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Community Center Turns into Hollywood for One Night



Hosted by the West Sacramento Parks & Recreation Department Community Center, the annual Family Dance invites parents, kids and caregivers to share an evening packed with music, creativity and memory-making. A DJ-led dance floor will keep the energy high, while craft activities and fun photo opportunities offer something for all ages. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento Parks & Recreation Department

By MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Grab your best outfit and dancing shoes because Family Dance 2026 is rolling out the red carpet for a night of fun, laughter and together time in West Sacramento.

Hosted by the West Sacramento Parks & Recreation Department Community Center, the annual Family Dance invites parents, kids and caregivers to share an evening packed with music, creativity and memory-making. The optional Hollywood-themed dress-up adds a playful twist, giving families the chance to channel movie stars or classic film icons while they dance the night away.

The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. A DJ-led dance floor will keep the energy high, while craft activities and fun photo opportunities offer something for all ages. Light refreshments will be available to keep dancers fueled throughout the evening.

Registration is required in advance and can be completed online or in person at the Community Center or Recreation Center offices. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Pricing is \$60 for one adult and one child, \$25 for each additional child and \$35 for each additional adult.

Families planning to attend should

note that street parking is limited along West Capitol Avenue. Visitors are encouraged to use the City Hall and Community Center parking lots. The front entrance at West Capitol and Merkley will be locked; attendees should enter on the south side of the building near the Community Center parking lot.

Whether dressed for Hollywood or just ready to dance, families can expect a warm, welcoming evening designed to bring the community together, one song, one smile and one shared memory at a time.

For more information or to register online visit <https://www.cityofwest-sacramento.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/9351/887>. ★

Appellate Court Rejects Delta Tunnel Financing

Delta Counties Coalition News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) welcomes the opinion by the Third District Court of Appeal, which upheld the lower court's ruling that the State of California lacks legal authority to issue billions of dollars in bonds to finance the proposed Delta tunnel project without explicit legislative approval.

This decision affirms what Delta communities, counties, and local agencies have raised for years: that a project of this scale, cost and consequence cannot be advanced through administrative maneuvering or broad interpretations of decades-old statutes.

The court made clear that the Department of Water Resources exceeded its authority by attempting to classify the Delta tunnel as a "modification" of the State Water Project, rather than what it plainly is – a massive new conveyance facility with far-reaching impacts.

For the counties and residents who live and work in the Delta, this ruling is an important step toward transparency, accountability, and lawful decision-making. The proposed tunnel would fundamentally alter Delta land use, threaten local water supply reliability, place additional pressure on fragile ecosystems, and expose ratepayers and communities to escalating financial risk – all without clear authorization from the Legislature or any water supply benefits for affected regions.

The court's opinion underscores a basic principle: if the State wishes to pursue a project with an estimated – and questionable – price tag of \$20 billion and decades-long consequences, it must do so openly, with full legislative scrutiny and public accountability. Delta communities should not be asked to bear the environmental, economic, and social costs of a project that has yet to demonstrate clear benefits or a lawful funding path.

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Raley's Marks 40 Years of Hunger Relief

New grant-funding round supports critical infrastructure needs at food banks

Raley's Food for Families News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For 40 years, Raley's Food For Families has been a steadfast partner in the fight against hunger. Since 1986, the organization has donated more than 81 million dollars and 70 million pounds of wholesome, nutritious food to its existing network of 12 Feeding America food bank partners and their subsequent network of more than 2,400 agencies.

Now, as Raley's Food For Families marks this significant anniversary, the organization is demonstrating its long-term



Raley's Food For Families is celebrating 40 years of food bank donations and doubling down on its commitment to helping their community with the renewed 2026 Infrastructure Grant Program opening this month. Photo courtesy of Raley's Food for Families

dedication with the launch of its renewed 2026 Infrastructure Grant Program with applications open now through Feb. 2. Continued on page 2

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The grant initiative builds on immediate hunger relief efforts by investing in infrastructure that enables sustained, meaningful impact for years to come.

"For four decades, Food For Families has been privileged to donate millions of pounds of food and to provide support to hungry families across our communities. This milestone is a moment to celebrate that impact and recommit to the long-term work of food security," said Julie Teel, president of Food For Families Board of Directors. "By focusing on infrastructure, we're strategically making funds available so these vital community partners can strengthen their ability to get food to those who need it most."

The new grant cycle builds on the success of the inaugural 2025 Infrastructure Grant Program, which distributed just over \$340,000 to support critical needs identified by food banks and their partner agencies. The first funding round made a significant impact, including funds for refrigeration

units, box trucks, forklifts, and pallet jacks, along with many smaller infrastructure items, such as shelving units.

"These investments directly translate to increased food access for families by allowing food bank staff and volunteers to work more efficiently, ultimately serving more people with the same resources. For example, a single pallet jack can save 76 manual trips per truckload," said Teel. "The grant funding is a tangible example of the profound commitment Raley's has made to the communities it serves."

