) to receive more information about Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River, how to become a member, or just learn how you can volunteer with our club members, or visit <http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org/>.★*



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# Stick a Fork in California: Gov. Newsom's Proposed Retroactive Billionaire Tax

IRS Study shows California is losing a taxpayer every minute to states like Florida, Texas, and North Carolina

By Katy Grimes,  
California Globe

**(CALIFORNIA GLOBE)** - California Governor Gavin Newsom is pushing a retroactive billionaire tax targeting the roughly 220 billionaires residing in California in 2025, ignoring that these individuals are the most financially mobile and can live anywhere. Expecting them to remain in the state as if they will happily and willingly hand over even more of their wealth surely must be facetious.

SEIU is sponsoring the "2026 Billionaires Tax Act." The measure, recently listed on the Attorney General's website, would impose a one-time 5% tax on individual wealth exceeding \$1 billion, Marc Joffe wrote for the Globe this week. He explains the measure and more:

Although the tax would be levied based on 2026 net worth, it would apply to billionaires who resided in California in 2025, so theoretically it could not be avoided. Of course, billionaires are well equipped to defend themselves in court, so the constitutionality of this unprecedented tax will be rigorously tested.

Proponents assert that the measure would not cause billionaires to flee the state because of the one-time nature of the tax. Unlike federal wealth taxes floated by Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, the SEIU tax would not be

applied each year.

But the flaw in this argument is obvious: if the state could impose a wealth tax once, it could do so again and again. So, yes, billionaires might well leave if this measure passes.

Why are California businesses and residents fleeing the once-Golden State in droves? We've asked and answered this question many times.

California has been bleeding residents and their tax revenue for many years with moves to states with no income tax or very low income tax: Florida, Texas, Arizona, Idaho, Tennessee, South Carolina, Nevada, and even Washington State.

California's own Chevron Oil Company moved its headquarters to Houston, Texas from San Ramon, CA where it has been based since 1879, one of the biggest businesses to flee the Golden State. Chevron is in good company joining X/Twitter, Space X, Oracle, Hewlett Packard, Charles Schwab, and Toyota Motor North America, Nissei America, Inc., The Joe Rogan Experience, Gordon Ramsay North America, The Rubin Report, to name just a few of the businesses leaving California because of the state's leftist/Marxist politics and regulatory environment.

Yet Gov. Newsom and Democrats are doubling down and still gouging taxpayers and businesses with some of the highest taxes,

fees and draconian regulations in the nation.

"Despite the towering deficit, Newsom and the Democratic Party continue to spend wildly on a boondoggle bullet train and to engage in last-minute redistricting to gerrymander the state further," Jonathan Turley writes. "They have also moved to extend Medi-Cal to illegal immigrants at a massive cost to the budget. Newsom is also pushing ahead with a Commission to pay reparations to black citizens."

**Turley reports on just how bad California is:**

"A study of IRS data by the National Taxpayers Union Foundation which found that California is losing a taxpayer roughly every minute, as states like Florida, Texas, and North Carolina attract new residents due to lower taxes and higher standards of living.

In comparison, Florida gains a new taxpayer every 2 minutes and 9 seconds while Texas gains one every 2 minutes and 53 seconds.

The result has been a bonanza for Florida, which is now collecting \$4 billion more per year for its budget.

The states losing taxpayers at the fastest rate are California, New York, and Illinois. Here is the rate of loss:

California: every 1 minute and 44 seconds; New York: every 2 minutes and

23 seconds; Illinois: every 6 minutes and 4 seconds; Massachusetts: every 11 minutes and 38 seconds; New Jersey: every 14 minutes and 14 seconds.

In 2023, we asked Why Did 352 California Companies Flee to Other States in Three Years? Here's why: Low-to-no income tax states gained \$391 billion from California during 2018 to 2021, coinciding with Gavin Newsom's election as governor.

As Economist Art Laffer and Chapman Economics Professor James Doti correctly said not long ago, Gov. "Newsom doesn't appear to see is the deleterious long-term effects of a highly progressive tax system. Case in point: The 'one-percenters' who pay 50% of the tax are voting with their feet by leaving California in droves."

They explained that the ten states with the lowest income taxes including Florida and Texas, gained a cumulative net inflow from all Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) classes of \$391 billion from California during the entire 2018 to 2021 period. Note that 2018 was the final year of Democrat Governor Jerry Brown. Gov. Newsom ran for governor in 2018 and was elected. He took office January of 2019, so the 2019-2021 belongs to Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"The 10 states that ranked the highest in income taxes

— California, New York and New Jersey are in this group — lost a cumulative net inflow in AGI of \$391 billion. The fact that the 10 states with the lowest income taxes gained in AGI the same amount as the loss in AGI for the 10 states with the highest income taxes is not a coincidence." ...

**Where did these companies go?**

Most went to Texas. Here's why:

"Texas offers a combination of unique competitive business advantages that no other state can claim: a business-friendly climate—with no corporate or personal income tax—along with a highly skilled and diverse workforce, easy access to global markets, robust infrastructure and a reasonable regulatory environment," Texas Governor Greg Abbott said when he recently announced that another major California business was moving to Texas. "California-based Ruiz Foods is moving its corporate HQ to Frisco," he said. "With an unrivaled business climate and skilled, diverse workforce, Texas is America's #1 economic destination..."

Newsom might find that lowering tax rates results in higher rather than lower tax revenues, as the Laffer Curve has shown time and time again.

"The Laffer Curve showcases the intricate relationship between tax

rates and government revenue, a concept popularized by economist Arthur Laffer in 1974. This theory posits that both excessively high and low tax rates result in reduced tax revenues, suggesting that tax cuts can potentially enhance revenue collection."

"As drawn, the Laffer Curve shows that at a tax rate of 0%, the government would collect no tax revenue, just as it would collect no tax revenue at a tax rate of 100% because no one would be willing to work for an after-tax wage of zero.

Turley has a new book coming out, *Rage and the Republic: The Unfinished Story of the American Revolution*, in which he explains "there is a common myth that the top five percent of this country do not 'pay their fair share.' However, putting that debate aside, the question is whether it will produce more revenue than it costs the state in the long run. As these politicians campaign on clipping the "fat cats" who are not paying their fair share, many are likely to follow the exodus to lower tax states with greater fiscal discipline."

Turley concludes, "what is clear is that Democratic states are not showing any greater fiscal discipline as they careen toward budget meltdowns."

And to think that Gavin Newsom is running for President on this atrocious record... ★

## Homeowners Could Qualify for Grants for New Roofs and Fire Safety

By Levi Sumagaysay,  
CAIMatters.org

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- Some homeowners in areas of California with high wildfire risk could eventually get money for new roofs or to build fire-resistant zones around their properties under a new state law that went into effect Jan. 1.

The Safe Homes grant program is designed to help low- and middle-income homeowners with fire mitigation. People who qualify could use grants to create 5-foot ember-resistant zones around properties, also known

as Zone Zero, as required by law in some areas. The program will also contribute toward costs for fire-safe roofs.

The state's Insurance Department, which is responsible for implementing the program, is working out the details around eligibility, the amount of and the distribution of grants. It is now developing an application portal that it hopes to have ready by March, said Michael Soller, spokesperson for the department.

The insurance department will be handling all the details of the grants, said Mike Dayton, chief

of staff of Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, the Los Angeles-area Democrat and chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee who wrote the law, and has so far secured \$3 million in the state budget to get the program started.

