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Breaking Ground on Affordable Housing



From left are District 3 Councilmember Dawnte Early, Craig Shields, West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, Yolo County Housing director Ian Evans, David Brint, Brinshore Development, Michael den Hartog, Operative Office Cory Banister, R4 Capital representative, District 1 Supervisor Oscar Villegas and Lori Banales, Alta California Regional Center's executive director. Photo by Abbey Wicks

By Abbey Wicks

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On a sunny January morning, the City of West Sacramento and Yolo County officials broke ground on the 37-unit affordable housing project, River Grove Apartments, located at 641 5th Street, West Sacramento.

Representatives from Yolo County Housing, the City of West Sacramento, Hope New Community Development Corporation, Brinshore Development and Operative Office gathered at the site on Jan. 8 for a groundbreaking ceremony.

Four units in the River Grove

Apartments project will support qualifying Veterans through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program in West Sacramento. An additional 18 units will serve individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, who will be referred through the Alta California Regional Center.

"This will ensure housing is paired with support people need to thrive," said Dawnte Early, Yolo County District 1 supervisor.

West Sacramento's latest affordable housing project required

collaboration between numerous city, county and state offices to acquire the necessary funding. Speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony emphasized the power of the "Yolo Way," which describes the collaborative and problem-solving attitudes between organizations and partners, such as when there was last-minute gap funding for the River Grove Apartments project.

The initial funding that kicked off the project came from the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

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Davis Retailers Illegally Selling Tobacco

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - In an ongoing effort to protect youth and uphold public health regulations, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHS) Tobacco Enforcement Program collaborated with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to conduct targeted inspections in November 2025. These efforts resulted in significant enforcement actions against two local retailers for violations related to the illegal sale of tobacco and cannabis products.

At The Hut, a retail establishment in Davis operating under a suspended tobacco license, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration enforcement officers seized tobacco products that were being sold illegally during the suspension period. Flavored tobacco products, which are prohibited under both state and local law, were also confiscated. In addition, officers found cannabis flower and other cannabis products being sold without a license. The estimated retail value of the seized products was \$8,639. A criminal citation was issued following the inspection.

At Havana Mini Mart in Davis, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration enforcement officers seized untaxed flavored tobacco products and untaxed flavored nicotine vape products with a combined estimated retail value of \$8,523. A civil citation was issued for violations related to the sale of these illegal items.

"These inspections are part of our ongoing commitment to protect the health of Yolo County residents, especially our youth," said Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County Health Officer. "We are working diligently with our partners at California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to ensure that retailers are not selling tobacco products to anyone under 21 and to make sure that prohibited products, such as flavored tobacco, are not sold."
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Sierra Donor Services Expands Scholarship Program

Sierra Donor Services News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sierra Donor Services (SDS), the leading nonprofit organ procurement organization in Northern California dedicated to saving and enhancing lives through organ, eye and tissue donation, is proud to expand its Lifesaver Nursing Scholarship Program to support Black, Hispanic and Filipino nursing students. In partnership with the Capitol City Black Nurses Association (CCBNA), the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN), and



Members of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) attend the luncheon at Sierra Donor Services in West Sacramento. Courtesy photo

Philippine Nurses Association California Capital City (PNAC3),

SDS has established an annual scholarship program aimed at promoting

diversity and inclusion within the healthcare field.

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City Breaks Ground on Affordable Housing



A rendering of the project shows what the River Grove Apartments will look like from 5th Street in West Sacramento once completed. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

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According to Craig Shields, chief of the climate investment sector at the Department of Housing and Community Development, the grant program funded site preparation and utility upgrades, along with walking and biking improvements that will contribute to a thriving community.

Oscar Villegas, Yolo County District 1 supervisor, expressed gratitude to the City of West Sacramento for pushing forward on an affordable housing project in one of the most cherished areas in the region.

"...you're walking distance to the State Capitol, you're walking distance to professional baseball, professional basketball, an emerging riverfront walkway that just offers so much and more to come," said Villegas. "This is a prime location. It is pretty sweet to think about affordable housing being placed in this community, in this location."

According to Villegas, the mission of the county is to provide safety net services for residents in the community including behavioral health services and Medi-Cal. However, unhoused residents often

have a much harder time accessing those services. Villegas stressed the importance of collaboration between the county and city to make housing projects like these possible, so more residents can afford a place to call home.

All 36 units in the building (with one unit housing a live-in building manager) will be supported by project-based vouchers from Yolo County Housing for at least the next twenty years, ensuring long term affordability and stability for residents.

"This is truly a dream come true," said Martha Guerrero, West Sacramento's mayor. "As a licensed social worker, I know how important it is to have these projects come to fruition in our cities."

The development side of the project began with West Sacramento-based Operative Office.

"Operative Office is a small firm, but we are made much mightier by our partnerships with the organizations represented here today," said Emily Ware, director of development, who expressed gratitude for the city officials who worked swiftly to make the project come together.

Chicago-based development Brinshore was another key collaborator for the project. Brinshore is the 16th largest affordable housing developer in the United States, according to the firm.

"This project is near and dear to our hearts," said David Brint, principal and co-founder of Brinshore Development.

As a firm, Brinshore is especially dedicated to creating special needs housing opportunities from the Midwest to California. Brinshore previously worked on The Huddle on 5th Street Apartments in West Sacramento, which were completed in October 2024.

Additional financial partners on the project include R4 Capital and Citizens Business Bank. The construction project itself is led by Sunseri Construction, Inc. and is expected to take approximately 16 months to complete.

To learn more about affordable housing in West Sacramento, visit: www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/economic-development-and-housing/housing/affordable-housing. ★

Lesley Hamamoto Wins Davis Bumble Bee Contest



UC Davis alumna and bumble bee/native plant enthusiast Lesley Hamamoto of Sacramento won the 2026 Robbin Thorp Memorial First-Bumble-Bee-of-the-Year Contest. This image shows her with another bumble bee from last year. Photo courtesy of Lesley Hamamoto

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

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Bumble bee enthusiast Lesley Hamamoto of Sacramento, a UC Davis alumna who remembers well the entomology class she took from UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus Professor Robbin Thorp in 1998, is the winner of the 2026 Robbin Thorp Memorial First-Bumble-Bee-of-the-Year Contest, sponsored by the Bohart Museum of Entomology.

Hamamoto, a biologist/botanist with the Department of Water Resources, State of California since 2008 and a former seven-year UC Davis employee, photographed a black-tailed bumble bee, *Bombus melanopygus*, nectaring on manzanita at 9:59 am. Friday, Jan. 2 in the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden.

The contest rules specify that the first person to photograph or video a bumble bee in the two-county area of Yolo and Solano – and emails the image to the Bohart Museum – wins.

The bumble bee contest, launched in 2021, memorializes Professor Thorp (1933-2019), a tireless advocate of pollinator species protection and conservation and co-author of "Bumble Bees of North America: An Identification Guide" (Princeton University) and "California Bees and Blooms: A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalists" (Heyday). Although he retired from the faculty in 1994 after 30 years of service, he continued his bee research until a week before he died, at age 85. Every January, he looked forward to seeing the first bumble bee of the year.

Hamamoto, who serves as president of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNP) and as a volunteer with the California Bumble Bee Atlas, will receive a coffee cup designed with the critically endangered Franklin's bumble bee. Thorp monitored the population of *Bombus franklini* in its California-Oregon border range for two decades, last seeing it in 2006. It is now feared extinct.

"I was so excited to find several bumble bees on Friday!" Hamamoto said. "I have wanted to participate in the first-bumble-bee-of-the-year contest since it began in 2021."

Her co-worker Michael Kwong, a senior environmental scientist with the State of California, teamed with fellow Monarch Watch participant Kaylen Teves of Vallejo, to win the 2025 contest. They photographed a yellow-faced bumble bee, *Bombus vosnesenskii*, on Jan. 11 on an oak leaf at the Glen Cove Marina, Vallejo.

"I had been watching for a window of sunny weather, so as soon as I saw that it was going to be sunny for a few hours, I hightailed it out to the Arboretum," Hamamoto shared. "I knew that early blooming manzanitas would be highly attractive to bumbles, so I was specifically headed to a few that I knew of. I live in Sacramento, so I had to head over the county line to participate in the contest. I have sometimes participated unofficially from my home native garden, but I don't think I have ever found a bumble earlier than the contest winner."

Hamamoto has participated since 2022 as a volunteer with the California Bumble Bee Atlas, a statewide community science project aimed at tracking and conserving California's native bumble bees. "I was fortunate to be able to take the Bumble Bee Field Course with Leif Richardson and

Rich Hatfield in 2023 – the workshop sold out in two minutes and getting in was likened to getting tickets to Taylor Swift's Eras tour!"

Hamamoto has organized an annual "bumblepalooza" weekend for the last two years "for some of my friends that I met in the field course and we meet up and do a bunch of Atlas surveys. The first year was in the Carson Valley area where we had been for the field course, and last year we stayed at the Point Reyes Field Station. We have even talked about holding a future bumblepalooza in northern California to look for *B. franklini*." (Thorp last sighted the bumble bee in 2006. Its range is a narrow 13,300-square-mile area in Siskiyou and Trinity counties in California.)

Hamamoto and Kwong also led a bumble bee field trip last year for "find out farms," a local native plant nursery and eco-education organization. The Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society holds an annual Wildlife Wonders event there "and where I have been one of the volunteers at the Friendly Bee exhibit table."

Hamamoto received her bachelor's degree in biological sciences, with a plant biology emphasis, from UC Davis in 2001, and went on to receive her master's degree from Sacramento State University. She worked at UC Davis in Plant Biology for seven years before accepting her position with the State of California.

Hamamoto credits UC Davis for setting her "firmly on the path of studying and growing plants." She remembers "field trips to local botanical hotspots such as Stebbens Cold Canyon and Jepson Prairie Preserve, and several years working at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory being particularly formative experiences."

During her freshman year at UC Davis, she enrolled in ENT 10, "Natural History of Insects," taught by Thorp. "We did a honey varietal tasting during that class and I always remember that he told us that yellow starthistle honey was his favorite flavor. I have to agree that it's the one good thing about invasive yellow starthistle! I didn't realize until I started reading and researching more about bumble bees that Dr. Thorp was really THE authority on bumbles in California. I feel very lucky to have had that opportunity to learn from him."

The Bohart Bumble Bee Committee includes three members who worked with Thorp: UC Davis Distinguished Professor Emerita Lynn Kimsey, who directed the Bohart Museum for 34 years; Tabatha Yang, education and outreach coordinator for the Bohart Museum; and Kathy Keatley Garvey, communications specialist, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology.