The 2026 Infrastructure Grant Program will prioritize grants that directly increase food access rather than focus on food education. Eligible applicants include partner agencies, food pantries, and closets affiliated with Raley's Food For Families' Feeding America food bank partners including Alameda County Community Food Bank, Central California Food Bank, Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano, Food Bank for Monterey County, Food Bank of Northern Nevada,

Feeding the Foothills, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, Second Harvest Silicon Valley, Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County, Second Harvest of The Greater Valley and Yolo Food Bank

As a way to celebrate and recognize its long-term food bank partner network, Raley's will also highlight the work of one partner food bank each month throughout 2026. For more information about the 2026 Infrastructure Grant Program, including application deadlines and specific requirements, food bank partners should reach out to their Feeding America food bank partner.

"We're honored to mark 40 years of food security leadership and real-world impact," said Teel. "Raley's Food For Families has remained committed in its mission to alleviate hunger by providing nutritious food to those in need. The organization's longevity reflects a deep-rooted belief that food security is foundational to community health and opportunity." ★

PG&E Donates \$1 Million to Local Food Banks to Feed Families

Pacific Gas and Electric Company News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is contributing \$1 million to help local food banks replenish stocks after the holidays and help feed the growing number of individuals and families struggling to put food on the table.

The PG&E funding will provide the equivalent of approximately 3 million meals for individuals and families. It will support 38 food banks representing 47 counties in PG&E's Northern and Central California service area.

Nine of these food banks are located in the greater Sacramento area and are collectively receiving \$168,000 in funding. In Amador County, the Interfaith Council of Amador will receive \$5,000. El Dorado County's Food Bank of El Dorado County is allocated \$12,830, while the Food Bank of Nevada County will receive \$5,000. Placer Food Bank in Placer County is set to receive \$17,300. In Sacramento County, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services will receive \$40,000. San Joaquin County includes two recipients: the Emergency Food Bank of Stockton and Second Harvest Food Bank of the Greater Valley, each receiving \$26,660. In Yolo County, Yolo Food Bank is awarded \$19,170.

It is the third contribution to food banks since September from PG&E or the PG&E Corporation Foundation (the PG&E Foundation). Funding for these charitable contributions comes from PG&E shareholders, not PG&E customers.

Officials with the California Association of Food Banks said that food banks are facing record-breaking demand, the highest since the pandemic.

"California food banks experienced an unexpected surge with the [federal government] shutdown this fall. So, we reached out for help on their behalf and PG&E responded," said Stacia Levenfeld, Chief Executive Officer of California Association of Food Banks. "Their \$1 million gift to food banks throughout

Northern and Central California will have a meaningful impact on the lives of millions of people this holiday season and help food banks continue their critical work in our communities."

Joe Wilson, vice president, PG&E's North Valley & Sierra Region added, "We are grateful to help local food banks fulfill their mission during this time of increasing demand, especially as more families and seniors are struggling through the holiday season. Our longstanding partnership with the California Association of Food Banks supports the safety net that is our local food banks."

2025 Support for Food Banks

In September, the PG&E Foundation awarded \$1.12 million to support local food banks, tribal food banks and senior meal programs. In November, the PG&E Foundation donated \$250,000 to the California Association of Food Banks' Emergency Response Fund.

According to the California Association of Food Banks, while California produces nearly half of the nation's fruits and vegetables, more than one in five residents do not know where their next meal will come from. Communities of color face even higher levels of food insecurity.

Grant amounts that will be awarded to local organizations account for county poverty and unemployment levels, using the California Department of Social Services' formula, to promote equity among counties with higher need.

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CCA Opens Applications for 2026 Aviation and STEM Scholarship Program

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Capital Airshow (CCA) is proud to announce that applications for its annual Aviation and STEM Scholarship Program opened Jan. 13, continuing the organization's long-standing commitment to inspiring and empowering the next generation of innovators, aviators and community leaders.

Each year, the Airshow awards scholarships to outstanding students pursuing education to support careers in aviation, aeronautics, aerospace and related fields. The 2026 program will provide financial support to help students achieve their dreams while fueling the future workforce of these critical industries.

Applications will remain open until May 1, and are available at californiacapitalairshow.com/scholarships. Applicants must reside in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Solano, Yolo or Yuba counties to be considered.

Since its inception, the California Capital Airshow has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships to over 280 students from across the Sacramento region. Each scholarship represents a student whose passion and

perseverance are shaping the future of aviation and STEM.

"The California Capital Airshow is so much more than a weekend of thrilling performances," said Darcy Brewer, Executive Director of the California Capital Airshow. "Our scholarship program is at the heart of what we do year-round, building pathways for students to explore careers that strengthen our region and our nation's future."

Scholarship winners will be announced in early June, with recipients honored as part of the Airshow's 2026 show taking place Oct. 10-11, at Mather Airport.

For more information about the program, eligibility requirements, and how to apply, visit californiacapitalairshow.com/scholarships.