Soller said homeowners who have policies with admitted insurance carriers or the last-resort FAIR Plan and who live in high-risk areas will have to meet income limits set by the state housing department to be eligible for the grants, whose amounts have not been determined. Communities, cities and

counties with mitigation projects could also apply for grants.

He also said the insurance department plans to advocate for additional and ongoing funding for the program.

Another source of funding could be the federal government, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Soller said. But Gov. Gavin Newsom recently tried to meet with FEMA to talk about disaster aid related to the Los Angeles County fires and was unsuccessful.

Also, two Californians in Congress have proposed

legislation that would establish a federal grant program and tax credits for mitigation. U.S. Reps. Mike Thompson, a Napa Democrat, and Doug LaMalfa, an Oroville Republican, have introduced their bill for the past two sessions, but it has not made it to a floor vote.

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection recently extended the finalization of rules regarding Zone Zero buffers around properties to the first half of next year. The rules are expected to take effect for existing homes in 2029. ★

## Senate Republicans Unveil Their Priorities for Californians

Sen. Roger Niello News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Californians are paying more and getting less. Even as the state is on track to collect more taxpayer money in the near future, the return on investment for core services continues to decline. The problem is not a lack of money, but years of bad spending priorities. With an \$18 billion deficit on the horizon, California Senate Republicans unveiled their budget priorities to get back to basics, ensure results, and improve the quality of life for all.

"If financial literacy will soon be a requirement for high schoolers, perhaps it should be a requirement for legislators too," said Senator Roger Niello, Vice Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. "Essentially, our budget is a house of cards. One wrong move and the whole thing comes down. In addition to putting the basics first, the state needs to look at the programs it's already funding and make sure they're an effective and sustainable use of tax dollars."

"The world's fourth-largest economy should not feel like a third-world country,"

said Senate Republican Leader Brian Jones. "But year after year, Governor Newsom and the progressive legislature continue to lose the plot. It's not their job to waste your money on whatever feel-good cause-of-the-day they deem worthy. It's their job to fund public safety, support essential services, and hold government accountable."

In their letter, Senate Republicans called for the budget to focus on lowering housing costs for renters and helping more Californians buy homes, keeping Californians safe from crime and wildfires,

supporting hospitals and access to care for rural Californians, eliminating fraud in Medi-Cal and other assistance programs, investing in water and emergency services for disasters and droughts, funding for UC and CSU so students can afford to stay and learn in California and supporting job creators by reducing the Unemployment Insurance debt burden placed on them.

To read the full letter, visit <https://src.senate.ca.gov/sites/src.senate.ca.gov/files/Caucus%20Budget%20Letter%20-%20Senate%20Republican%20Caucus%20Budget%20Priorities.pdf>. ★

## Dave Tamayo Elected SMUD Board President

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to the University of California Integrated Pest Management Program, US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the National Pest Management Association. Prior to working for the county, he owned a wholesale seafood business in San Francisco and

was an electrician and a white-water rafting guide.

Tamayo holds a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley and a master's degree in entomology and nematology from the University of Florida, Gainesville. In his spare time, he enjoys birding, gardening, beekeeping, whitewater rafting

and kayaking and learning to speak Spanish.

About SMUD

As the nation's sixth-largest, community-owned, not-for-profit electric service provider, SMUD has been providing low-cost, reliable electricity to Sacramento County for more than 75 years. SMUD is a recognized industry leader for

its innovative energy efficiency programs, renewable power technologies and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. In 2024, SMUD's power supply was about 62% carbon free, which is largely influenced by the weather and amount of hydroelectricity produced. SMUD's goal is to completely

eliminate carbon in its electricity production by 2030 while maintaining reliability and keeping rates among the lowest in California — on average, 50% lower than its neighboring, investor-owned utility. For more information on SMUD's Zero Carbon Plan and its customer programs, visit [smud.org](https://smud.org). ★

# Students in California Struggling Most with Math

## Find a Super Tutor News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - While the Christmas break is upon us, many students will be studying at home over the festive period and may be wondering how to receive a little extra support for the subject they find the hardest.

With this in mind, education recruitment agency Find a Super Tutor investigated the subjects that students in the US are struggling with the most.

The research analyzed the total number of Google searches for 118 subjects, applying 13 different search combinations for each, such as "help with mathematics" and "chemistry tutoring". Then, the ranking was calculated based on the subjects with the most to least average Google searches per month across the nation and in each state.

Mathematics was revealed to be the subject that California was struggling with the most, with a monthly average of 18,256 Google searches inquiring about help with the subject. Ranking as the subject with second-highest number of inquiries was Programming, with an average of 7,473 searches per month.

Following in third was Spanish, with an average monthly search count of 7,228, whereas English Language followed in fourth with an average of 7,083 searches per month. Rounding out the top five was Calculus, with a monthly average of 1,995 searches.

Mathematics was revealed to be the subject that students were struggling with the most across the US, with a monthly average of 125,929 Google searches inquiring about help with the subject.

Other subjects that students struggled with were SAT Prep, with an average of 7,552 monthly searches, and Calculus, with an average of 6,857 monthly searches, whereas Japanese completed the top 10, averaging 6,718 monthly searches.

Commenting on the findings, Joshua James, director of Find a Super Tutor, said,

"There are strong patterns among the subjects that students are struggling with the most. Most of the subjects fall under either the STEM or languages category. Some of the hardest school subjects to

learn include mathematics and other scientific disciplines such as programming, information technology, chemistry and calculus. These subjects can be challenging for students because they involve abstract concepts, logical reasoning, and require learners to memorize large amounts of information.

"For instance, calculus requires a solid foundation in algebra and trigonometry, and without this, students can quickly fall behind. Similarly, programming and IT demand not only technical knowledge but also the ability to think algorithmically and troubleshoot complex problems. Students who struggle in STEM often benefit from interactive tools like coding simulators, virtual labs, and personalized tutoring platforms, which allow for a more hands-on and tailored learning experience.

"Language subjects also pose challenges, but of a different nature. English and foreign languages such as Spanish, Japanese, and American Sign Language require mastery of vocabulary, grammar, and cultural context, all of which can vary widely from a student's native language."

"Japanese, for example, has multiple writing systems and a syntax that significantly differs from English, while ASL relies on spatial reasoning and visual cues that are not intuitive for everyone. Even English, often assumed to be straightforward for native speakers, contains complex grammar rules and idiomatic expressions that can confuse learners.

"Online support for language learning has become highly sophisticated, with resources like language exchange communities, immersive audio-visual content, and AI-powered apps such as Duolingo offering real-time feedback and personalized practice routines. These tools can significantly enhance engagement and retention, helping students overcome the hurdles these subjects often present.

"Regardless of what subject you or your child is struggling with, there is always support available. If you need help beyond what online resources may be able to offer, hiring a part-time tutor can be the perfect solution. Tutors are typically experts in their chosen area and can provide specialized, high-quality support to improve grades and understanding of the subject." ★



By Bob McGarvey

Welcome to the new year of 2026. My hope is that everything coming to the City of Rancho Cordova this year will be successful. Something which everyone who was on the initial City Council is watching very carefully is the revenue neutrality payment which should be ending in 2028. The legislation which has stopped most of the communities in California who wanted to become an incorporated city have been stopped because of the money which is demanded by the counties of the state. Our attorneys stopped the payments which would have broken our cityhood by having much more money taken from our income finances. The fact is our city budget has been operating in the black. The last three revenue neutrality payments Rancho

# And Another Thing A New Year for Rancho Cordova

Cordova will pay are more than eleven million dollars each.