Every January, Thorp encouraged his "posse" – bumble bee enthusiasts and insect photographers Allan Jones, Kathy Keatley Garvey, Gary Zamzow and Kim Chacon – to find and photograph the first bumble bee of the year in Yolo and Solano counties. Chacon, the 2019 winner, was the last to win the informal bee contest when she captured a bee at the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden. At the time, she was a UC Davis doctoral student researching "habitat connectivity issues for bees at a landscape scale." She is a 2018 alumna of The Bee Course, a nine-day intensive workshop affiliated with the American Museum of Natural History and held annually at the Southwestern Research Station, Portal, Ariz. Thorp, one of the instructors, taught the course from 2002 to 2018. ★

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Sierra Donor Services Expands Scholarship Program



Members of the Capitol City Black Nurses Association (CCBNA) attend the fifth annual gala in Sacramento. Courtesy photo

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Sierra Donor Services proudly supports the vital work of Capitol City Black Nurses Association, National Association of Hispanic Nurses, and Philippine Nurses Association California Capital City in advocating for nurses' needs and improving health outcomes in communities affected by health disparities. Through this collaboration, Sierra Donor Services seeks to advance the recruitment, retention, and education of nurses, strengthening the pipeline of future healthcare professionals.

The scholarship program honored seven exceptional nursing students from three partner organizations. Karen Kurenty Laryea and Liwam Nerayo, representing Capitol City Black Nurses Association, were recognized at the 2nd Annual Scholarship Gala and Black Excellence event at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel in Sacramento, California.

Maria Espinoza, Leslie Rivas, and Alexandria Martinez, from National Association of Hispanic Nurses, received their awards during Sierra Donor Services' Scholarship Luncheon at the Sierra Donor Services Office in West Sacramento, California.

Ma Milani Zabala and Mark Buan-Lagazo, representing Philippine Nurses Association California Capital City, were celebrated at the Philippine Nurses Association California Capital City Gala held at the Civic Center in Elk Grove, California.

"We are honored to expand our Scholarship Program to support Black, Hispanic, and Filipino nursing students through

our partnerships with the Capitol City Black Nurses Association, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses and Philippine Nurses Association California Capital City." said Sean Van Slyck, Chief Executive Officer of Sierra Donor Services.

"At Sierra Donor Services, we believe that fostering diversity and inclusion in healthcare is essential to building stronger, healthier communities. By investing in the education and development of these future nurses, we are not only empowering individuals but also helping to address health disparities and improve outcomes for underserved populations. This scholarship reflects our ongoing commitment to advancing equity in healthcare and nurturing the next generation of life-saving professionals"

The Capitol City Black Nurses Association (CCBNA) is a passionate organization focused on empowering Black nurses and improving health outcomes in underserved communities. By providing education, advocacy, and community engagement, the Capitol City Black Nurses Association strives to reduce health disparities and support the growth of a diverse and inclusive nursing workforce throughout the Sacramento region.

"Our partnership with Sierra Donor Services is impactful twofold," said Sheree Criner, president of Capitol City Black Nurses Association. "It honors the gift of life through organ and tissue donation while investing in the future of nursing. Together, we are nurturing the next generation of compassionate caregivers and ensuring that the legacy of giving continues to live on through every

nurse we support."

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) is committed to empowering Hispanic nurses and enhancing health outcomes within Hispanic communities. Through leadership, education, and advocacy, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses promotes the growth and success of Hispanic nursing professionals while addressing healthcare disparities and championing culturally competent care across the nation.

Philippine Nurses Association California Capital City (PNAC3) is dedicated to strengthening the image, professionalism, unity, and overall welfare of Filipino-American nurses in the Greater Sacramento Area. Its mission centers on fostering a supportive and collaborative community for these healthcare professionals.

"On behalf of the Sacramento Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued partnership and dedication to saving lives," said Monica Aguilar, president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

"Special thanks to Sierra Donor Services for your compassionate service and unwavering support – your work inspires us all. The members of our chapter and scholarship recipients are beyond grateful for our partnership."

As Sierra Donor Services reflects on 40 years of impact, the organization remains committed to its mission of saving lives, honoring donors, and educating the public.

Be part of this life-changing legacy. Register today at SierraDonor.org. ★

Davis Retailers Illegally Selling Tobacco

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are not available in our communities."

Tobacco enforcement inspections are conducted regularly across all jurisdictions countywide to ensure compliance with local and state laws, including the prohibition of flavored tobacco products and laws preventing the sale of tobacco to individuals under 21.

Tobacco use remains the leading cause of

preventable death in the United States, contributing to heart disease, stroke, cancer and respiratory illnesses. Flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and fruit-flavored vapes, are particularly concerning because they appeal to youth and can lead to early addiction. Nicotine, the addictive substance in tobacco, affects brain development in adolescents and can result in

long-term dependence. By removing illegal flavored tobacco products from store shelves, Yolo County aims to reduce youth access and prevent the initiation of tobacco use, ultimately improving long-term community health outcomes.

For more information about tobacco enforcement efforts in Yolo County, contact the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Tobacco Prevention Program. ★

Paint for a Purpose



Guests are led in creating a painting at Make It Happen for Yolo County's Paint for a Purpose fundraiser last spring. Tickets are now on sale for this year's event on Feb. 7. Photo courtesy of Make It Happen for Yolo County

Make it Happen for Yolo County News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Tickets are on sale for the 3rd Annual Paint for a Purpose happening Feb. 7 and benefiting non-profit Make It Happen for Yolo County, which provides under-resourced transition age youth – many moving out on their own after foster care or homelessness – with furniture, household goods and essential items needed to establish a first home.

Local artist Joanne Andresen will lead guests in creating a painting as they enjoy beverages, light fare and door prizes. The event will take place 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis, 27074 Patwin Road in Davis. Cost per ticket is \$75, and tables of four are available for \$300. Seating is limited. To purchase tickets: www.MIHYolo.org.

"This event is such a beautiful opportunity to gather as a community to create artwork while also supporting the resilient youth in our community who are moving out on their own with very few resources," said Cathi Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. "Paint for a Purpose will help us raise valuable funds to ensure every youth we serve this year has the items and support they need to create a home

and successful path into adulthood."

Paint for a Purpose sponsors include First Northern Bank, Bogle Family Wineries and Pence Gallery.

For more than a decade, Make It Happen for Yolo County has received furniture donations from the community and purchased new appliances and household items to help under-resourced youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare, mental health and probation divisions, local nonprofits and the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program. Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped nearly 400 transition age youth, including a record 68 in 2025. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit www.MIHYolo.org. ★

Sacramento Region Community Foundation

Offers More Than 40 Scholarships Nearly \$1 Million in Scholarships are Awarded Annually



Benny Goodman Foundation Scholarship recipient Abigail Canafe at UC Berkeley graduation. Photo courtesy of Abigail Canafe

Sacramento Region Community Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Region Community Foundation invites interested students from throughout the region to consider applying for one or more of the 40-plus open scholarships available through the organization.

Ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, many of the open scholarships are based on financial need while some are focused on academic status or earmarked for a specific cause or area of study. Criteria are diverse and determined based on the specific wishes of local individuals who donated to establish the scholarships.

Opportunities exist to support former foster youth, English language learners, students living with chronic illness, those interested in veterinary medicine or sustainable agriculture and more. The deadline to apply for the majority of the open scholarships is by March 13, 2026.

As one example, Abigail Canafe was a student at UC Berkeley in 2021 and received the Benny Goodman Foundation Scholarship which supports students studying jazz or classical music. The impact of this funding affected her so profoundly that she now volunteers as a scholarship evaluator with the foundation.

Canafe said, "As a past scholarship recipient, I want to give back to the Sacramento

Region Community Foundation and continue helping future students fund their education."

"Investing in young people – or lifelong learners – is one of the most powerful ways we can strengthen our region's future," said Kerry Wood, CEO of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. "Scholarships reduce financial barriers and, just as importantly, they tell students that their community believes in them. We strongly encourage students from throughout the region who are interested in furthering their educational goals to review and apply for the variety of open scholarships that the foundation is proud to offer."

In 2024, more than \$1 million in scholarships were awarded by the foundation, which supported 400 students as they worked to achieve their educational goals. Since its founding in 1983, the foundation has distributed more than \$275 million in scholarships and community grants, demonstrating its long-term commitment to regional opportunity.

For descriptions and eligibility requirements, students interested in exploring and/or applying for open scholarships, or community members considering making a tax-friendly gift of any amount to support future scholarship awards, should visit www.sacregecf.org/students.

Information about the Sacramento Region Community Foundation and charitable giving can be found at www.sacregecf.org. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Hello Kings fans, and welcome to the land of misfit toys. Yes, Sacramento fans have had to endure a nauseating start to the 2025-26 season, and I can say with some certainty that fans are not satisfied with the lack of transparency coming from the organization.

General manager Scott Perry and owner Vivek Ranadive have not given the Sacramento fan base a true picture of what the future holds, and that makes for nervous and unhappy fans.

On a positive note, if you're a fan that believes staying away from attending games when the big ballers come into town is a good idea, you had better think again.

Your Sacramento Kings, largely shorthanded for most of the season, have registered wins against the Warriors, Nuggets, Bucks, Mavericks, Timberwolves, Heat, and the Houston Rockets twice!

Yes, the 22-13 Houston Rockets have suffered defeat at the hands of the Kings twice this season, and this should give every Kings fan a glimpse into the possible with this year's team.

Center piece and focal point of the team Domantas Sabonis has been relegated to the bench with injuries for the largest part of this season, and you can add to the list Keegan Murray, Zach Lavine, Malik Monk and many others.

That is not to say that other teams aren't suffering with the injury bug as well, but what every fan should find solace in is the fact that this team can defeat any team in the NBA on any given night.

So, will Scott Perry blow up this team, or take the conservative route, and take note of the upcoming draft and simply try to add key pieces where the team is weak? The vast majority believe this could turn into a complete blowup year that could see some of your favorite faces donning the uniform of a different team soon.

I for one, am not in favor of turning things upside down and starting from scratch. Not if Domantas Sabonis is being included in the new makeover. If building around this enigmatic big man is in the cards, count me in. Domantas adds a dimension that shows up in the scoring column and in rebounding too, and no one

has a bigger motor or a better attitude than the Sacramento Kings center. His double double prowess and even triple double capability is worth the price of admission and then some.