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the past, inspiring the future, and showcasing the strength and innovation of aviation. In addition to hosting one of the nation's largest airshows, featuring military and civilian performers like the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, CCA invests year-round in youth programs, scholarships, and community partnerships that inspire the next generation of leaders. ★

Environmental Protection Lawsuit Against Sherali Gas Corp. Settled

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND/DOWNIEVILLE CA (MPG) - On Jan. 7, Yolo County Superior Court Judge Samuel McAdam approved a settlement imposing \$1.16 million in civil penalties and investigative costs on defendants in an environmental protection action.

Sherali Davis LLC; Sherali Gas Company, Inc.; and Ali, Habiba, and Shanawas Sherali admitted violating environmental laws at three retail gas stations: 5th & L Gas Mart (Davis); Main Street Gas (Woodland); and the Gas Mart in Downieville, the town's only fuel station, which sits adjacent to the North Fork of the Yuba River.

Defendants, like all underground storage tank (UST) operators, are subject to fair yet stringent environmental requirements, reflecting the danger of a release of the petroleum products stored in underground storage tanks: even a

one-gallon release from an underground storage tank can quickly contaminate up to one million gallons of water. A pin-prick-sized hole in a tank can leak up to 400 gallons of fuel a year.

As a result of this settlement, defendants are subject to a permanent statewide injunction. They must retain an experienced compliance manager to help prevent future environmental violations. They are subject to \$1,000,000 in civil penalties, a portion of which will become due only if they violate laws in the future, and they agree to pay \$160,000.00 in investigative and enforcement costs. During negotiations with the People, defendants re-opened the Downieville Gas Mart, having replaced antiquated single-walled underground storage tanks with double-walled tanks that better protect the environment.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and Sierra County District Attorney Sandra A. Groven

praised the collaborative effort on this case. "It is important to protect our freshwater resources and ensure all businesses follow the law and operate on a level playing field. We thank the Environmental Health Divisions of Yolo and Sierra Counties and the California State Water Resources Control Board for investigative efforts and assistance with this case."

This civil action was made possible in part by the Circuit Prosecutor Project, which provides a grant-funded prosecutor to help enforce environmental laws in rural counties. The Project, which is funded by California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and administered by the Placer County District Attorney, seeks to protect state natural resources and rural county residents from environmental harm, including those caused by leaking underground storage tanks.

The Sherali defendants cooperated with the People's investigation and committed to lawfully operating in the future. ★

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While proponents have suggested the ruling does not end the project, it undeniably raises serious questions about its viability. Just last year, the Governor unsuccessfully attempted to tack legislation onto the State Budget that would have bypassed many hurdles for the tunnel, and his representatives at that time confidently told the Legislature that they would prevail on this matter in court.

This calls into question this project's other significant problems. At a minimum, this court decision requires the

State to pause and reconsider whether continued pursuit of the tunnel is prudent, lawful, or aligned with California's broader goals for sustainable water management, climate resilience and regional equity.

The Delta Counties Coalition remains committed to collaborative, science-based water solutions that

protect the Delta, support local communities, and provide reliable water supplies statewide – without sacrificing the rule of law or the voices of those most directly affected. ★

UC Master Gardener Gives Class On Fruit Tree Care



Yolo County residents are invited to learn the basics of fruit tree care, interactive class led by UC Master Gardener Bonnie Berman on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Health and Human Services Agency's (HHS) Bauer Building in Woodland. Photo by Anna Armbrust from Pixabay.

Yolo County News Release

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Presented by the Health and Human Services Agency, this class will cover fruit tree pruning, common fruit tree pests and how to control them, as well as tips on how to

improve the lifespan of your fruit trees. Winter is the ideal time to care for your fruit trees to support healthy growth and productivity.

This class is open to all and is part of Health and Human Service Agency's commitment to providing education that supports healthy eating and active lifestyles. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Jan. 30. To register, contact Nick Gazda at Nick.Gazda@YoloCounty.gov or at (530) 666-8429.

The Bauer Building is located at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland, next to the

Health and Human Services Agency and Herber Bauer Memorial Community Garden. Due to weather, the class will be held indoors in the Walker and Thompson conference rooms. A free, informal garden and orchard tour with a Q&A discussion will commence following the class, weather permitting.

Community garden classes are offered for free throughout the year by the Health and Human Services Agency. Interested residents can learn more about upcoming garden activities and classes by visiting www.YoloCounty.gov/garden. ★

Partnership Now Accepting Applications for Scholarship Program

Partnership HealthPlan of California News Release

FAIRFIELD, CA (MPG) - Partnership HealthPlan of California is now accepting applications for the 2026 Partnership Member Scholarship Program, offering financial support to members pursuing higher education and careers in health care, social service, or public service.

The 2026 program will award one \$10,000 scholarship and four \$5,000 scholarships to eligible applicants. Scholarships are awarded based on the quality of essay responses, the applicant's demonstrated interest in a career in health care, social service, or public service, and a letter of recommendation.