When we began being a city, we worked for eight months after the election of Nov. 5, 2002, to get ready for reality. When we officially began on July 3, 2003, everything was done. We had Interim City Manager Charles R. Cate help us move forward to make sure that we didn't miss what was needed. Charles did a wonderful job and thank you, Charles. We chose Ted Gaebler as our permanent City Manager. We couldn't have done a better job in preparing our city to do the better job. Ted was able to bring our new city into the National League of cities and the California League of cities. It was truly wonderful to find what being a city is to our citizens.

Something that was said by others before we became a city was that with the Mather A.F.B. closed, and Aerojet General had to lay off thousands of employees, people from

the area of Sacramento said that Rancho Cordova was doomed. However, Rancho Cordova was zoomed. The Rancho Cordova Community Council and the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce were able to bring home nonprofit organizations and new businesses. There were also new things for safety that our public works were able to do. The first thing which was done for safety was a grant which put a sidewalk on the side of the railroad of Folsom Blvd. The Public Works department lead by Cyrus Abbar made it safer for students at Kinney High School to walk alongside Folsom Blvd and the railroad track. The kids no longer needed to walk on gravel alongside the cars of the road. That was the nice beginning of what the City of Rancho Cordova could do for their kids.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

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Sue Her, 1401 21st #13747, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Image Worth Studios" 1401 21st #13747, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025  
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PDC Technology, Inc., 2377 Gold Meadow Way #10, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PDC Tech" 2377 Gold Meadow Way #10, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 24, 2025  
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Dani's Helping Hands, Inc., 108 Remington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dani's Helping Hands 2" 108 Remington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025  
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MPJ Laundry Services, 5412 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sac Suds Laundry" 5412 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2025  
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Holman Investments LLC, PO Box 984, Sutter Creek, CA 95685 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MontressaLee/MontressaLee Enterprises" 10416 Investment Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2025  
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Sprout Automotive, LLC, 300 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Carvana Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram" 3610 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2025  
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Lilit Simonyan, 11079 Yakima River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mademoiselle Spa & Wellness Center" 11079 Yakima River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2025  
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Borhany LLC, 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AAA (Advanced Adult Assistance/Alfaro Ranch)" 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2025  
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URBAN 1-23-26

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TAHO 1-23-26

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Girls Dad LLC, 910 2nd Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AAA Priority Jet Detailing" 910 2nd Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 26, 2025  
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MSG Limited Liability Company, PO Box 160231, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Frenchy Gourmet" 1714 21st Street, Unit 102, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2025  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09352  
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# Data Shows 90.2% of California Farms are Family-Owned

## Farm Flavor News Release

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

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

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

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

### U.S. Family Farms and Sales by Type

Family farms are the foundation of American agriculture. According to the USDA, a family farm is one in which the majority of the business is owned by the principal operator and individuals related to them. Encompassing everything from small, sole proprietorships to large corporate-structured



Nearly 95 percent of U.S. farms are family-owned and a large majority are small operations with modest annual revenue. Photo courtesy Freepik

operations driving industry consolidation, family operations make up 94.7 percent of all U.S. farms and are responsible for 80.7 percent of total agricultural output – a striking reminder that America's food system remains overwhelmingly family-run.

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

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

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

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

California's agricultural landscape is dominated by family-owned operations, although slightly less so than the national average. In California, 90.2% of all farms are family-owned,

compared to 94.7% nationwide. These farms generate 73.6% of the state's farm sales, somewhat lower than the 80.7% share nationally.

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

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

### Methodology

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

The full Farm Flavor report can be found at [farmflavor.com/farm/states-with-most-family-owned-farms](http://farmflavor.com/farm/states-with-most-family-owned-farms). ★

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09064  
SN Auto Body, 2307 Sierra Madre Court #A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SN Auto Body" 11353 Pyrites Way Unit 03, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2025  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09217  
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DP 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09210  
JC Uniform LLC, 6140 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JC Embroidery" 6140 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2025  
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JC 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09242  
Doo Doo Squad, LLC, 4090 Wayside Lane Unit A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Doo Doo Squad" 4090 Wayside Lane Unit A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2025  
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DOO 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09385  
Dayoona Corp, 3200 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ray's Chicken and Fish" 3200 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2025  
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RAYS 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09267  
Abdul Baseer Karimi, 3804 Madison Avenue Apt 19, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Roadely" 3804 Madison Avenue Apt 19, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2025  
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ROADELY 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09349  
Rokham Momand LLC, 8453 Ceonothus Court, Elk Grove, CA 95824 is doing business

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AFFORDABLE 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09058  
Ashton Arnold and Juan Cardoza, 1100 Howe Avenue #498, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rivers Edge Cafe" 8740 La Riviera Drive Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2025  
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RIVERS 1-30-26

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Team G&C, Inc, 8107 Oahu Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "C Light Landscapes/Peck N' Trim" 8107 Oahu Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025  
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LIGHT 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08489  
Nicole Pearson, 3525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ai Systems and Strategy Collective" 3525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025  
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Nava Medical P.C., 1565 Exposition Boulevard Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Face Body & Soul Wellness & Aesthetics" 1565 Exposition Boulevard Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09229  
Vincent Andre Garcia, 7506 Farmgate Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Swan And Sword Tattoo" 5941 San Juan Avenue Suite 13B, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2025  
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SWAN 1-30-26

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
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  
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.  
Dated: December 3, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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SHAMS 1-16-26

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-en-

itled matter appear before this court on May 12, 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 4, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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KAUR 1-16-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV030460

MohammadMahdi Darabi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of MohammadMahdi Darabi to Adrian Darabi.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 8, 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 17, 2025  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
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DARABI 1-23-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV030999

Nathan Christopher Boggs has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nathan Christopher Boggs to Nathan Christopher Nathan Parker.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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 22, 2025  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
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BOGGS 1-23-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV031520

Raquel Morales Nunez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diego Alcaraz Morales to Diego Morales.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 25, 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: December 30, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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NUNEZ 1-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV031045

FNU Anjuman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU

Anjuman to Anjuman Shaheen.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 8, 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 22, 2025  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
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ANJUMAN 1-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV027193

Heather Elizabeth Pocan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heather Elizabeth Pocan to Heather Elizabeth Gaston.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 24, 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 10, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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POCAN 1-30-26

### LIEN SALE

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13 Tesla Lic#9MCA638  
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SAC 1-9-26

Lien Sale 1/15/26 10:00 am  
4125 Winters St Sacramento  
20 International Lic #1QU653  
Vin#3HSDZAPR4LN264665  
SAC 1-9-26

Lien Sale 1/20/26 10:00 am  
8240 14<sup>th</sup> Ave Sacramento  
22 Ford Lic#DTHD33  
Vin# 2FMPK4J96NBA07811  
SAC 1-9-26

Lien Sale 1/20/26 10:00 am  
6326 Main Ave #30 Orangevale  
18 Infiniti Lic #8EIR331  
Vin# JN8AZ2NCXJ9441239  
SAC 1-9-26

Lien Sale 1/20/26 10:00 am  
3534 51<sup>st</sup> Ave Sacramento  
09 Ford Lic #6GHB275  
Vin# 1ZVHT80N95132255  
SAC 1-9-26