The real question is how attached are the Kings to 4th year man Keegan Murray? Like Sabonis, Keegan has been a fan favorite and so far, the Kings have been reluctant to include his name in trade talks. But is Keegan the next Kevin Martin? A 1st round draft choice that was always just this far from taking the next step but never quite being able to get there.

Stats show that Martin played six seasons for the Kings averaging 17.0 points per game, 3.2 rebounds and 1.9 assists.

Murray in 3 1/2 seasons has averaged 13.0 points per game, 5.6 rebounds and 1.4 assists. Neither player has played in an all-star game, and of the two, Keegan is a decidedly better defender. But have the Kings already seen the best of Keegan Murray? If that is the case, by all means pick up the phone when teams call with an interest, and at the very least get a draft pick instead of trading away our draft picks as former administrations have done.

Are we in uncertain times with this franchise? Yes, unequivocally yes! But at some juncture someone has to have the internal fortitude to make what are probably going to be unpopular decisions.

For this writer, I'm heartened that Scott Perry had nothing to do with trading away DeAaron Fox. I would like to think this general manager has real NBA brain power, and that positive changes are just around the corner.

On the flip side, if NBA teams are calling to make unreasonable demands that will only weaken an already weak franchise, then hold pat and wait for the draft!

OKC, Indiana, Detroit, and others have developed their teams via the draft and there's no reason the Kings can't do the same.

Don't lose heart Kings fans. Your Sacramento Kings just handed the Houston Rockets a double-digit defeat Sunday afternoon, and word has it Domantas Sabonis will be back before much longer!

All the best! ★

Urgent Issues Loom Over Newsom Campaign



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Political California cranked up for the New Year Monday.

The Legislature reconvened after a 114-day recess, Gov. Gavin Newsom renewed his nascent campaign for president and the dozen or so men and women who covet his job continued to seek ways to reach a so-far-uninterested electorate.

Newsom's interview Monday on MS NOW, the cable channel beloved by Democratic politicians and activist voters, implied anew that his final year as governor will be dominated by his all-but-certain bid for the White House in 2028. He spent much it criticizing President Donald Trump for refusing aid to Los Angeles fire victims and cracking down on undocumented immigrants.

Newsom's preoccupation will color whatever he and the Legislature do about a deficit-ridden state budget and a half-dozen or so other stubborn issues that have emerged or become more acute since Newsom took office seven years ago.

In past years Newsom has been lackadaisical about delivering the annual State of the State message to the Legislature that the state constitution requires. But he'll perform the chore later this week, then unveil his response to the projections of semi-permanent, multi-billion-dollar deficits.

Gabe Petek, the Legislature's budget analyst, sees an immediate \$18 billion gap between income and outgo that could mushroom to \$35 billion if not closed. He's warned that Newsom and legislators can't count on a sluggish economy to solve their problem.

They have used a variety of gimmicks, including raids on emergency reserves, off-the-books loans and deceptive accounting gambits to stave off the day of fiscal reckoning, but the shortfall, born of overspending revenues, has continued.

"If our estimates hold, the Legislature will face a fourth consecutive year of budget problems — all during a period of overall revenue growth," Petek said in a November analysis. "As it stands — with larger forecasted deficits and many fewer tools available to address them — California's budget is undeniably less prepared for downturns."

The Legislature's leaders, pressed by a powerful progressive contingent, don't want to reduce the health care and income support services they so willingly enacted after Newsom declared, erroneously, that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus three years ago.

Progressives and their allies in public employee unions and other left-of-center groups want to close the budget gap with new taxes and are sponsoring two ballot measures, one to extend a surtax on the highest-income taxpayers that's due to expire and a second to impose a new wealth tax on the state's billionaires.

Newsom has steadfastly rejected tax increases to deal with the deficit, unwilling, obviously, to become a pro-tax presidential candidate. But neither has he offered, so

far, anything other than gimmicks to solve the problem his wildly off-base 2022 surplus declaration created.

The state's stubborn budget deficit is just one of the issues that continue to defy resolution as Newsom's final year begins. Other issues include high levels of homelessness and poverty, a housing shortage that's just as acute as when he took office in 2019, an insurance crisis born of chronic wildfires, a woebegone bullet train project, soaring costs of living, persistent water supply uncertainties and a looming shortage of gasoline as refineries close due to hostile state regulation.

On top of everything, California's \$4 trillion economy is more or less stuck in neutral, with the nation's highest unemployment rate, no net job growth since the COVID-19 pandemic and severe employment cutbacks in signature sectors, such as film and TV production technology.

The stark existence of such issues during Newsom's final year as governor is not only a potential drag on his presidential campaign, but it colors the cast-of-thousands campaigns to elect a successor.

Will the would-be Democratic governors be willing to point out Newsom's leftover issues — especially the budget deficit — and tell voters how they would approach the challenge? Or would they merely joust over who can be the loudest?

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

Social Security Matters

Why Didn't My Friend's Wife Get All Her Social Security Immediately?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: A friend told me about what he believes is a strange thing in the Social Security system. His wife reached her full retirement age (FRA) of 66 several years ago. She delayed filing for Social Security past her FRA and claimed on her 68th birthday in June of that year, exactly 2 years after her FRA. When she filed, she was told she would receive approximately \$300/month, which, of course, was more than she would have received at her FRA. She was told however that she would only receive \$300/month as of January 1 of the following year. Between June of the year she turned 68 and filed for SS until the end of that year, she would receive an amount less than \$300. This lower amount was the amount she would have received if she had filed in December, the year she turned 67. She said she was told that was how SS works. She would never receive the difference in benefits she lost from June through December of the year she filed. If the above is true, can you explain? **Signed: Astounded Friend**

Dear Astounded: What your friend described is, indeed, a unique methodology for how Social Security

handles benefit payments for those who choose to wait beyond their full retirement age (FRA) to claim SS benefits. To understand it, let me first describe how Social Security retirement benefits are calculated.

At full retirement age, a person is entitled to 100% of the SS benefit they have earned from a lifetime of working. That FRA benefit amount is known as the person's "Primary Insurance Amount" (PIA) and is based upon the highest earning 35 years over the individual's lifetime. From those past years, average lifetime monthly earnings are computed, known as the person's "Average Indexed Monthly Earnings" (AIME). Their AIME is subjected to a formula which yields their Primary Insurance Amount — the benefit the person is entitled to in the month they attain their full retirement age — typically about 40% of the person's average monthly lifetime earnings. However, if the person chooses to do so, they can wait beyond their FRA to claim Social Security to get a monthly benefit even higher than their PIA, by earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs).

DRCs are applied to the person's PIA when they claim Social Security. For each month after FRA the person claims, they will have .667% added to their PIA. That means that for each full year of delay, that person will get an extra 8% added to their PIA. For someone (like your friend's wife) who claimed 24 months after her FRA, she would receive a benefit 16% higher than her FRA amount. However, Social Security

normally only applies DRCs in January of each year.

So, even though your friend's wife claimed her SS benefits in June, 24 months after her FRA, she would initially only get the DRCs she had accumulated through the end of the previous year - in this case, about 18 months' worth of DRCs, or an SS payment about 12% higher than her PIA (her FRA amount). She would not get her remaining earned DRCs (another 4%) until January of the following year. So, in effect, the wife's initial benefit didn't reflect all her earned DRCs until her later January benefit payment. Thus, the wife essentially lost that extra benefit money for the period between June and December of the year she claimed Social Security. In other words, she wouldn't get the full 16% amount until SS applied the additional 4% DRCs to her benefit payment the following January. And that is why your friend's wife initially received a payment a bit less than the \$300 Social Security said she was entitled to by waiting 2 years after her FRA to claim.

This surprises many who choose to wait beyond their full retirement age to claim Social Security. But, curiously, this process doesn't apply to those who wait until age 70 to claim their SS benefits. For those who wait until age 70 to claim, Social Security will immediately apply all DRCs that they have accumulated and provide them with their maximum SS benefit immediately.

To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★



Don't Annex Greenland

digious reserves of critical minerals, and maybe fossil fuels, as well.

If it fell into our lap, it'd be an excellent addition to our territorial holdings. There's a reason that American statesmen have long coveted the island.

The problem is that it's not currently available. What are other options? A lightly armed contingent of U.S. crossing guards could probably take it over in a couple of days. The challenge, though, is political and diplomatic, not military.

A NATO ally seizing the territory of another NATO ally would obviously be a grave threat to the integrity of the alliance. Would Denmark invoke Article 5 against the United States? It has the makings of a good spoof musical, but it's not something anyone should want to experience in reality.

Although Trump has said in the past that he doesn't take military force off the table -- an amazing statement in and of itself -- he's also talked of buying Greenland. The Danes, though, say it's not for sale, and the Greenlanders don't want to be bought.

If Trump really pushes the issue and forces Denmark and NATO into a corner with the 82nd Airborne ready to go on an airstrip somewhere, he could probably compel a sale, but it'd be courting a diplomatic crisis and damage the reputation of the United States without enough upside.

We can almost certainly get whatever we need from Greenland without violating a friendly country's

sovereignty or straining a world-historical alliance to the breaking point. We already have a missile-defense base there. The 1951 Greenland Defense Agreement between Denmark and the U.S. allowing us to keep bases could presumably be updated and extended. Given the national security importance of rare earths to the U.S. and NATO, it should be possible to unlock Greenland's minerals.

Instead of clapping back at Trump, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen should be reaching out for a steak dinner at Mar-a-Lago and offering a deal. While public pressure gets Trump's back up, private persuasion -- and a warm relationship -- goes a long way. The Panamanians managed to get Trump to stop talking about taking back the Canal (for now) with prudent concessions.

For his part, Trump should realize that making everyone in a friendly nation hate him doesn't help his cause. His talk of annexing Canada last year helped Justin Trudeau's party survive a national election that it should have lost. His Greenland saber-rattling is presumably making it harder for Denmark to work with him on sensible cooperation.

If Nicolas Maduro got what he deserved, Denmark is a different matter. Even the unsentimental, results-oriented Trump foreign policy needs to distinguish between friend and foe.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Congress Passes Bill Allowing Whole Milk in Schools

Whole milk may soon return to public school cafeterias thanks to a bipartisan bill that has passed both chambers of Congress and now requires only the president's signature to become law. Since 2012, schools have been restricted to offering fat-free or 1% fat milk. Should the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act be signed into law, schools would have the option to serve 2% fat and whole milk. California could see the largest impact from the change, as the Golden State produces more milk than any other state, and it also has the most school-aged children. Daniel Munch, economist at the American Farm Bureau Federation, said procurement of whole milk by public schools would likely boost prices for dairy farmers by increasing demand for butterfat, a natural component in milk that determines much of the dairy product's value. "We are really excited to get this across the finish line," Munch said in a recent podcast episode. "This is something Farm Bureau has been pushing for since these changes were made to school lunch programs."