This scholarship program builds on the success of last year's inaugural awards. Last September, Partnership announced the 2025 scholarship recipients. Winning applications highlighted the diverse educational goals and inspiring stories of member scholars.

To apply, candidates must: complete the scholarship application, including essay questions; obtain one letter of recommendation; and sign a waiver of confidentiality

and release, as well as an accuracy statement. Applications will be accepted from Jan. 21 through March 18, 2026.

Partnership will review all eligible applications and select scholarship recipients through a competitive review process. Scholarship winners will be announced in Summer 2026.

For more details on how to apply, visit: www.partnershiphp.org/About/Pages/MemberScholarshipProgram.aspx or email communications@partnershiphp.org.

Partnership HealthPlan of California is a community-based, safety-net health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. Partnership provides quality care to approximately 900,000 Medi-Cal members. Starting in Solano County in 1994, Partnership now serves 24 Northern California counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo and Yuba. Learn more about Partnership at PartnershipHP.org. ★

Celebrate Financial Wellness Month with CalKIDS

CalKIDS Scholarships News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Financial Wellness Month is a time for families across California to set goals, build healthier money habits and plan for the year ahead. It's also the perfect moment for parents and guardians to take one simple step that can make a long-term difference for a child's future: claim a CalKIDS Scholarship Account that may already be waiting in their name.

CalKIDS is a statewide program that provides automatic scholarship accounts to help California newborns, young children, and eligible public school students pay for college or career training. For many families, the scholarship is already available and just needs to be claimed by visiting CalKIDS.org. Unlike many scholarships, CalKIDS does not require essays, a minimum GPA, or recommendation letters, making it an easy first step for families planning ahead.

Statewide, more than 60 percent of public school students in grades 2 to 12 are eligible to claim a CalKIDS Scholarship worth up to \$1,500. Eligible college-aged students may also have a CalKIDS Scholarship Account and can use funds once they are enrolled in an accredited college or eligible career training program.

Additionally, children born in California on or after July 1, 2022, also have a scholarship account worth up to \$175. This includes an additional \$50 for parents and guardians who link the child's CalKIDS Scholarship Account to a ScholarShare 529 Account, California's official education savings plan, where they can continue saving on their own. Linking to ScholarShare 529 Account is one way CalKIDS encourages long-term planning and helps families build savings habits over time.

"California is investing in our



As a cradle-to-career program, CalKIDS helps families connect today's small step to tomorrow's opportunity. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

children because education and career training are the strongest pathways to opportunity," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, Chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board. "CalKIDS is a \$2 billion public investment that puts scholarship funds within reach for millions of Californians. During Financial Wellness Month, I encourage parents, guardians, and students to visit CalKIDS.org, to see if they have a scholarship account ready to be claimed."

The program has created more than five million individual CalKIDS Scholarship Accounts, making it the largest child development account program in the nation. For families, claiming a scholarship is a practical step that can make planning for college or career training feel more real and achievable.

Claiming a scholarship is quick, easy, and can be done



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entirely online: Go to CalKIDS.org and click "Confirm Eligibility". For newborns and young children born on or after July 1, 2022, enter the child's Local Registration Number (LRN), a 13-digit number found on the child's birth certificate.

For students in grades 2 to

12, enter the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a 10-digit number found on the student's school portal, transcript, report card, or by contacting their school directly. College-aged students who no longer have access to their school portal can contact their former high school to request their Statewide Student Identifier.

CalKIDS scholarship funds can help cover qualified education expenses for college or career training, including tuition and fees, required books and supplies, and computer equipment. Scholarship funds can be used once a student is at least 17 and enrolled in an accredited college, university, or career training program.

Mallory R., a student from Evergreen Valley College shared, "CalKIDS provides low income students, such as myself, with additional financial support for

higher education. CalKIDS has been a fundamental resource for my academic career through the provision of additional financial support thus allowing me to completely focus on my academic journey without financial insecurity."

For many students and families, discovering they have scholarship funds through CalKIDS can be more than financial support. It can make planning feel real and achievable, and it can encourage earlier steps toward education and career goals.

"The CalKIDS program has been a catalyst for building a culture around financial wellness," according to Dora Beyer, Vice President of Community Development at Excite Credit Union. "We have dozens of schools and non-profits collaborating on outreach and education around how CalKIDS supports college readiness. Students and families appreciate the simplicity of the program and are eager to learn about additional ways to prepare financially for education."

Financial wellness is built through consistent habits and forward-looking choices, and Financial Wellness Month is a reminder that planning ahead does not have to be complicated. Through CalKIDS, California is helping families build assets and expand access to education and career training. For older students, the program provides real financial support to meet immediate education needs. For families with young children, CalKIDS plants the seeds of lifelong financial literacy and savings-minded habits.

As a cradle-to-career program, CalKIDS helps families connect today's small step to tomorrow's opportunity. Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to visit CalKIDS.org to check eligibility and claim a scholarship account as part of their financial planning for higher education. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a week makes!