### TRUSTEE SALE

File No: CA25-001256-0095  
Notice Of Sale Of Collateral TO: Clara Jean Rees, Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to Section 9610 of the California Uniform Commercial Code, of the public sale of that certain mobile home generally described as follows: 2006 EXPRESSIONS which is located at 290 Sunny Hills Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 and registered with the Department of Housing and Community Development under Decal No. LBI3165 and the following Serial Number and Label/Insignia Number(s) Serial Number(s): CAFL617A29292EX12 Label/insignia Number(s) PFS0946437 PFS0946438 The Undersigned Will Sell Said Collateral On February 3, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M., at the East Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Such sale is being made

by reason of your default on June 22, 2025 under that certain Security Agreement dated November 17, 2021, between you, as debtor, and Andrews Federal Credit Union, as secured party, and pursuant to the rights of the undersigned under said Security Agreement and Section 9610 of the California Uniform Commercial Code. At any time before the sale, you may redeem said collateral in accordance with your rights under Section 9623 of the California Uniform Commercial Code, by tendering the estimated amount of \$110,273.63 in payment of the unpaid balance of the obligation, secured by the property to be sold, including expenses reasonably incurred by the undersigned in retaking, holding, and preparing the collateral for disposition, in arranging for the sale, and for reasonable attorney's fees and for reasonable legal expenses incurred in the foreclosure. It will be necessary to contact the agent for updated figures after the date of this notice. Such tender must be in the form of cash, certified check, or cashier's check drawn upon a California bank or savings institution, and may be made payable to Andrews Federal Credit Union, and delivered to the undersigned at Steele, LLP, 17272 Red Hill Avenue, Irvine, California 92614, or at the place and time of sale. There is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or the like in this disposition. This Firm May Be Collecting A Debt And Any Information We Obtain Will Be Used For That Purpose. The sale date shown on the attached notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to the public as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether the sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 877.440.4460 or visit this Internet Website address [www.mkconsultantsinc.com](http://www.mkconsultantsinc.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA25-001256-0095. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Dated: December 26, 2025 Andrews Federal Credit Union By: /s/ Raymond Soriano STEELE, LLP, as Agent Tel: (949) 222-1161  
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



On Dec. 27 the Sacramento Kings treated the hometown fans to a post-Christmas treat with a stirring 113-107 victory over the visiting Dallas Mavericks. It was a reminder that although Dallas is a notable team with playoff intentions, the Kings have the talent to match up nightly with any team in the NBA. They have demonstrated this repeatedly, but the conundrum has been a complete lack of consistency as it relates to game over game results.

Why, you ask? The singular question that begs for an answer.

Injuries have played a role to be certain, but every NBA club must contend with injuries.

If I had to answer this question as honestly as I could, I would turn to the one player on this year's squad that has the greatest impact and that is none other than Domantas Sabonis. Over the past 3 ½ seasons Domantas hasn't just led the NBA in rebounding and double-doubles, he's been the singular stabilizing influence on a team that needs a leader like none-other. Sabonis' nightly consistent reinforcement of the fundamentals in playing the paint the old-fashioned way, gives every player on the floor a boost of confidence.

Domantas has a motor that just won't quit, and his enthusiasm for the game of basketball is simply contagious. Players want to play with this guy, and former King Jonas Valanciunas was vocal in his admiration for Sabonis and his desire to play alongside the Kings big man.

Unfortunately, the Kings did not value the talent that Valanciunas brought to the floor and allowed him to walk out the back door. Denver did not hesitate to provide their multiple MVP center Nikola Jokic with a resplendent backup, and Valanciunas has thrived this season in his new role.

The number one problem the Kings have had to face this season is not having Domantas on the floor, and their record shows it. 8 wins in 35 contests matches the worst start for an NBA season in the Sacramento Kings franchise history, and this is not a record you want to be a part of. Getting Sabonis back on the floor will be the first step in establishing what this year's team really is, but the Kings face a real dilemma.

GM Scott Perry is making noises that this year's team is about to receive a complete face lift, and Domantas Sabonis name has been mentioned or at least rumored in possible trade rumors. That would be mistake of herculean proportions.

Breaking news, the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Do you not remember what the organization did just one year ago when it inexplicably sent face of the franchise DeAaron Fox to the San Antonio Spurs?

DO NOT trade Domantas Sabonis. Draw a line in the sand, NOW, and build around a player that gets fans on their feet every game!

Stop trading away talent that makes other NBA teams stronger such as Davion Mitchell, DeAaron Fox, Issac Jones, and Boston Celtic starting center Neemias Queta. Yes, Neemias Queta, that the Kings had the good sense to draft 39th overall in the 2021 NBA draft and then send him to the G league where he thrived.

Fans saw something in this raw rookie and gave him more votes than any other King when it came to All-star voting that season.

The front office saw things differently and waived Queta in August 2023, and he was immediately scooped up by the Boston Celtics. Signed to a 2-way contract, Queta went on to help Boston win and NBA championship that same season and has since worked his way up to become this year's starting center. In the recent 120-106 loss to the Celtics, Queta provided the Kings with an up front and personal look at why their decision to let him go should have been reconsidered. Queta held down the paint efficiently all night, while posting 13 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 big blocks.

Simply stated, the Sacramento Kings must stop giving away valuable NBA talent and find someone in the organization that can effectively grade players and determine who is and who is not a viable NBA player.

Stay tuned Kings fans because Domantas will hopefully return soon, and then we can see what this team can do with a true NBA center on the floor.

*Happy New Year Kings fans and by all means do not give up hope!* ★

## New Year May Entertain Political Junkies, but Sluggish Economy Deserves the Spotlight



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As the new year begins, there's no shortage of political trends to keep Californians preoccupied, entertained or perhaps appalled — particularly the state's transcontinental feud with President Donald Trump.

There is Gov. Gavin Newsom's all-but-announced campaign for president, centered on his self-appointed role of resistor-in-chief to Trump. As Newsom continues to troll Trump this year we may learn whether it continues to advance Newsom as a White House frontrunner or becomes tiresome and off-putting.

As 2025 ended Axios, a news website, reported that Newsom's potential rivals are ratcheting up efforts to undermine his bid, arguing that, as a California progressive, he's unelectable.

Another point of political fixation is Newsom's successful effort to gerrymander California's 52 congressional seats to help Democrats recapture control of the House in 2026. Whether it works is a question hanging over his presidential ambitions.

Still another is the campaign to choose a successor to Newsom. It so far has attracted a large contingent of Democrats without, as yet, a clear leader. There's a theoretical possibility that with as many as a dozen Democrats in the field, the

two Republicans could finish first and second in the June 2 primary and face each other for the governorship in November, despite the GOP's very weak standing among voters.

This year's election cycle also promises to be another showdown of moneyed interests via dueling ballot measures, with those either increasing or decreasing taxes at the top of the heap.

While political junkies can feed their habits this year, the more profound issue that faces California will be its moribund economy.

Newsom often brags that California's \$4 trillion economy, were it a nation, would rank fourth in the world. However, it has seen zero net job growth since the COVID-19 pandemic ended and recently has experienced employment shrinkage.

More than a million Californians in the labor force are jobless and the state's unemployment rate, currently 5.6%, has been the highest or near the highest of any state for several years.