California to Conduct Wolf Collaring Efforts

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife plans to begin new efforts to collar and track gray wolves in the state. CDFW's capture teams will target uncollared packs or groups of wolves in Modoc, Shasta and Plumas counties, the department announced last week. CDFW captures wolves by helicopter before placing collars on the animals and returning them to the nearest suitable habitat. The collars enable the state to track the wolves for up to three years. "CDFW

will share animal location information with cattle and sheep producers with the goal of reducing negative interactions," the department said in a statement, adding that the GPS tracking collars do not transmit real-time data but provide locations daily to CDFW scientists. In October, CDFW euthanized four wolves in the Beyem Seyo pack in the Sierra Valley after months of failed attempts to address "an unprecedented level" of livestock kills by wolves in the region.

Winter Riceland Flooding Provides Crucial Bird Habitat

New research by the U.S. Geological Survey found that Central Valley rice farmers who flooded their fields after harvest provided winter habitat for more than 50 different species of waterbirds from 2021 through 2023. The research, which evaluated fields enrolled in the California Winter Rice Habitat Incentive Program, also identified ways the program could maximize its habitat benefits for birds. USGS biologists found that water depth consistently determined which bird species were attracted to which rice fields, with shallow depths seeing a greater abundance of shorebirds, wading birds and geese, and deeper water seeing more dabbling ducks. The researchers also found that fields saw the highest density of birds about eight days after the onset of postharvest flooding. "Prioritizing rice fields that could be flooded early in the enrollment period, when fewer alternative flooded habitats are available in the Central Valley, could increase bird use of rice fields enrolled in the California Winter Rice Habitat Incentive Program," the researchers said. ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Priscilla Ann Garcia, 46, was cited Wednesday, Dec. 3 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Emani Sade Cromety, 25, was cited Thursday, Dec. 4 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Roihime Jeremiah Bradley, 40, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Michigan Avenue and Sycamore Trail by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Robin Beth Harrington, 66, was cited Friday, Dec. 12 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Rosemarry Tomare Allen Bolts, 23, was cited Saturday, Dec. 13 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Guadalupe Mendoza-Rodriguez, 27, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 18 on Lighthouse Drive by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to an apartment complex at the location for report of a reckless driver. Officer drove through the complex toward Lighthouse Drive and observed a vehicle traveling at high speed, then failing to stop at a stop sign. The vehicle then entered the complex at high speed and attempted to park. Officer activated lights to initiate a traffic stop. The driver, later identified as Mendoza-Rodriguez, stepped out of the vehicle despite being told to remain inside. She stated "no" and proceeded to run from officer through the complex and was finally detained in front of an apartment. She was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with resisting a peace officer.

Sharon Dyer Bennett, 50, was cited Friday, Dec. 19 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing a controlled substance and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Phillipe Salas, 32, was arrested Friday, Dec. 19 at West Capitol Avenue and Enterprise Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Salas was contacted during a call for service stating he was sitting in the middle of the roadway. Salas had slurred speech, unsteady gait and did not know what city he was in. He was placed under arrest and transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Shamir Lee Hill, 42, was arrested Friday, Dec. 19 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. Upon contact with the occupants of the vehicle, Hill was identified as the front seat passenger. A records check revealed the warrant and Hill was detained without incident. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Alex Joshua Sadd, 19, was cited Saturday, Dec. 20 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Edwin Cordova, 34, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 20 on Vermont Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Officers responded to the location regarding a suspicious subject. Upon arrival, they contacted Cordova and a records check revealed the warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

John Joseph Tomasello, 71, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 20 at West Capitol Avenue and Westacre Road by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer observed Tomasello, recognized from previous encounters, detained him and confirmed the warrants. Tomasello was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Patrick Henry, 56, was cited Sunday, Dec. 21 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

James R. Montagne, 55, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 21 on Burrows Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was patrolling the area and recognized Montagne, known to have an active warrant. A records check confirmed the warrant, and a search of Montagne's vehicle parked nearby revealed an amount of a substance that tested presumptive positive as methamphetamine. Montagne was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and the additional charge of possessing a controlled substance.

Sierra Fleta, 48, was cited Tuesday, Dec. 23 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Jennifer Michelle Cedeno-Ornelas, 25, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 25 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Prince Alexander Wilkerson, 32, was cited Friday, Dec. 26 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Anhnguyet Thi Pham, 48, was cited Friday, Dec. 26 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting.

Gary Lewis Barnes, 53, was cited Friday, Dec. 26 on 4th Street by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a male refusing to leave the property. Upon arrival, officer contacted the reporting party, who was on-site security. He reported he instructed the male, identified as Barnes, to leave the property, but Barnes refused, claiming he owned the parking lot. The reporting party signed a citizen's arrest form and Barnes was issued a Notice to Appear citation. Officer moved him along from the property.

Charles Anthony Bridges, 33, was arrested Friday, Dec. 26 at West Capitol Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol saw Bridges, a known subject, and detained him. A records check confirmed the warrants and Bridges was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

Jorge Luis Madrigal Vega, 32, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 27 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a shoplifting in progress. Officers arrived on scene and assisted store loss prevention with detaining the subject, identified as Vega. A records check revealed Vega had a confirmed misdemeanor warrant. The loss prevention officer advised that Vega had evaded them on multiple prior occasions and attempted to take \$28.17 now. Vega was wearing a sweatshirt sold by the store with the tag still on it and was eating food while walking around the store. Officer observed candy wrappers in Vega's hands and an open box of candy in his cart. A search incident to arrest showed Vega had no means of paying for the merchandise. Vega was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and charged with petty theft under \$50.

Brandon Demar Toliver, 36, was arrested Monday, Dec. 29 on Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police for trespassing and possessing unlawful paraphernalia. Officer was dispatched to the location regarding a call for service. Upon arrival, officers contacted employees, who stated they had asked a male subject several times to leave the building,

but he refused to comply. Officers made contact with the male, later identified as Toliver. During a search, officers located a small glass pipe consistent with ingesting illegal or illicit substances. Employees signed a citizen's arrest form and Toliver was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Johnnie James Burnett Johnson, 41, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 30 at Sycamore Avenue and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for resisting a peace officer. Officer on patrol observed a male, later identified as Johnson, riding a bicycle after dark with no lights on West Capitol Avenue. Officer activated his lights to initiate a traffic stop and Johnson failed to yield, continuing to ride. Near the arrest location, officer exited his vehicle and ran after Johnson, advising Johnson multiple times that he was under arrest. Johnson continued to ride until subsequently arrested. Johnson was placed in the patrol vehicle and under Miranda claimed he didn't think the officer was trying to stop him, that he didn't see the patrol vehicle's lights. Johnson was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Richard Lee Townsend, 29, was transported from the Sacramento County Main Jail to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Andrew Lawrence Saucedo, 41, was cited Tuesday, Dec. 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Brandy Lynn Dawson, 42, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 30 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer was dispatched to a restaurant at the location for report of a female brandishing a knife at an employee. Upon arrival, officers located and contacted a female matching the description, later identified as Dawson. A records check revealed the warrants, and she was transported to Yolo County Jail. The restaurant declined to press charges.

Jacob Tyler Nivens, 36, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location for a repeat trespassing call for service. Upon arrival, officer contacted Nivens, whom the officer had formally trespassed earlier the same day. A records check revealed Nivens had two outstanding warrants. During a search incident to arrest, the officer located burnt and broken glass pipes, burnt foil, and several plastic straws on his person, which the officer recognized as items commonly used to consume illicit drugs. Nivens was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrants and a charge of possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Destin Carter Gilyard, 33, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 31 at West Capitol Avenue and Pecan Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed a male riding a bicycle at night without required lights and initiated a traffic enforcement stop. The rider, identified as Gilyard, was found to have an active misdemeanor warrant. A search incident to arrest revealed a glass pipe with a bulbous end inside Gilyard's jacket pocket. The bulbous end had burnt residue and a white crystalline substance inside. Officer also found a clear baggie containing a white substance in another jacket pocket. The substance tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine. Gilyard was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and charges of possessing a controlled substance and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Curtis James Lofthus, 31, was transported Wednesday, Dec. 31 from San Francisco Jail to Yolo County Jail on a local felony warrant.

Alfredo Raymond Gomez, 45, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 31 on 6th Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a burglary on Sacramento Avenue. The suspect forced entry into the building through the front door, using a hammer to force open the lock. Upon entry, the suspect was seen taking only California Lottery tickets. During the investigation, officer spoke with a Lottery employee who provided live updates on the real-time use of the stolen tickets, leading officers to the arrest location. While Gomez was being detained, he pulled his hands away in an attempt to flee. Gomez was pushed against a glass door and held there until additional officers arrived to assist in the arrest. During a search incident to arrest, Gomez was found to be in possession of a large amount of lottery tickets and cash. Officer compared the photos of the suspect from the burglary to confirm the match to Gomez. He was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with burglary, receiving known stolen property, and resisting a peace officer.

Brandon Demar Toliver, 36, was arrested Friday, Jan. 2 at a local grocery store by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. Officer was dispatched to the location for a shoplifting incident. Loss prevention had detained Toliver, who passed all points of sale without paying for concealed merchandise. Loss prevention signed a citizen's arrest form and a records check of Toliver revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Christi Lynne Klemann, 39, was cited Friday, Jan. 2 on Riverfront Street by West Sacramento Police for possession of a controlled substance.

Patrick Dean Metzger, 25, was arrested Friday, Jan. 2 on Ramco Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to a storage facility at the location regarding a suspicious circumstance. Upon arrival, officer observed a vehicle with its driver's side window open, and the vehicle doors unlocked. In the center cup holder, officer observed a glass pipe with a bulbous end commonly used for smoking methamphetamine. Officer also observed multiple checks, mail, and a pry bar in the back seat of the vehicle. Officers searched the area and waited approximately 20 minutes, but no one came to the car. They initiated a search of the car, and two males soon arrived on the scene. Officer recognized one as Metzger, from a previous case. Metzger asked why his car was being searched and provided a false name when asked to identify himself. Officer confronted Metzger about the false identification and confirmed the proper identity. Metzger was found to be out on bail and on court order probation. After placing Metzger under arrest, the search continued and found a long list of illegal items including mail belonging to others, checks and identifications. Metzger was transported to Yolo County Jail on multiple charges.