Losing seven straight games and looking like cellar dwellers, the Kings went to a youth movement that saw the hometown boys win four consecutive games and nearly made it five straight as they fell to the Portland Trailblazers for the third time this season.

The mini winning streak had a cold water in the face effect for many pundits and fans, as the Kings easily handled the Rockets, Lakers, Knicks and the Washington Wizards.

Even more surprising was the way the Kings put away the competition, as they won by double digits in each of the 4 wins. A shot in the arm? You bet it was, and it should give the organization a moment of pause as they reassess what they have regarding talent that resides on this team.

Right in the middle of this euphoric 4-game run was none other than 6'11" big man Dylan Cardwell, that has come out of nowhere to become a fan favorite. Just 24 years old, the Kings have stumbled onto a diamond in the rough, and no one on this team plays with greater enthusiasm than Cardwell. Comparisons are being made of Dennis Rodman, as Cardwell bounces down the court with arms uplifted, energizing the crowd and getting fans on their feet.

Not known for his scoring, Cardwell went undrafted a year ago, and the Kings signed him to a 2-way contract for this season. Smart move and one that's already paying off.

Cardwell might not get 20 points per game, but his affection for blocking shots and playing ferocious defense is just what the Kings needed to get them back.

The question will be as the trade deadline approaches, will the Kings realize what they have in Cardwell and value him to the point of not including him in a trade. Don't do it! And by the same token, do not trade Precious Achiuwa!

For the first time in many years the Kings can put a big lineup on the floor and it's showing results.

As the center piece of the Kings Domantas Sabonis was sidelined with a knee injury, coach Christie had no choice but to use both Achiuwa and Cardwell side

by side, and the results were astounding.

Not to be forgotten is rookie Maxime Raynaud who although not as impressive, is coming along, and I'm hopeful the Kings hang onto Raynaud as well.

The idea of blowing up this team in my opinion was never a good one, and I am in favor of the Kings either finding a trade that will add a topflight scorer, or worst case scenario, hold down the fort, work with the existing squad, and make your move in the next draft.

OKC and others have proven that the draft can be your friend. If the Kings can begin to assess talent, there is a real possibility that the upcoming draft, that is predicted to be a talent laden one, can produce another player of DeAaron Fox quality.

Every reason to start getting excited Kings fans.

Domantas Sabonis is back, and will Christie have the wherewithal to play Cardwell and Sabonis at the same time. Is it just a pipe dream to have Achiuwa, Cardwell, and Sabonis all playing on the court at the same time? Wow, what a rebounding trio, and with scorers like Murray, DeRozan, and Lavine to compliment the big men, what might this team look like.

Say your prayers for coach Christie that the talent fairy will tap him on the shoulder and give him good common sense to see what he has right before him.

As I have said many times before, look no further than your bench to find talent, and stop sending quality players away where they make teams better.

The Sacramento Kings really are better than their 12-31 record reports, and the second half of the season really does matter.

Scott Perry, don't make hasty decisions, and let this team continue to gel while giving the youth of the team a chance to show what they're made of.

If you haven't gotten out to a game there is no better time than right now. These guys will get you on your feet over and over again!

Go Kings and let's tweak things and by all means not blow it up!

All the best! ★

Homelessness Crisis Remains One of Newsom's Biggest Political Liabilities



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While delivering his final State of the State address and proposing his final state budget last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom clearly sought to neutralize an issue that has haunted his political career for more than two decades and could torpedo his hopes of becoming president: homelessness.

First, a bit of history.

Just months after being elected mayor of San Francisco in 2004, Newsom unveiled a plan he said would clear city streets of homeless people in 10 years. Fourteen years later, while running for governor, Newsom declared that homelessness in San Francisco had "never been worse."

He said eradicating homelessness would be a high priority and promised to appoint a homeless "czar" who could cut through red tape and intergovernmental friction to get the job done. Later, when pressed by reporters over the czar pledge, he snapped, "You want to know who's the homeless czar? I'm the homeless czar in the state of California."

Despite that self-appointment and devoting almost all of his 2020 State of the State address to homelessness, the number of unhoused Californians continued to rise to record levels. As it did, Newsom began blaming local governments for not spending

state homelessness grants effectively and threatened to withhold annual funding.

However, in 2024 State Auditor Grant Parks excoriated Newsom's own California Interagency Council on Homelessness for failing to effectively monitor and coordinate homelessness programs — even though the state had spent more than \$20 billion during Newsom's governorship.

He later reorganized the council and last year it issued a glossy "Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness." Newsom hailed it as "not just a report of our investments, but a directive for continued accountability and action towards specific quantifiable goals."

It listed multiple things that should be done to alleviate the homelessness crisis, but never mentioned how its lofty goals should be achieved nor said anything about how the state's deficit-ridden budget would pay for them.

In last week's State of the State address, Newsom sang the political version of the World War II tune, "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive," cataloguing his accomplishments during the last seven years, including progress toward eliminating homelessness.