Employment doldrums have affected even the state's hallmark sectors, most obviously Southern California's withering film and TV production industry and the Bay Area's high technology concentration.

The latter has almost single-handedly propped up the state's economy and generated a huge portion of tax revenues, but layoffs have proliferated as artificial intelligence is increasingly employed — a syndrome that also affects Hollywood.

Stubborn, or even increasing, unemployment makes it more difficult for state and local governments to cover their budget deficits — thus underpinning the

thrust for tax increases on state and local ballots. The sluggish economy also hampers efforts to improve two of the state's most pressing socioeconomic issues, its highest-in-the-nation poverty and homelessness levels.

Even Californians who have homes and jobs are feeling the economic pinch. Combining economic data with polling results, the Public Policy Institute of California recently discovered rising economic angst among California residents.

"California is one of the largest economies in the world, but many working Californians do not feel economically secure (and) they struggle to pay their bills, save for the future, and balance the demands of work and daily life," PPIC reported, adding that polling data "indicate that pessimism about future economic opportunity has become even more pervasive amid recent economic volatility."

As he shifts into presidential campaign mode, Newsom has every reason to keep bragging about the state's economy. But those running to replace him and state legislators should make 2026 the year to recognize that California has serious problems, to bore into the underlying causes and to do what they can to once again make California thrive.

History tells us that taking prosperity for granted — think Detroit — is an invitation to economic ruin.

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## Social Security Matters My Wife Believes She Can Get a Spouse Benefit While I'm Still Alive; Can She?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** A friend of my wife told her, and she believes, she could receive a Social Security benefit based on my SS benefit that I'm currently receiving while I'm still alive. I told her she could only receive spouse survivor benefits. Is there any truth to what she now believes? Would you settle this issue for us please? Thank you.

**Signed: Uncertain Husband**  
**Dear Uncertain Husband:** Well, surely don't want to get in the middle of your marital discussion, but I'll be happy to explain Social Security's rules about your wife's eligibility for spousal benefits while you are both still living. And just for awareness for both of you, the rules about spousal benefits are one of the most confusing areas of Social Security.

Per Social Security's rules, a spouse (e.g., your wife) can receive a "spousal boost" from you — while you are still living — if the SS retirement

benefit she is personally entitled to at her full retirement age (FRA) is less than 50% of the SS retirement benefit you are (were) entitled to at your FRA (full retirement age amounts are used to calculate living spouse benefits, regardless of when each of you actually claimed your Social Security).

So, if your FRA entitlement benefit amount is more than twice your wife's FRA entitlement benefit amount, she can, indeed, get a "spousal boost" from your record while you are both still living. The spousal boost is added to her own SS retirement amount and will be based on the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement. Thus, in this discussion, your wife may be correct — she may be able to get a spousal boost from you while both of you are living, depending on how your personal FRA retirement amounts compare. The best way for your wife to find out is to contact Social Security on 1.800.772.1213 to inquire, and if she's eligible, also make an appointment to apply for her spousal benefit.

And to clarify your wife's options as your possible widow, a surviving spouse can also get a survivor benefit if their marital partner passes away, but only if the deceased spouse's current benefit (at death) was more than the surviving spouse is already

receiving. The surviving spouse receives the higher amount, instead of their own smaller Social Security retirement benefit.

But here is an important thing to know: Whenever any Social Security benefit (including a spousal or surviving spouse benefit) is claimed before the recipient's full retirement age, the payment amount is permanently reduced (both spousal and survivor benefits do not reach maximum until the recipient's full retirement age). And just to complete the picture for survivor benefits, a surviving spouse is also entitled to a one-time, lump-sum death benefit of \$255 if their marital partner dies, in addition to any other benefit they are entitled to.

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For elements of the anti-Israel right, it's a time when everything old is becoming new again. So, a half-century-old theory that the Jewish state deliberately attacked the USS Liberty during the Six-Day War has renewed currency.

Conspiratorial-minded influencers hostile to Israel, like Tucker Carlson and Candace Owens, have promoted the notion, and it was a topic of discussion at the recent TPUSA conference. One speaker said that the official explanation "doesn't feel like it's good enough," and floated his own wild speculation (involving the complicity of LBJ).

The fact is that the devastating Israeli attack on the Liberty, killing 34 and wounding 171, was a woeful case of mistaken identification. The series of faulty judgments that led to the incident is so grievous that, taken altogether, it is, indeed, nearly incomprehensible. Yet, when operating with incomplete information in a shooting war, such accidents happen all the time. The Israelis apologized immediately upon realizing their ghastly mistake and offered restitution.

On June 8, 1967, the 6th Fleet was keeping its distance from the hostilities in the Six-Day War, fought between Israel and Egypt, Syria and Jordan. The USS Liberty, a spy ship, had come within 13 nautical miles of the Sinai coast, though. It requested a de-

## No, the USS Liberty Incident Wasn't Israeli Treachery

stroyer escort, which was denied, and orders to the Liberty to withdraw about 100 miles from the front were delayed in a communications tangle.

That morning, an ammunition dump ignited in the coastal city of El-Arish in the Sinai, and the Israelis (wrongly) believed the location had been shelled by Egyptian ships. The Israeli navy spotted the Liberty heading toward Egypt and (wrongly) concluded it had been one of the attackers. Two Israel Mirage jets saw no identifying markings on the Liberty (a later U.S. inquiry speculated that the flag might not have been visible for lack of wind) and strafed the ship. More Israeli jets napalmed the Liberty.

The absence of return fire puzzled the Israelis, who paused to ensure they weren't hitting an Israeli vessel. Assured it wasn't one of their own, they renewed the assault.

Still uneasy, they looked for identifying markers again. They saw no flag, but made out Latin, not Arabic, letters on the hull. That strongly suggested the vessel wasn't Egyptian.

Yet, a squadron of Israeli torpedo boats determined that the Liberty's silhouette matched an Egyptian supply ship. A request for identification from the Liberty received no affirmative reply.

The Liberty's captain ordered his men not to shoot at the torpedo boats, but one gunner briefly fired and there were further discharges from exploding ammunition. Believing

they were taking incoming from an Egyptian ship, the torpedo boats requested permission to fire and got reluctant assent. A torpedo slammed into the Liberty, blowing a hole 24 feet tall by 39 feet wide and killing more than two dozen sailors.

Eventually, an Israeli torpedo boat picked up a raft from the Liberty with U.S. naval markings and the Israelis realized their tragic error. They apologized instantly to U.S. naval attaché Ernest Carl Castle, and an Israeli helicopter attempted to take him out to the Liberty (the effort was foiled by darkness). The Israeli torpedo boats offered assistance to the Liberty, which was rebuffed.

As Michael Oren points out in his history of the Six-Day War, none of the common conspiracy theories makes sense. There was no way that Israel — desperate for U.S. support and wary of Soviet enmity — was going to make an act of war against a friendly superpower. Nor did Israel need, as is sometimes posited, to hide its gains in the Sinai from the U.S., or its plans to hit Syria. It hadn't executed Egyptian POWs, so that didn't justify a murderous cover-up, either.

Both official Israeli and U.S. investigations determined that the attack was a friendly fire incident, but for Israel and the Jews in the current environment, the truth is no defense.