Abraham Villa Sanchez, 56, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 3 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of trespassing. Upon arrival, officer contacted site security who stated he had instructed a male subject to leave the property and the subject refused. Security signed a citizen's arrest form and officer contacted the subject, identified as Sanchez. Sanchez refused to leave the location and did not cooperate with officers. When officers attempted to handcuff him, he tensed his body and refused to put his hands behind his back. Officers were able to gain control, and transported Sanchez to Yolo County Jail, charged with trespassing and resisting a peace officer.

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SacRT Announces Police Services Staffing Transition

Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has announced a transition in its Police Services Department staffing, which went into effect Jan. 10. After nearly 34 years of dedicated service, SacRT's contract with the Sacramento Police Department will conclude, marking the end of a long-standing partnership that has played a vital role in supporting transit safety and security in the Sacramento region.

To ensure continued safety coverage across the transit system, beginning on Jan. 11 SacRT has expanded its partnership with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, increasing Sheriff staffing levels.

The Sheriff's Department is actively hiring and training additional deputies to support this smooth transition.

SacRT's enhanced safety team will include one lieutenant, three sergeants, nine deputies, two detectives, eight (armed) sheriff security officers, 50 transit ambassadors and 70 Blue Knight security guards.

SacRT's 24/7 Security Operations Center (SOC) will continue to operate from the Sacramento Police Department's Real Time Information Center, ensuring seamless coordination in emergency response and maintaining a strong collaborative relationship.

The SacRT Board of Directors



SacRT has expanded its partnership with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, increasing Sheriff staffing levels. Courtesy photo Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT)

recently approved an additional \$1 million investment in security for FY26 to further enhance rider safety and comfort. This funding will support additional Transit Ambassadors (from 40 to 50), hire two additional staff in the Security Operations Center, and expand security guard presence at stations, on vehicles and in parking lots.

SacRT has remained committed to creating a safe, welcoming environment for all riders and employees throughout the

transition. By establishing a clear vision, developing a comprehensive plan, and executing that plan with discipline and innovation, SacRT has been able to build multiple layers of safety and security into its operations ensuring a smooth transition. Through new technologies, enhanced procedures, and continued strong partnership with community organizations and law enforcement, SacRT's bus and rail systems now rank among the safest in the country.

SacRT aims to have a Transit Ambassador, Security Guard, or Sheriff's Department staff member on every light rail vehicle. Transit Ambassadors will provide fare checks, customer service and rider support.

Over 2,000 live cameras monitored in real time, with access to city and county networks will provide advanced surveillance. An AI drone program, launching in 2026 will maintain clean environments and improve operational performance at stations,

along tracks and at bus stops/shelters.

The Public Address System ("Voice of God") allows Security Operations Center staff to communicate directly with individuals at stations. The Aert SacRT App enables riders to report safety concerns or cleanliness issues directly to SacRT's security team. Download at sacrt.com/AlertSacRT.

"Safety and security remain our top priority at SacRT," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "We are proud to expand our partnership with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and continue investing in innovative technologies and staffing strategies that ensure our riders feel safe and supported throughout their journey."

"We are honored to strengthen our partnership with SacRT and expand our presence across the transit system," said Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper. "Our deputies are committed to providing professional, responsive service to help ensure a safe and secure environment for all SacRT passengers and employees."

SacRT's multi-layered safety approach, strong partnerships, and investment in technology underscore its unwavering commitment to rider and employee safety. Learn more on the programs in place at sacrt.com/safety.

As part of the transition, SacRT Police Services will update to a new logo reflecting the expanded partnership with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. ★

An Unseen Danger: The Deadly Toll of Road Debris

AAA Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - When considering one of the factors linked to tens of thousands of crashes across the United States, many of them deadly, you might expect the answer to be drunk or distracted driving. However, a recent study by the AAA Foundation of Traffic Safety found a surprising, yet equally dangerous, culprit: road debris. AAA researchers analyzed nationwide police data and other research and found road debris was likely a factor in more than 319,000 crashes between 2018 and 2023, resulting in more than 32,000 injuries and 433 deaths.

"Road debris" is generally defined as any object on a roadway that does not belong in a driving environment. The most common types of debris include vehicle parts (tires, bumpers, wheels) and unsecured cargo that fell off a vehicle (furniture, BBQ grills, mattresses, etc.)

The study noted that many drivers involved in crashes made dangerous maneuvers like sudden swerving to avoid road debris. Maneuvers like these accounted for about a quarter of injuries and nearly half of all deaths.

"Many of these crashes would have been easily preventable if drivers properly secured their cargo," AAA Mountain West Group spokesperson Doug Johnson said. "Securing loads and keeping your car maintained seems



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like common sense, but too often we have seen many fail to do so and resulting in tragedy."

All 50 states require drivers to secure their cargo. Penalties for unsecured loads resulting in crashes range from \$10 to \$2,500, and in some cases, jail time.

To properly secure a load tie down items with rope, netting, or straps, attach large objects directly to the vehicle or trailer, cover the load with a sturdy tarp or netting, avoid overloading the vehicle and double-check that everything is tight and secure before driving.

Keep an eye out for road debris. Eyes up and on the road, avoid distractions. Give space and room to respond. If possible, warn others. Tap your brakes to signal to drivers behind you that there is debris in the road ahead. Keep your vehicle properly maintained. Repair or replace any loose car parts.

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January is Dog License Amnesty Month

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

January is Dog License Amnesty Month, and all month long Sacramento County is making it easier for dog owners to get their dogs licensed without penalties.

For the entire month, past due fees and fines are waived for dogs that have never been licensed before. If you have been putting it off, this is the perfect time to take care of it without added cost or stress.

In Sacramento County, all dogs and cats over four months old are legally required to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. This requirement exists to protect pets, people and the community as a whole.

Every dog license requires proof of a current rabies vaccination. Rabies is fatal but



Take advantage of Dog License Amnesty Month by visiting a Bradshaw Animal Shelter vaccination clinic and receive a rabies vaccine at no charge with purchase of a dog license. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

preventable, and ensuring dogs are vaccinated is a critical part of keeping our community safe.

Licensing your dog does more than check a box. It has real benefits for both you and your pet.

Lost dogs are reunited with their families faster because a license provides immediate identification. Licensing also helps ensure dogs are vaccinated against rabies,

which protects other animals and people. Staying licensed keeps you in compliance with county law and helps you avoid citations or fines down the road.

Bradshaw Animal Shelter will continue to offer vaccination clinics as capacity allows. Pet owners who attend a Bradshaw Animal Shelter vaccination clinic and purchase a dog license at the same time may receive a rabies vaccine at no

cost, while supplies and appointment availability last.

Pet owners can find additional low cost rabies vaccination clinic options by visiting the Bradshaw Animal Shelter website at <https://animalcare.sacramento.gov/#gsc.tab=0>.

Bring your dog to a Bradshaw Animal Shelter vaccination clinic during January. Purchase a dog license while you are there. Your dog will receive a rabies vaccine at no charge with the license purchase.

Dog License Amnesty Month is about education and access, not punishment. Licensing your dog helps keep them safe, supports public health and ensures you are following the law.

If your dog is not licensed yet, January is the easiest and most affordable time to take care of it. ★

Optimist Club to Sponsor Speech Contest

Sacramento Breakfast Optimist Club News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento Breakfast Optimist Club is encouraging area students to speak their minds about this year's topic, "The Moment I Realized I Belonged - My Definition of Community" as part of the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for the 2025-26 school year.

The contest will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Sierra Oaks office of Windermere Real Estate Company, 2580 Fair Oaks Blvd, Suite 20, Sacramento.

The Optimist Club will judge the local students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Top finishers will receive cash awards of \$500, \$300 and \$100, with the two top

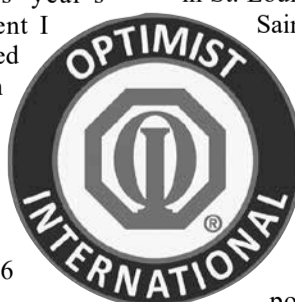
finishers moving on to the Zone level and possibly the District level, for an opportunity to win college scholarship money.

Winners of the District level will be eligible to compete in the Western Region competition in St. Louis, Missouri, held at Saint Louis University.

Regional contest winners will then compete in the World Championship, also held at Saint Louis University. Students could possibly win up to \$22,500 in scholarships.

The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of Oct. 1, 2026.

The deadline to submit the contest application and copy of the student speech is Feb. 16. Students wishing to participate in the oratorical contest can find out further information by contacting Contest Chair, Tim Reardon at timreardon23@me.com or at 916-502-3412. ★



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Yolo County Jury Convicts Father of Murdering his Infant Children

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG)

- On Jan. 6, a Yolo County Jury convicted 63-year-old Paul Allen Perez, a transient throughout Central California, of multiple counts of Murder; and one count of Assault on a Child Under

Eight with Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury Resulting in Death. A Case Enhancement for Multiple Murders was found to be True.

This conviction stems from murders that occurred between 1992 and 2001, throughout Central and Northern California. The case

broke after one of the infant's remains were found weighted down and submerged in a cooler in the Conway Slough east of Woodland. Familial DNA of that infant determined that Paul Allen Perez was the biological father.

In reaction to the verdict, DA Jeff Reisig stated, "These crimes

involved pure evil. The defendant should die in prison. May the souls of his murdered children rest in peace."

Honorable Judge Wolk presided over the proceedings. Perez faces life in prison without the possibility of parole, and he will be sentenced on April 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. 4. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20251027

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Living Forward SLS, 129 C St 2, Davis, CA 95616, County of Yolo. Living Forward Supportive Living Services, 1745 Enterprise Dr, Fairfield, CA 94533

This business is conducted by Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/03/2025

/s/ Schiller Philippe-Auguste, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/12/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: Kquam, Deputy
12/26/25, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16/26
CNS-3996854#
NEWS-LEDGER 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260003

The following person(s) is doing business as: Granada Inn, 4751 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Capitol Hotel Ventures Inc, 2638 Macon Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 31, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 2, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
GRANADA 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260013

The following person(s) is doing business as: Harlan Feed, 37388 Harlan Lane, Woodland, CA 95695.

HF Feed Manufacturing, LLC, 37388 Harlan Lane, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 6, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
HARLAN 2-6-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20251034

The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): FuyuRain, 38000 County Road 144, Clarksburg, CA 95612.