"When I began as governor, there was no homeless plan, no mental health plan and certainly no housing plan," Newsom told legislators. "There was no accountability and little investment. The responsibility fell to cities and counties, with little interest from Sacramento."

Newsom ticked off the efforts he had made and bragged that, "Early data, just compiled, shows that the number of unsheltered

homeless people in California dropped 9% in 2025," while "the nation saw an 18.1% overall increase in homelessness. Our investments are paying off."

He could not, however, resist another jab at local officials, saying he is "providing counties what they've been asking for: the predictable funding for housing and substance abuse treatment. No more excuses — it's time to bring people off the streets, out of encampments, into housing, into treatment. Counties need to do their job."

County officials took umbrage. The California State Association of Counties, in a statement, complained that Newsom's budget shifts the financial burden for several health and welfare programs to county governments and fails to protect them from federal reductions.

The organization also cited the new budget's omission of an annual bloc grant for homeless programs, and the administration's stalling the delivery of cash from a past allocation, "which was approved by the Legislature 18 months ago."

While Newsom cites a 9% drop in homelessness, if true it would be from a base of nearly 200,000 Californians without homes. There are still plenty of squalid encampments to be videotaped and featured on ads attacking a potential presidential candidate named Newsom two years hence.

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

Social Security Matters

I'm Divorced; Can I Get Benefits from my Ex-husband?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: After 16 years of marriage, we were divorced. I have never remarried, but he has. When he starts collecting Social Security (he is 64 now and still working), is it true that I can claim ex-spousal benefits or does that go to the current wife? How would I find this info? **Signed: A Divorced Spouse**

Dear Divorced Spouse: The fact that your ex-husband has remarried has no influence on your ability to collect benefits based on his record. If you are eligible for ex-spouse benefits (because you did not remarry), you can get those benefits regardless of whether his current wife collects benefits on his record. In other words, both you and his current wife can both collect spousal benefits from your ex-husband's earnings record.

Your eligibility for an ex-spouse benefit is determined by comparing your own SS retirement benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA) to his — if your

own SS benefit at your FRA is less than 50% of your ex's FRA benefit entitlement, and you were married to your ex for more than 10 years, are not currently married and are at least 62 years old, then you can get a "spousal boost" (an amount added to your own Social Security retirement amount). In fact, if you have been divorced for over two years, you can get an ex-spouse benefit even though he is not yet receiving his own SS retirement benefit.

Be aware, however, if you claim any Social Security benefit (both your own SS retirement amount and your ex-spouse "spousal boost") before you reach your full retirement age, the monthly amount you get will be reduced according to how much before your full retirement age you claim. Spouse and ex-spouse benefits reach maximum at your full retirement age but are reduced if claimed earlier than your full retirement age. Claiming your benefits as an ex-spouse will also result in you receiving your own SS retirement benefit (reduced if you haven't yet reached FRA).

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to make a telephone appointment to evaluate whether you are entitled benefits as an ex-spouse. If your own SS retirement benefit (FRA) to his — if your

than half of your ex's FRA entitlement, you will be. To apply for those benefits you will need a copy of your divorce decree (and perhaps your marriage certificate), and your ex-husband's Social Security number (if you do not have his SSN, you can provide his date and place of birth and his parents' names, and SSA will likely be able to locate your ex's SS record).

SSA will be able to tell you what your total monthly benefit as an ex-spouse will be when you meet with them, at which point you can decide whether to claim your benefits early or wait until your FRA to achieve your maximum amount as an ex-spouse.

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Yes, We Need a \$1.5 Trillion Defense Budget

ly match the total annual spending of all non-U.S. NATO countries. The percentage increase would be the highest since the Korean War and double the biggest annual increases of the Reagan years.

"We still talk about the Reagan buildup," Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said in a speech last month, "and my kids and yours will someday talk about the Trump buildup."

The Trump proposal would not just be a down payment on that promise, but a big step toward fulfilling it.

If our military is highly proficient -- as demonstrated in the Venezuela raid -- it also doesn't have the materiel to wage a protracted major war.

Defense analyst Mackenzie Eaglin of the American Enterprise Institute has long been ringing the alarm. She recently noted that during the short Israel-Iran war, we fired 150, or one-quarter, of our THAAD missiles, exceeding our annual purchase rate by three times. In the Red Sea, the Navy fired more Tomahawks in January 2024 than it bought in all of 2023.

These shortfalls, as Eaglin points out, are especially disturbing when compared to the building capacity of our adversaries. Whereas the Russians make more than 300,000 artillery shells a month, we make only 40,000 155mm shells. "Beijing builds six naval combatant ships," she writes, "for every 1.8 ships the U.S. builds."

Even The New York Times -- not known for

beating the drums for more defense spending -- devoted a splashy editorial last month to the sorry state of our military-industrial base.

In his new book, "War and Power," scholar Phillips Payson O'Brien relates how wars between great powers are usually not won by brilliant battle plans, or by the commitment or proficiency of the troops. Rather, it is productive capacity -- and the ability to degrade that of the enemy while maintaining or increasing your own -- that makes the difference.