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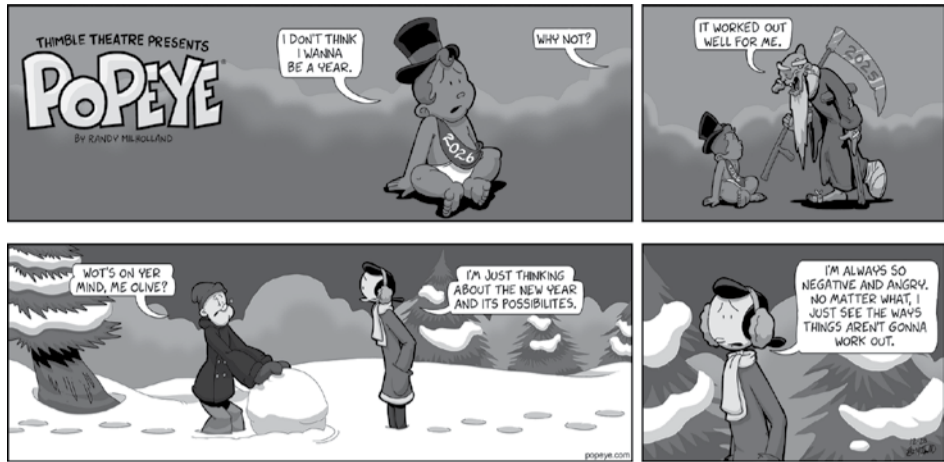
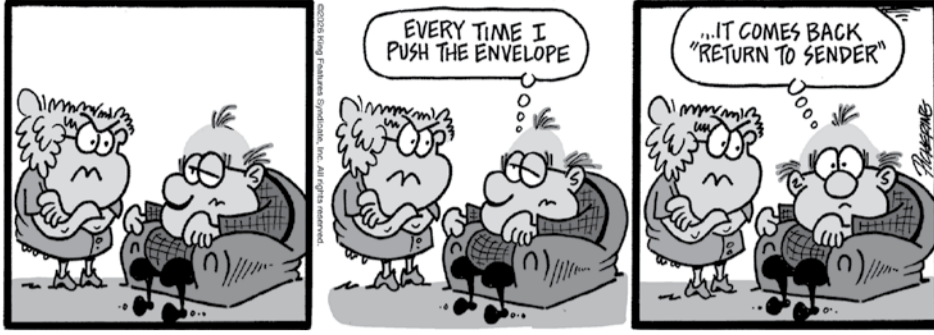
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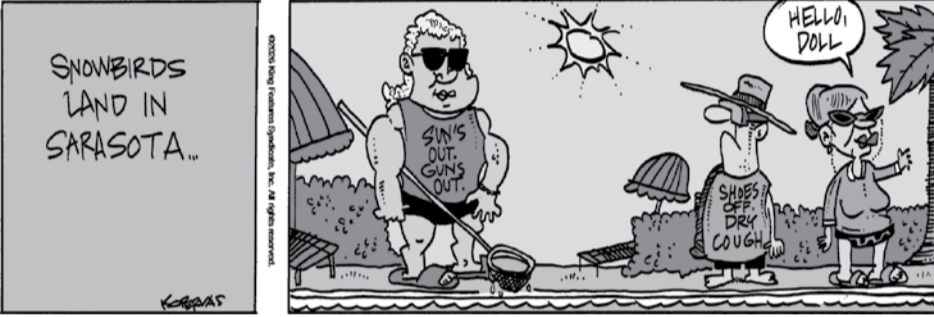
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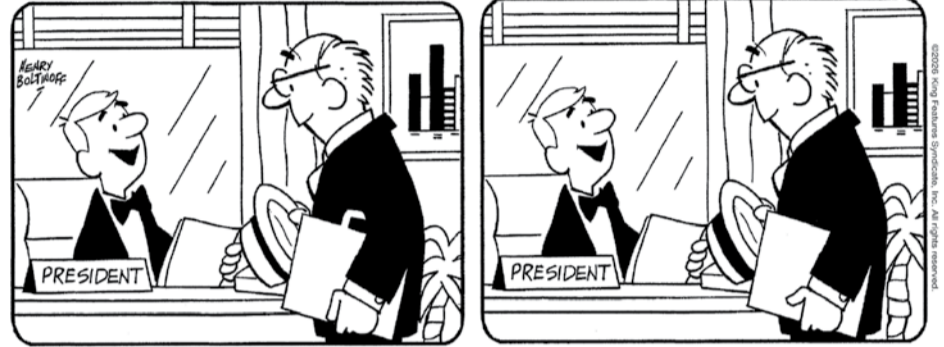
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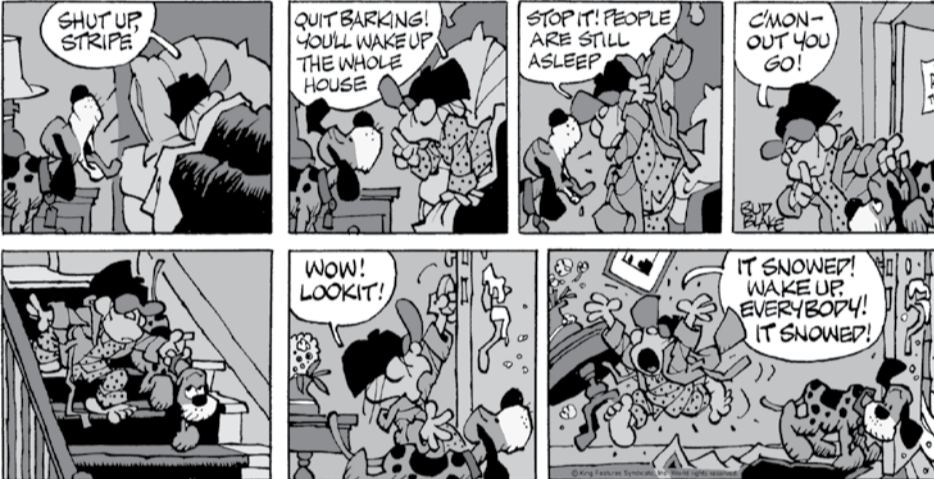
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  - Misrepresent
  - Do like ivy
  - Go for the bronze?
  - Poem of lament
  - \*Grammy nominee Bad Bunny's first language
  - \*KPop Demon Hunters' nominated song
  - Sought at crime scene
  - Lord's worker
  - Rob Manfred's org.
  - Jab, in speech
  - \*...com Arena
  - Rowboat engine, pl.
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  - "Zip it!"
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  - Polar helper
  - \*Lady Gaga's nominated album
  - \*Tyler of CHROMA-KOPIA, with The
  - Prejudiced one
  - Busy one
  - Do penance
  - Approves
  - Make a mistake
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  - "I, Claudius" role
  - Jack and Jill did this
  - Changes to a manuscript
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- Parentheses, e.g.
  - "Star Trek" speed
  - Away from port
  - Not be frugal
  - What TikTokers are often doing
  - This and that
  - Legal grp.
  - Door holder
  - Mix together
  - Away from wind
  - Leo or Libra, e.g.
  - \*Wonda's "Songs in the \_\_\_\_ of Life," Album of Year (1977)
  - Where bats are?
  - Eurasian goat-like antelope
  - Middle-earth dweller
  - Pelican or albatross, e.g.
  - Person in an ad
  - One of Florida Keys
  - Health food pioneer of liquid aminos fame
  - \*Nominated "Drop Dead Years" comedian Bill \_\_\_\_
  - Swerves
  - Sound units
  - Synagogue scroll
  - Zing or pizzazz
  - \*Justin Bieber's nominated song
  - Fabled fliers
  - Red one, send somebody over!
  - Unalienable ones are in the Declaration of Independence
  - Draft pick
  - Give satisfaction
  - Spot for prehistoric fly
  - Doomed
  - \*MCA, Ad-Rock and \_\_\_\_ D, Grammy-winning Beastie Boys
  - Culture-growing turf
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# Republic FC Adds Two Local Standouts on USL Academy Contracts