The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on March 6, 2023, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Kiton Noel Connor, 10005 Lorae Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624

The business was conducted by: An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 15, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
CONNOR 1-16-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-3693

Lilian Ying Chow has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lilian Ying Chow to Lillian Ying Chow.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 19, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
CHOW 1-23-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GARY PEARCY CASE NO. PR2025-0310

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

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

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

Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Dylan P. Hyatt, The Law Offices of Hassell and Hyatt, PC, 1555 River Park Drive, Suite 108, Sacramento, CA 95815; 916-292-8009
Publish: Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026
PEARCY 2-16-26

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to satisfy Extra Space's lien, by selling personal property belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.

975 F St. West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 1/27/2026 @11:00am: Benjamin Juarez; Erica Quarles; Maria Luna Garibay; Joseph Wilson; Kenneth Brown; Kam Lewis
3280 Jefferson Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 1/27/2026 @11:00am: Jessica kaiser; Taufa Waqa
19389 County Road 102 Woodland, CA 95776 on 1/27/2026 @2:00pm: Evan Lewis; Barya Hilaman
1100 N 1st St. Dixon, CA 95620 on 1/27/2026 @2:00pm: Juan Gutierrez; Rosemary Zepeda; Rosemary Zepeda; Terrion Johnson-Haywood;

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
1/16/26
CNS-4001517#
NEWS-LEDGER 1-16-26

SUMMONS

IN RE: COMPLAINT AND PETITION OF EFRAIN CAMACHO, as Owner of a Certain Vessel, FOR EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California Case No. 2:25-cv-03604-WBS-CKD

Notice is hereby given that EFRAIN CAMACHO ("Petitioner") has filed a Complaint on December 14, 2025 pursuant to 46 U.S.C. §§ 30501, et seq., Supplemental Admiralty Rule F, and the various statutes, rules, regulations, and amendments thereof, claiming the right to exoneration from, or limitation of liability for, all claims arising out of a claimed incident on or about May 10, 2025 on the Sacramento River, near the city of Sacramento, Sacramento and Yolo Counties, involving a 2024 Bayliner VR5 motor vessel, HIN: BLBX1153F324 (the "Vessel"). Petitioner was the owner of the Vessel at the time of and after the incident.

All persons having such claims must file them as provided by Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims with the Clerk of this Court, Mr. Keith Holland, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse, 501 I Street, 4th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and mail copies to Petitioner's attorneys, B. Otis Felder, Esq., WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP, 655 Montgomery Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA 94111, on or before the 2nd day of March 2026, or be defaulted and forever barred from such a claim. Any claimant desiring to contest Petitioner's right to exoneration from or limitation of liability must file an Answer to Petitioner's original Complaint and/or a claim as required by Rule F(4) – (5) of the Supplemental Rules, and serve or mail a copy to Petitioner's attorney.
Hon. William B. Shubb

SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
1/8, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30/26
CNS-3999426#
NEWS-LEDGER 1-30-26

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 23CV008890
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
Grady Boyd, Stefani Boyd, and DOES 1 to 50.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Shoab Ahmad. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

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

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desecher el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Gordon D Schaber, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an

attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Liam R. Perry; Perry Law, Inc.; 336 Encinitas Boulevard Suite 240, Encinitas, CA 92024; 760-633-2233
Date: (Fecha) September 21, 2023
Clerk (Secretario) J. Houston, Deputy (Adjunto)
Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
AHMADI 1-30-26

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

(Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)
CASE # 23CV008890
To: Grady Boyd and Stefani Boyd Defendant. Plaintiff's name is: Shoab Ahmad
Seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows: Pain suffering, and inconvenience: \$10,000,000.00 Emotional distress: \$10,000,000.00. Special damages: Medical Expenses: \$3,000,000.00. Future medical expenses: 7,000,000.00. Loss of earnings: \$1,000,000.00. Loss of future earning capacity (present value): 7,000,000.00 Aaron M. Sibley, Esq. Attorney for the Plaintiff.
Dated December 29, 2025
Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
AHMADI 1-30-26

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 22119 Title Order No. 91231883 APN: 014-801-032-000 Property Address: 415 ANCHOR LANE #102, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 06/07/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/05/2026 at 12:45 PM At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 01/30/2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0001681 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, property owned by: KIMBERLEY H. WAYNE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID RECORDED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 415 ANCHOR LANE #102 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 A.P.N.: 014-801-032-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$14,212.82 Estimated Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Homeowner's Association, Regatta at The Rivers Homeowners Association, under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE §5715(b), THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO

A RIGHT OF REDEMPTION WHICH MAY BE EXERCISED ON OR BEFORE THE END OF THE 90TH DAY FOLLOWING THE FORECLOSURE SALE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22119. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22119 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. SUNRISE ASSESSMENT SERVICES, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: 12/19/2025 Sunrise Assessment Services, Inc. 7844 Madison Avenue, Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 Phone: (916) 961-0374 Sale Line: (916) 939-0772 Wendy Palacios, Assessment Lien Specialist NPP0482777 To: NEWS LEDGER
PUB: 01/16/2026, 01/23/2026, 01/30/2026
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00pm local time on Friday, January 30th, 2026**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

RECREATION CENTER POOL HEATER REPLACEMENT

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the: Recreation Center Pool Heater Replacement.

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting:

January 22, 2026 9:00am PST
West Sacramento Recreation Center Pool House
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This is not a Federal Aid project. The project will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder for the **Base Bid only**. All work shall be completed within **30 working days**.

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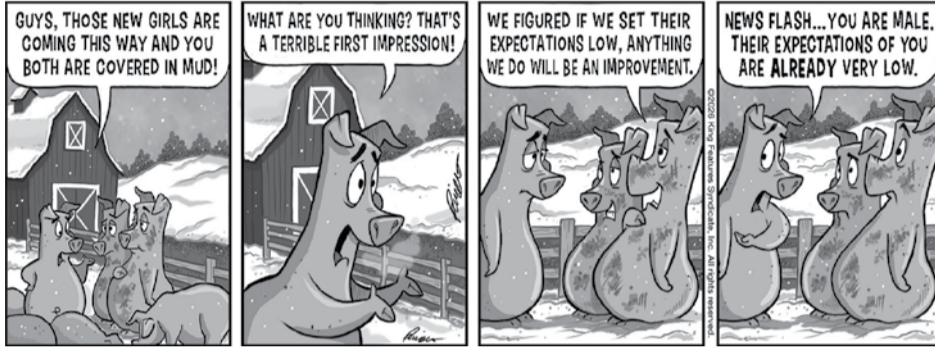
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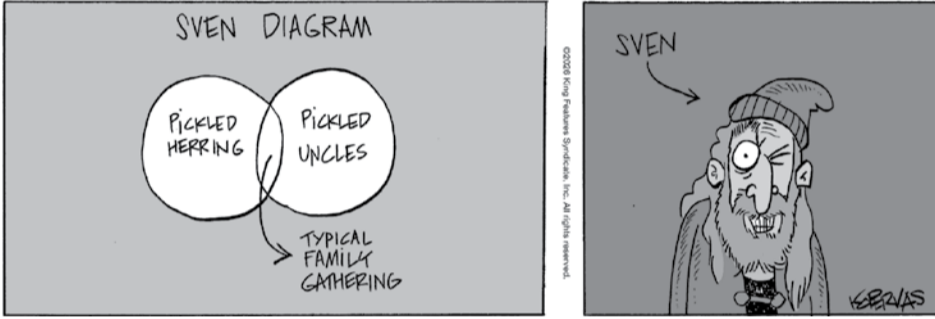
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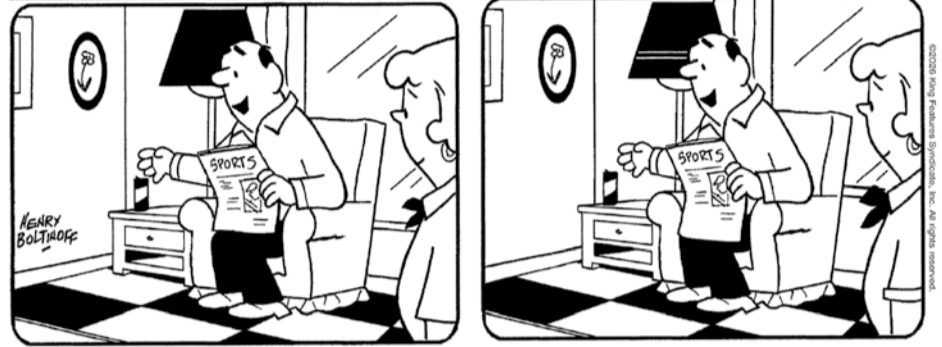
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Doug LaMalfa, a Steadfast Advocate for California's North State, Dies at 65

By Maya C. Miller,
CalMatters.org

Rep. Doug LaMalfa, a fourth generation rice farmer and Republican who represented much of California's rural north in Congress, has died in office, setting off a scramble to replace him ahead of the November midterm election. He was 65.

His unexpected death Tuesday further shrinks the party's already razor-thin majority in Congress, which now stands at 218 following Georgia Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene's resignation. The GOP can now only afford to lose two members on any party-line vote.

LaMalfa's passing also sets up a potentially confusing scenario for his constituents in the 1st Congressional District, one of the five that were significantly redrawn under the voter-approved Proposition 50 last year.

Under California law, Gov. Gavin Newsom must call a special election within 14 days to fill the remainder of LaMalfa's term. That election will take place using the existing congressional district map, a seat that stretches from much of the Oregon-California border through rural Shasta and Sutter counties and strongly favors Republicans.

In November, though, voters will cast ballots under the new Democratic-leaning district lines adopted by voters. That means the likely Republican victor of the special election would only serve a few months before being forced to run in a heavily Democratic-favored seat.

"Somebody's going to work really hard to be in Congress for five months before they're highly likely to lose in November," said Matt Rexroad, a Republican strategist and redistricting expert.

LaMalfa died during emergency surgery at a Chico hospital, according to the Butte County Sheriff's Office, which said his family called 911 after the congressman experienced a "medical emergency" in his home.

While President Donald Trump and House Republicans could consistently count on



U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa addresses attendees during a town hall meeting at the Chico Elks Lodge on Aug. 11, 2025. LaMalfa, who represented California's rural North State, has died at 65. Photo by Salvador Ochoa for CalMatters

LaMalfa's support for conservative priorities such as last year's mega domestic policy bill, he never adopted the firebrand or antagonist persona that many of his colleagues preferred.