The Nazis weren't going to win the Battle of Britain when the Brits were producing twice as many aircraft as Hitler.

On top of this, a nation needs to make shrewd choices about what it is building (the Nazis also had the wrong planes for the Battle of Britain -- bombers with payloads that were too small and fighters with limited range).

The U.S. needs to make sure that it is not overinvesting in the weapons systems of the past, although a defense budget on the scale that Trump is discussing would relieve some pressure from these choices. We could very well have our traditional subs and jet fighters, and our cutting-edge drones, too.

Trump's taste for gilding everything can be over the top. It'd be a national service, though, if he manages to make the U.S. defense budget golden.

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

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Food & Farm NEWS

Pear Farmers Seek to Limit Argentine Fruit in US Market

California pear growers are seeking relief from Argentine imports that they say have displaced their fruit in U.S. markets and driven down prices for growers in the state. During the past decade, the volume of Argentine pears sold in the U.S. more than doubled, last year rising to 1.3 million boxes and for the first time surpassing the amount of California-grown Bartlett pears sold to the fresh market. "It's one of the biggest headwinds that the California pear industry has faced," Ryan Elliot, a sixth-generation pear grower from Sacramento County, said of surging imports from Argentina. "If we don't figure something out soon, we won't be around." Pressure from imports has already contributed to a decline in California's pear production, with acreage falling from 10,610 in 2000 to 4,500 in 2024.

Farm Bureau Photo Award Celebrates California Agriculture

A silhouette of a cattle rancher practicing with a lasso at sunset, captured by the rancher's sister Joelle Naphan of Butte County, was awarded first place in the 44th annual California Farm Bureau Photo Contest. "Agriculture is an art that has been refined by multiple generations, just as this particular loop my brother was throwing has been refined by hours

of practice," Naphan said. The photo contest seeks to celebrate the family traditions that make California's farms and ranches unique, and to bring attention to the unseen work that fuels the state's agriculture. "It's a reminder that there are real hands and hard work behind the grapes that eventually end up in your glass of wine," said Michelle Foster of San Luis Obispo County, whose photo of winegrape harvest in front of rolling hills was awarded second place.

Advocates Seek \$30 Million to Compensate Ranchers for Wolf Attacks

The California Farm Bureau and other advocacy organizations representing ranchers and rural residents joined in a letter to ask for \$30 million in the 2026-27 state budget to fund the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Wolf Program. The program was created to ensure livestock production is not jeopardized by California's recovering gray wolf population. California Farm Bureau and others have been successful in pushing to fund the Wolf-Livestock Compensation Program at \$5.3 million since 2021. There are currently 10 recognized wolf packs in the state and additional areas of wolf activity. Last year, ranchers saw a significant increase in livestock depredations by the apex predators, which are protected under state and federal endangered species acts. ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Alexandrea Tatiana Alvarez, 30, was cited Friday, Dec. 12 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Sean Charlie Henry Wehe, 26, was cited Saturday, Dec. 20 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Bruce Wayne Moore, 62, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 20 on Lake Washington Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Officers were dispatched to a retail store at the location for report of a disturbance. Officers arrived at the scene and detained Moore, and a records check revealed the warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Guadalupe Baza, 31, was cited Friday, Dec. 26 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Raymond Marcus Lopez, 43, was arrested Monday, Jan. 5 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a fight. When responding, officer observed Lopez, a known subject with an active felony warrant. Officer detained Lopez and advised him he was not free to leave. As an additional officer arrived on scene, Lopez pulled away from the first officer and attempted to flee. Lopez was taken to the ground and placed in custody. A search incident to arrest revealed a glass narcotic smoking pipe on his person. A records check revealed multiple warrants. Lopez was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrants, additionally charged with possessing unlawful paraphernalia and resisting a peace officer.

Andrew Michael Guerra, 35, was cited Wednesday, Jan. 7 at West Capitol Avenue and Merkle Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Debra Greenwald, 61, was cited Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. Store loss prevention agent signed a citizen's arrest.

Sharon Lea Fischer, 61, was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Ikea Court by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Mark Gerard Hollon, 62, was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officers were dispatched to a retail store for report of a male inside the store who had been formally trespassed many times in the past. Officers contacted Hollon at the scene and confirmed his identity. Store loss prevention agent signed a citizen's arrest and requested to press charges. Hollon was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Julio Cesar Lopez-Santos, 37, was cited Wednesday, Jan. 7 at West Capitol Avenue and Sycamore Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a bicyclist riding against traffic with no headlight after dark. Officer contacted the rider, identified as Lopez-Santos, and conducted a pat-down of his outer clothing for officer safety. During the frisk, the officer found a tube-stemmed pipe with a bulbous end, which contained charred residue. Officer continued the search and found two plastic bags with a white substance that later tested presumptive positive as methamphetamine. Lopez-Santos was charged with the bicycle headlight violation, possessing a controlled substance and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Jennifer Kay Gonzalez, 52, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 8 on Industrial Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer had knowledge Gonzalez had an active warrant out of Mississippi and located her at her place of business. Gonzalez was taken into custody without incident and booked at Yolo County Jail as a fugitive from justice.