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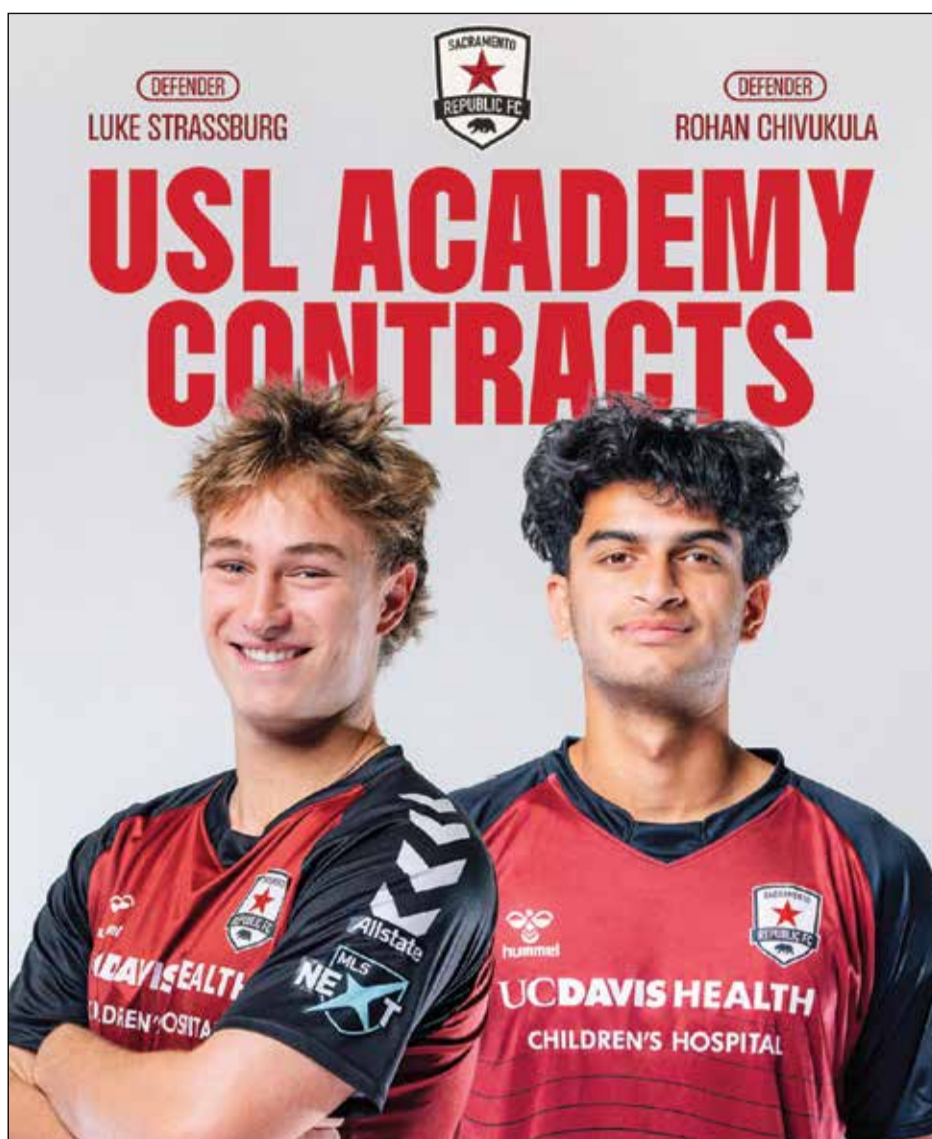
**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Republic FC announced Dec. 19 the addition of academy players Luke Strassburg and Rohan Chivukula to the club's first team roster. The defenders have signed USL Academy contracts, pending league and federation approval and will be eligible to play in first team matches in 2026.

"These signings reflect the strength of our pathway and commitment to developing local talent," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "Bringing academy players into the first team environment prepares them for the next level and we have no doubt that Luke and Rohan will continue to represent the academy well during training camp and throughout the season."

Strassburg and Chivukula both currently play for Republic FC's U-19 academy team, which has opened up the 2025-26 campaign with an impressive 9-1-1 record.

Eighteen-year-old Rohan Chivukula joined Republic FC's academy in 2024 to take the next step in his development. He quickly became a key piece of the U-19's backline and in Chivukula's first year, the squad posted an overall record of 16-3-3 and won the Northwest Division of MLS NEXT before advancing to the Round of 32 in the postseason. The Folsom High School graduate previously featured for El Dorado Hills Soccer Club and Sacramento United, and will play at the collegiate level for American University in the fall of 2026.

Strassburg is a longtime member of the Indomitable Club. The Elk Grove native joined at the U-13 level in 2020



Strassburg and Chivukula both currently play for Republic FC's U-19 academy team, which has opened up the 2025-26 campaign with an impressive 9-1-1 record. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

and has since featured in every age group in the last five years. He has been a part of some of the top teams

in club history, reaching MLS NEXT Cup each season. During the 2023-24 season, Strassburg and the U-16

team went undefeated in 29 straight games from September in April, and in 2025 his U-17 team claimed three wins in the MLS NEXT Cup Playoffs to advance to the Semifinals – the best finish by a Republic FC squad since 2022. He has also received multiple invitations to U.S. Soccer ID camps and training camps. Prior to joining Republic FC, Luke played for the San Jose Earthquakes' youth academy and Sacramento United. He has committed to play at San Diego State in the fall of 2026.

USL Academy contracts allow academy players the chance to train and compete with the first team in professional matches while retaining their NCAA eligibility. Since its inception in 2015, Republic FC's Academy has created a strong, local pipeline of youth players ready for professional-level competition, with over 40 players earning the opportunity to join the first team on USL Academy contracts and over 25 going on to sign professional contracts with Republic FC or other clubs. In 2024, players from Sacramento's youth academy combined for 80 gameday roster selections, 56 appearances, and over 3,000 minutes.

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 today, visit [SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships](http://SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships). ★

# Carter Begins Assembling Staff with Initial Round of Hires

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento State head coach Alonzo Carter named several assistant coaches and staff personnel to his staff, it was announced Dec. 30. The hirings include offensive coordinator Eric Kiesau, defensive coordinator Adam Clark, associate head coach Angus McClure and general manager Jon Osterhout. Carter also retained Kris Richardson as the offensive line coach/run game coordinator, Bobby Fresques as the quarterbacks coach/pass game coordinator and Josh Brown as the safeties coach. In all, the staff will feature over 300 years of cumulative coaching experience.

Kiesau has served as the offensive coordinator at Fresno State, Boise State and Auburn during his lengthy collegiate career. He spent the past three seasons as an offensive quality control coach at Florida.