Instead, LaMalfa developed a reputation as a pragmatic and affable member who prioritized water access and forestry management, key interests for his largely forested, fire-prone and agricultural-heavy district. It's those issues that led him to staunchly oppose Proposition 50, Gov. Gavin Newsom's redistricting plan that proposed to lump much of the rural north with parts of the far more urban and liberal San Francisco Bay Area.

LaMalfa was known for his steadfast commitment to issues that affected his district. One tradition of his was to stake out the president after the State of the Union speech. In those precious few minutes, as the leader of the free world descended the dais and moved to exit the chamber, LaMalfa would make his legislative requests. As the Washington Post reported, after President Joe Biden's

final address, LaMalfa asked the president to force the U.S. Forest Service to speed up permits for cutting timber, telling the president, "We gotta cut some trees."

LaMalfa strongly opposed Prop. 50, framing the gerrymander as a significant loss of representation for rural Californians. At a press conference last fall, he stressed how much he loved representing the farmers, ranchers and other agricultural workers in his district, rattling off names of small towns such as Fort Goodwin and Cedarville, where he said he's knocked on countless doors and held various town halls over the years.

"I know where all those places are," LaMalfa told the handful of reporters gathered in the Butte County Farm Bureau lodge. "Do you think that's going to happen when people from Cedarville, Modoc County, are lumped in with people from Sausalito and Marin County?"

LaMalfa was already expecting the toughest race of his career in November following voters' approval of Prop. 50

and its new Democratic-leaning districts. Although the voter registration advantage was stacked against him, LaMalfa previously told CalMatters that he intended to "give it his all" no matter who its voters were.

Several Democrats had already declared challenges, including state Sen. Mike McGuire — who represents Santa Rosa, a new part of the district — and Chico State Professor Audrey Denney, who previously challenged LaMalfa in 2018 and 2020.

It's possible that LaMalfa's successor won't be known for several months, depending on when Newsom schedules the special election and whether any candidate receives 50% of the vote. If not, voters will have to cast ballots in an additional runoff election.

House Republicans would benefit from filling the vacancy as quickly as possible, given their razor-thin margin.

The closest comparison is when former Republican Rep. Devin Nunes resigned in 2022 to lead a new Trump-backed media outlet. Newsom called a special election for early

April, with a run-off election that coincided with that year's regularly scheduled statewide primary. Republican Connie Conway ultimately won the seat and served for six months before bowing out and foregoing reelection after the district was redrawn.

It's not yet clear whether Newsom will schedule the special election for LaMalfa's seat to coincide with the statewide general election primary on June 2. A special primary election would need to be set nine weeks prior, with the top two candidates proceeding to the run-off unless one candidate amasses more than 50% of the vote.

Newsom spokesperson Izzy Gardon said he has not yet chosen a date.

"I would assume the governor will try to delay as long as he can," said Rob Stutzman, a California Republican political consultant.

California Republicans face their greatest chance of victory if they can clear the field and avoid a run-off election by uniting behind a single candidate who can attract more than 50% of the vote.

The top two names circulating as likely successors are Assembly member James Gallagher, the former Republican leader who is term limited and can't run for re-election, and former Sen. Brian Dahle, who termed out last year. Neither immediately responded to texts and calls asking whether they will consider running.

"I'm in shock. My mentor, a man who was like a big brother to me, is suddenly gone," Gallagher said in a statement Tuesday. "Doug LaMalfa was a one of a kind, humble and dedicated public servant. I'm lost and can't imagine life, public service or politics without Doug."

"We mourn the loss of Congressman LaMalfa whose unwavering dedication and tireless service made a lasting difference for North State residents," Dahle wrote on social media.

None of LaMalfa's Democratic challengers immediately said whether they would run in a special election. ★

Newsom Forecasts a Rosier California Budget

By Yue Stella Yu,
CalMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom's office on Friday forecast a "modest shortfall" of \$2.9 billion for the upcoming fiscal year, down sharply from previous estimates in a nearly \$349 billion budget proposal that relies heavily on continued windfalls from tech and AI stocks.

The governor's 2026-27 budget proposal projects \$9 billion more in revenue than anticipated, banking on the AI-driven economy to last. It's significantly rosier than the grim outlook by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, which in November projected an \$18 billion deficit.

"A downturn in the market is one of the top risks," said state Department of Finance Director Joe Stephenshaw.

Newsom's spending proposal is nearly \$30 billion more than this year's budget. It includes \$248.3 billion in the general fund, the primary account for state operations, up by \$18 billion

The spike in spending is partly driven by the need to implement federal cuts to the Medi-Cal program and constitutional requirements to deposit portions of higher-than-expected revenue into education and state reserves.

The budget calls for the University of California to get \$350 million more in 2026-27 and the California State University system to get \$365 million more, largely to fulfill Newsom's 2022 promise to increase the universities' spending by 5% annually for five years.

Newsom's budget doesn't include any cuts to K-12 schools, and preserves some of his initiatives related to school meals, community schools, after-school and summer programs and transitional kindergarten. Per-pupil spending would jump slightly to \$27,400. It also includes a \$509 million increase in special education funding, and a 2.41% cost-of-living increase.

Newsom's proposal is the opening salvo



Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks during the State of the State address in the Assembly chamber at the state Capitol in Sacramento on Jan. 8, 2026. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

in months of budget negotiations that begin in earnest in June.

The projected deficit could balloon to \$22 billion in fiscal year 2027-28, a problem the governor will address in an updated fiscal forecast in May, Stephenshaw said.

Other state departments will see less funding under Newsom's spending plan, though Stephenshaw emphasized that there were no major cuts in the proposal. Newsom wants to spend \$1.3 billion less on housing and homelessness next year, slashing the department's budget by more

than half. Stephenshaw said some one-time dollars for housing and homelessness have run out and the state is not proposing to renew them.

Newsom's sunnier forecast could delay calls for long-term financial fixes such as new taxes.

Nodding to "long-term structural challenge," Newsom wants to deposit \$3 billion into the state's rainy day fund Budget Stabilization Account, as well as \$8.6 billion into two other reserve accounts. He's also proposed spending \$11.8 billion over the next four years,

including \$3 billion this upcoming year, to pay down the state's pension liabilities.

"There are encouraging signs in the California economy," Newsom said in a written statement accompanying the budget. "Yet history teaches us that prosperity, if taken for granted, can vanish as quickly as it arrives. California's responsibility is to act with steady hands and anticipate future instability."

Newsom did not attend Friday's budget presentation, after he painted a rosy picture of California's fiscal future during his State of the State address Thursday. Flashing top-line numbers, the Democratic governor touted billions of dollars more in revenue, proposed new investments in education and pledged more toward the state's reserves and pension debt.

He avoided revealing the budget deficit and did not say whether closing the gap would require painful spending cuts to core services like childcare, food assistance and Medi-Cal, the state's health care coverage for low-income residents, especially as federal funding diminishes.

Newsom teased multiple new proposals, such as fully funding the state's universal transitional kindergarten program and providing universal before and after-school programs at elementary schools.

The TK program will cost \$1.9 billion annually, according to his budget proposal.

Newsom also proposed spending \$1 billion to add high-needs community schools and redirecting \$1 billion in Proposition 1 mental health funds annually for housing and homelessness.

County government officials were dismayed the budget doesn't include more robust funding to backfill federal cuts in Republicans' mega domestic policy bill passed last year.

"If the state doesn't step up, communities across California will crumble," said Graham Knaus, CEO of the California State Association of Counties, in a statement Friday. ★

Stingy Defense Helps Women's Basketball

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senior Benthe Versteeg and junior Keanna Salave'a each finished with double-doubles on the day and the Sacramento State defense limited visiting Weber State to just 13 second-half points on Jan. 3 as the Hornets won their first Big Sky Conference game of the year, 60-39, at Hornet Pavilion.

The victory snapped a three-game skid for the Hornets, who moved to 7-8 overall and 1-1 in league play. The 39 points allowed are tied for the fewest surrendered this year and the fewest given up to a Division I opponent since defeating San Jose State, 66-39, on Dec. 15 of last season.

Led by 15 points from Sydney White, the Wildcats fell to 6-9 overall and 0-2 in league play, limited to just 29 percent shooting overall for the game and just 20 percent (6-for-30) in the second half.

Versteeg and Salave'a each posted their second double-doubles of the year, while Salave'a accomplished the feat for

the second time in the team's last three games. The last time the Hornets finished with a pair of double-doubles was against Eastern Washington in last year's Big Sky Tournament when Versteeg and Jaydia Martin accomplished the feat.

Versteeg finished with a season-high 18 points to go with 10 rebounds for her 12th career double-double, adding five assists and a career-high six steals. The 18 points surpassed her previous high of 14 against Nevada, while the six steals were just one shy of the school single-game top five.

Salave'a finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds — both Sacramento State career highs — while the 13 rebounds were the most by a Hornet this year. Six of her 13

boards came on the offensive end while adding a pair of assists, two steals, and a block. Saturday marked her fourth double-digit performance in her last five games.

Junior guard Natalie Picton also finished in double figures, adding 12 points to go with three rebounds and a pair of steals.

Sacramento State which never trailed in the game, threw the first punch out of the gates, opening the contest with a 13-2 run, including the last nine straight while holding Weber State scoreless for four minutes.

The Wildcats answered by scoring seven of the final nine points of the first quarter, but still found themselves down eight after one.

After trading baskets to start the second

and trailing by as many as 10 points twice, Weber State got as close as four points with just under three to play in the quarter before Jaety Mandaquit drained a three-pointer and Salave'a scored inside to give the Hornets some breathing room and an eight-point advantage at the break.

The Hornets then owned the second half, doubling up the Wildcats in the final 20 minutes while holding Weber State to just three field goals in the third and fourth quarters.

Sacramento State scored the first seven points of the third period to rebuild the lead back to 15, then led by as many as 16 in the early part of the fourth before pulling away. The Hornets finished the game on a 12-3 run en route to the victory.

Aside from a 38-31 advantage on the glass, Sacramento State turned the Wildcats over 24 times, turning those into 25 points to the good, while outscoring Weber State in the paint, 34-18.