His offensive staff will include Richardson and Fresques who return for their eighth year with the program and have seen the team qualify for the NCAA FCS Playoffs four times. Richardson has mentored several FCS All-Americans, including current Tennessee Titan Jackson Slater. This past season, his group paved the way for a rushing attack which ranked third in the FCS with 365.4 rushing yards per game. In his time leading the Sacramento State quarterbacks, Fresques has guided FCS All-Americans Kevin Thomson and Asher O'Hara, as well as Jake Duniway and Carson Conklin.

Former Sacramento State offensive lineman and assistant coach Angus McClure will return to campus as the associate head coach and work with the offensive line. Since leaving Sacramento



Sacramento State head coach Alonzo Carter named several assistant coaches and staff personnel to his staff. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

State, McClure has had stints at Nebraska, Buffalo, UCLA, Nevada and Kansas.

Eric Scott will serve as the team's wide receivers coach. Scott has spent the last two seasons as the head coach at West LA Junior College. Prior to taking that position, Scott was the wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator at San Jose State from 2021-23 where he worked alongside Alonzo Carter.

On defense, Adam Clark will come to Sacramento State after leading the defense at Northern Arizona for the past two seasons. In his first season, NAU ranked second in the Big Sky and 12th in the FCS in interceptions. The unit also led the league in pass defense and was second in total defense.

Brown will shift to coach the safeties in 2026 after leading the team's linebackers this past season. During the year, he overcame several injuries to his position group to have three players rank among the top five on the team in total tackles.

That included Oscar Moore who led the team with 69 total stops. Brown has also coached at McNeese, UTEP, Hawaii, Nevada, Cal Poly, Kansas and Arizona State during his career.

Kenwick Thompson will coach the linebackers and brings experience as an FCS defensive coordinator as well as a position coach at the P4 level. Thompson was the defensive coordinator at Florida A&M in 2025 and was previously on Jeff Tedford's staffs at Cal and Fresno State as well as stints at San Jose State, Vanderbilt, East Carolina, UNLV and UAB.

Dakari Monroe will follow Carter from Arizona to Sacramento State and will coach the Hornet corners. Monroe was a defensive graduate assistant for the Wildcats the past two seasons and helped the team advance to the Trust & Will Holiday Bowl against SMU. He played four seasons at San Jose State where he twice led the team in interceptions before a stint with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Milo Austin will serve as Sacramento State's special teams coordinator. Austin has held the same role at Elon since 2022 where he has coached an FCS All-American kicker, punter and kick returner. He has also been the special teams coordinator at Texas Southern, Delaware State and Morehead State.

The team's personnel efforts will be led by former Sacramento State All-American Jon Osterhout who returns to campus as the general manager following a great career as the head coach at American River JC. With the Beavers, Osterhout led the team to an 88-39 overall record and took the team to seven postseason appearances, including six trips to the state playoffs. Osterhout was a four-year starter for Sacramento State on the offensive line where he garnered All-America honors while leading the way for Charles Roberts' record-setting rushing efforts.

Chris Parry, who has been on staff since 2019, will continue to serve as the assistant general manager. Parry has been a part of player evaluation, roster construction and scholarship management during the program's run of success since his arrival.

Record-setting receiver Otis Amey has been named the director of player development. Amey was an All-American for Sacramento State and still owns nearly all the career receiving records. Following his time as a Hornet, he played with the San Francisco 49ers as well as stops in the Arena League and UFL.

Kenny Macklin will remain at Sacramento State and take the position of Chief of Staff. CJ Pollard will also return as the Director of Recruiting.

The additions are the first to the staff for Carter who became the 14th head coach in school history on Dec. 15. ★

# A's Agree to Terms with LF Tyler Soderstrom

## Athletics News Release

**LAS VEGAS, NEV (MPG)** - The Athletics have agreed to terms with left fielder Tyler Soderstrom on a seven-year contract through the 2032 season with a club option for 2033, the club announced Dec. 29.

Soderstrom batted .276 with 25 home runs, 93 RBI and an .820 OPS in 158 games last season with the A's after combining

to hit .204 with 12 home runs, 33 RBI and a .636 OPS in 106 games over his first two seasons. He began the season as the A's starting first baseman, moved to left field (where he had not played professionally) when Nick Kurtz was promoted on April 23, moved back to first base while Kurtz was on the injured list from May 25 to June 8, and returned to left field after that. Soderstrom had a team-leading 93 RBI, which were the most

by an A's player 23 years old or younger since Eric Chavez had 114 in 2001. He had 11 outfield assists, which tied for third in the majors, and ranked fourth among left fielders in defensive runs saved (10).

Soderstrom is a .250 career hitter with 37 home runs, 126 RBI and a .754 OPS in 264 games in three seasons in the majors. He was the A's first round selection in the 2020 First-Year Player Draft out of Turlock High School

and was primarily a catcher in his first pro season in 2021. The 24-year-old left-handed hitter split his time between catcher and first base in 2022-23, played mostly first base in 2024 and saw his most action in 2025 as an outfielder.

Soderstrom is one of three players under contract through at least the 2028 season, when the A's are scheduled to open their new ballpark in Las Vegas. He joins Lawrence Butler, who inked

a seven-year deal through the 2031 season with a club option for 2032 on Mar. 10, 2025, and Brent Rooker, who signed a five-year contract through 2029 with a club option for 2030 on Jan. 23, 2025. ★



# Lancers Excited to Start League Play



The Cordova Lancers were eager to begin Metro League play this week. Courtesy photo of Head Coach Luis Aguilar

By James Darnell

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Entering this week, the Cordova Lancers were set to begin Metro League play after wrapping up their preseason schedule prior to Christmas break.

Under new head coach Luis Aguilar, the Lancers amassed a 2-6-1 overall record during the preseason, but now with the most critical games in front of them, the team is energized.

"I think now that the preseason is over, it's starting to click," Aguilar said. "We have really good moments. The boys are anxious and they're ready to start playing league. I would say we're ready."

With back-to-back victories against Christian Brothers and Cosumnes Oaks in the middle of December, the team showed they have the talent to compete. According to Aguilar the team has excelled at ball movement and maintaining possession and is working on capitalizing on the chances they create for themselves to score offensively. As they entered this week, that was the main area of focus.

"Just finishing," Aguilar said when asked about where the team can improve. "Taking advantage of the chances, we do create. Out of the losses we have, we created chances in the beginning of the game. If we score those, the outcome of the games would've been totally different. Just taking advantage of the chances

we do create will make a really big difference for us going forward."

Perhaps the biggest bright spot on the team thus far has been the play of junior striker Shazad Hazem, whose seven goals at press time were good for the second-most in Sac Joaquin Section Division III. Aguilar has been pleased with what he's seen from the underclassman early on this year.

"He's our creator," Aguilar said. "He gets himself into really good positions, we find him, and he puts the ball in the back of the net. He's a really pivotal part in our attack for sure."

The Lancers began Metro League play this week with a home game against McClatchy on Tuesday, Jan. 6, as well as a road matchup at Kennedy on Thursday, Jan. 8. Final results from those contests were not available at press time, but the Lancers knew coming into this week the challenges they have in store.

"It's a very difficult league if I'm being honest," Aguilar said. "Last year we were a really young team, and now I think we're leveling the playing field a little bit. A lot of other teams graduated a bunch of seniors. We see that and take that into consideration when preparing for the games. I think we match up really well, the boys are anxious to play, and they want to get after it for sure."

The Lancers return home on Tuesday, Jan. 13 when they host Grant at 6:30 p.m. ★

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