The Hornets have only one game next week, hosting travel partner Portland State at 1 p.m. Jan. 10 to close out a three-game homestand. ★



Jace Rodriguez Named to FCS ADA Academic All Star Team

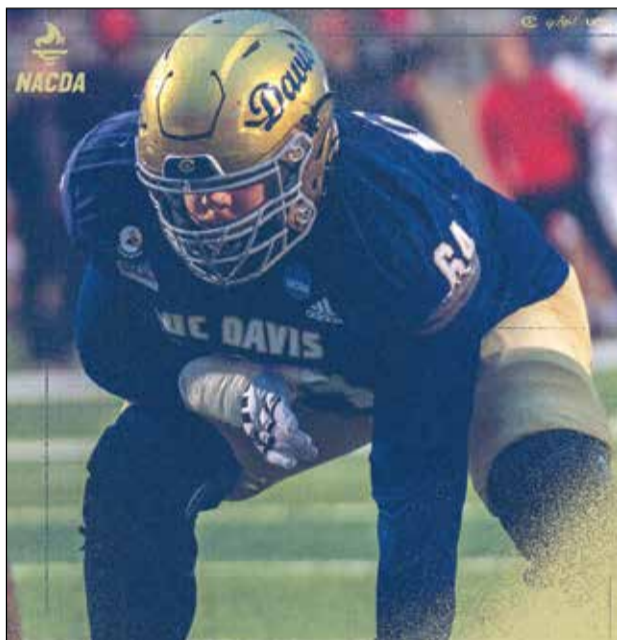
UC Davis Athletics News Release

CLEVELAND (MPG) - The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) has named 57 student-athletes to the 28th Annual Academic All-Star Team, listing UC Davis football senior offensive lineman Jace Rodriguez as part of the collection of academic all stars.

Rodriguez was a key member of the Aggie offensive line during the 2025 season, making 12 starts while appearing in all 13 games for the Ags. He was an important interior piece of an Aggie front that opened holes for the 27th-best rushing attack in the nation and the 17th-best passing offense.

The Patriot League led the way with 10 student-athletes placed on the 2025 All-Star Team, along with the Coastal Athletic Association with nine student-athletes, the Big Sky Conference with eight student-athletes and the Missouri Valley Football Conference with seven recipients.

Current Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) President, Kurt McGuffin, director of athletics at University of Tennessee Martin, stated, "This year's honorees exemplify what it means to be complete student-athletes, excelling both in the classroom and in competition. It is always rewarding to recognize outstanding individuals who embody the values and standards of our division,



Rodriguez was a key member of the Aggie offensive line during the 2025 season, making 12 starts while appearing in all 13 games for the Ags. Photo courtesy UC Davis Athletics

and this year's selections are no exception. We extend our sincere congratulations to all nominees and especially to those receiving this well-deserved recognition."

To view the complete list of winners, visit: <https://nacda.com/documents/2026/1/3/2025FCS-Finalx3.pdf>

Football players from all Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions are eligible for the award. Each of the nominees were required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) in undergraduate or graduate study and have been a starter or key player with legitimate athletics credentials. They must have reached their second year of athletics and academic standing at the nominated institution and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominated

institution. They also must have participated in 50 percent of the games played at their designated position.

Now in its 31st year, the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association's mission is to enhance Football Championship Subdivision football. For more information on the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA), please visit www.fcsada.com. The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) is administered by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), which is in its 61st year. For more information on National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and the 19 professional associations that fall under its umbrella, visit www.nacda.com. ★

Sac State Announces Leadership Change



Pictured is Randy Dedini, former women's soccer coach. Courtesy photo Sacramento State

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Director of Athletics

Mark Orr announced a change in leadership for the Hornets' women's soccer program, parting ways with head coach Randy Dedini.

"I would like to thank Randy for his many years of distinguished service to Sacramento State athletics and the women's soccer program," Orr said. "We wish him the very best in his future endeavors."

Dedini wrapped up his 19th season as head

coach in 2025 and was also an assistant with the Hornets for three seasons from 2004-06 before taking over the top spot. During his time at the university, he finished with the most victories in program history (130), winning a regular season crown and three league tournament titles during his tenure.

A search for a new head coach will begin immediately. ★



Countdown to Kickoff

Republic FC Releases Action-Packed 2026 Schedule

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - USL Championship recently announced the full schedule for the upcoming 2026 season, including the group stage matches for the Prinx Tires USL Cup. For the third straight year, Republic FC will kick off the season at home when it hosts defending Western Conference Champion FC Tulsa on Saturday, March 7.

Twenty-two of Sacramento's 30 regular season matches will come against Western Conference opponents. The Indomitable Club will face off with each team twice with an additional game against FC Tulsa and Phoenix Rising FC. Interconference play will see Republic FC face off with six Eastern Conference teams, including league debutants Brooklyn FC (April 21) and Sporting Club Jacksonville (August 1).

Following the season opener, Republic FC heads out on the road to face Lexington SC on March 14 before returning home for a three game homestand against Monterey Bay FC, El Paso Locomotive FC, and Phoenix Rising FC. Additional marquee matches include a season series with NorCal rival Oakland Roots SC on July 25 and Oct. 24, and a road match against defending league champions

Pittsburgh Riverhounds on August 8, and a Sunday match against San Antonio FC on Sept. 20.

The league's announcement also included the group stage matches for the in-season 2026 Prinx Tires USL Cup. Republic FC will begin its quest to return to the Cup Final with a home tie against League One side Spokane Velocity FC on April 25 followed by a road match against Oakland Roots SC on May 16. Play continues back at Heart Health Park against Monterey Bay FC on June 6 before closing out the group stage on the road against League One debutant Athletic Club Boise on July 11. USL Cup results will not count towards the regular season.

Additional details, including kickoff times, broadcast information, and theme nights will be announced in the coming weeks.

The only way to guarantee access to all 17 home games – as well as a pre-season friendly – is by becoming a 2026 Indomitable Member today. Season ticket memberships offer 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. ★



River Cats, Giants to Meet at Exhibition Game

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The fifth battle between the Sacramento River Cats and their parent affiliate, the San Francisco Giants, is set to get the River Cats baseball season underway on Sunday, Mar. 22 at 5:07 p.m. Fans can now secure their seats as single-game tickets are now on sale.

"We're thrilled to once again host the San Francisco Giants at Sutter Health Park for what has become a highly anticipated way to start the River Cats season," said Sacramento River Cats President and COO Chip Maxson. "It's a chance for Sacramento fans to welcome rising Giants stars, reconnect with familiar faces who once wore the River Cats jersey, and matchup in a unique atmosphere against our big-league affiliate. Sacramento's love for baseball runs



Tickets are now on sale for the exhibition game between the Sacramento River Cats and the San Francisco Giants taking place on Sunday, Mar. 22. Courtesy photo Sacramento River Cats

deep and this game provides another opportunity to celebrate that passion."

Each of the past two years has seen the River Cats leave the clash of affiliates as the victor, though it came in two very different fashions. While the Giants took an early 2-0 lead in 2025, the River Cats came back to win with four consecutive runs for a 4-3 victory. Meanwhile, the 2024 edition saw Sacramento

cruise to an 8-1 victory.

Tickets for this matchup are now available online only on Ticketmaster. Fans interested in booking a suite or hospital space, can contact the sales office at (916) 371-HITS (4487) or tickets@rivercats.com. The Sutter Health Park ticket office is closed for the offseason and will reopen in March. Updated ticket office hours can be found at www.milb.com/sacramento/tickets/ticket-office. ★



Chelsea Carbahal, Raley's Exec Transitions to Advisory Role

The Raley's Companies News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In 2015, Chelsea Minor, now Chelsea Carbahal, joined Raley's and quickly became an integral part of the executive leadership team. As the senior leader of Public Relations, Government Affairs, and Community Impact, Carbahal helped shape the company's growth strategy. She guided strategic communications during a period of significant transformation when Raley's doubled in size through acquisitions and strategic divestitures. Throughout this process, she advanced the organizational vision of "changing the way the world eats, one plate at a time."

"Chelsea was instrumental in communicating our transformation, including introducing a healthier assortment and exiting products and categories no longer aligned with our brand and vision," said

Keith Knopf, president & CEO, The Raley's Companies. "We relied on her expertise during the challenges of the pandemic and trusted her ability to anticipate and shape our response to regulatory changes and evolving consumer sentiment. Chelsea's leadership was central to these pivotal moments and so much more."

In 2020, Carbahal's role expanded to The Raley's Companies, a multifaceted, multi-state organization.

She skillfully navigated complex state landscapes, building strong relationships with government leaders at the local and state levels, as well as



Chelsea Carbahal, will transition to a new advisory role after ten years of service for The Raley's Companies. Courtesy photo

Tribal Nations. She also served as the Executive Director of Raley's charitable foundation, Food For Families. In partnership with Foundation President Julie Teel, Carbahal broadened the program's reach, diversifying donations to increase revenue and deepen its impact across food banks in Northern California and Nevada.

"Chelsea has been a vital

contributor to the strategic and operational success and expansion of Raley's Food For Families," said Julie Teel, president of Food For Families Board of Directors. "I am forever grateful for her compassionate, empathetic, and courageous leadership in our shared mission to help those who are food insecure."

Beyond her contributions

to The Raley's Companies, Carbahal worked closely with Owner and Chairman Mike Teel to advance the vitality of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council (GSEC) and engage on statewide issues critical to the business. She built a high-performing governmental affairs strategy that played a central role in legislative and regulatory efforts, including the

passage of Proposition 36 related to retail theft.

"Chelsea's impact, both internally and externally, has been substantial. Her insight, expertise, and steady guidance helped drive meaningful progress for the communities we serve," said Mike Teel, owner and chairman, The Raley's Companies. "With her leadership, Raley's engaged in critical conversations, advanced key projects, and contributed to important regional and statewide growth."

After a decade of dedicated service, Carbahal is embarking on a new chapter, both professionally and personally. In July 2025, she and her husband welcomed twins into their family. Following maternity leave, she returned this fall and, in partnership with Raley's leadership, began planning her next steps. Effective January 16, she will launch her own strategic advisory firm, CMC Strategies, with Raley's as its inaugural client under a retainer agreement.

"Over the past decade, I've had the privilege of working alongside an exceptional team and contributing to a company whose mission has always inspired me. Together, we navigated transformative growth, embraced bold changes, and strengthened our commitment to the communities we serve," said Carbahal.

"I am deeply grateful for the trust, collaboration, and friendships that have shaped my journey at Raley's and the greater community. As I begin this next chapter with CMC Strategies, I look forward to continuing our partnership and supporting the

company's vision in new and meaningful ways."

"Chelsea has been an important and transformative leader for The Raley's Companies. Her impact on our team, our brand, and our leaders is indelible. While we will miss working with Chelsea day-to-day, we look forward to continuing our partnership through CMC Strategies," said Knopf.

The company has a succession plan in place for an incumbent executive leader to assume these responsibilities as well as a capable team that will carry on the important and critical work. An announcement will be forthcoming.

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