Julio Correa Gonzalez, 51, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 8 at West Capitol Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol observed a bicyclist riding on West Capitol Avenue with no lights after dark and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. The rider, identified as Gonzalez, was found to have active warrants and was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Abraham Villa Sanchez, 56, was arrested Friday, Jan. 9 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location for a trespassing call and contacted a male identified as Sanchez, who refused to leave when asked. Sanchez was detained and walked off the property and stated he would walk back inside if officers released him. The security guard of the property signed a citizen's arrest form and Sanchez was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with trespassing.

Luis Alfredo Zambrano, 31, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 10 at West Capitol Avenue and Northport Drive by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer observed Zambrano riding a bicycle at the location and recognized him from a prior contact. Officer detained Zambrano, confirmed his identity and the warrants and Zambrano was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Chelsea Seagraves, 28, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 10 at Park Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony

warrant.

Jeremy Anderson Owings, 24, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 10 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer observed Owings at the location and had prior knowledge of his warrants. Owings was detained, his identity and the warrants confirmed, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Romallis Hunter, 39, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 11 at Sacramento Avenue and Simon Terrace by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop at the location on a vehicle that failed to stop at a red light. The driver, identified as Hunter, was found through a records check to have the warrant and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Eric Anthony Graham, 34, was arrested Monday, Jan. 12 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a trespassing call. Officer contacted a male identified as Graham, who displayed common signs and symptoms of being under the influence of narcotics. Due to his level of intoxication, Graham was unable to have a cohesive conversation with the officer and was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with disorderly conduct under the influence of a drug.

Jonathan Jason Hall, 50, was arrested Monday, Jan. 12 at Westacre Road and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle with the license plate light out, a violation of California Vehicle Code, and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. Officer contacted the driver, identified as Hall, and a records check revealed an outstanding warrant and that Hall's license was suspended/revoked for DUI. Hall was taken into custody and transported to Yolo County Jail on both charges.

Isaiah Jamonz Evans, 27, was arrested Monday, Jan. 12 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for resisting a peace officer. Officer assisting other officers at a traffic stop observed a male nearby who appeared to have a black rifle slung over his right shoulder. Officer conducted a stop on the male, later identified as Evans, and confirmed a short, barreled rifle was present. Officer drew his department-issued firearm and ordered Evans to stop. Evans disregarded the officer's command, stated "you have no jurisdiction to stop me" and continued to walk away. Officer gave additional commands for Evans to stop, and he continued to disregard the orders. Officers went hands-on to detain Evans and he physically resisted. Officers warned a Taser would be deployed if he continued to resist. Evans continued and the Taser was deployed, resulting in Evans becoming compliant and allowed officers to safely take him into custody. The short barrel rifle was later determined to be a Crossman metal BB gun rifle. Evans was transported to Woodland Memorial Hospital for medical clearance, then booked into Yolo County Jail.

Eric Anthony Graham, 34, was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Jefferson Boulevard and Merkle Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officers saw Graham walking in the area and knew he had an active warrant. A records check confirmed, and Graham was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Thursday, Jan. 1 – victim reports burglary by unknown suspect(s) of their storage unit at a commercial facility. Various firearms were taken, valued at \$3,100.

Friday, Jan. 2 – victim reports unknown subjects entered the victim's trailer in a parking lot near the I Street bridge and took items. Value of loss not reported.

Sunday, Jan. 4 – victim reports a theft from their vehicle in a residential driveway by two unknown suspects. An OrangeTheory band valued at \$100 was taken.

Monday, Jan. 5 – victim reports theft from their unlocked vehicle on Jefferson Boulevard by an unknown suspect. Coins and a dash cam were taken, valued at \$110.

Thursday, Jan. 8 – victim reports their storage unit at a commercial facility on Evergreen Avenue was broken into by an unknown suspect sometime since October. Various power and hand tools were taken, valued at \$1,920.

Friday, Jan. 9 – victim reports an unknown suspect took tools valued at approximately \$10,000 from their work truck parked in a residential driveway. There is no video footage and no suspect information.

Friday, Jan. 9 – victim reports unknown suspect(s) stole a DeWalt Sawzall valued at \$175 from their truck bed with an unlocked camper shell parked at Williams Street and Andrew Street. Suspects fled.

Friday, Jan. 9 – victim reports his mail was stolen by an unknown suspect. A royalty check from one of his business franchisees, valued at \$514, is missing.

Friday, Jan. 9 – victim reports an unknown suspect stole their bicycle, valued at \$250, from a convenience store.

Sunday, Jan. 11 – victim reports an unknown suspect made entry into their garage and vehicle at a residential facility on 5th Street. A backpack, exercise weight and garage door opener were taken, valued at \$345.

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Small Business Comment on Optimism Index

Improved National Outlook Runs Up Against Golden State Realities

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

A recent release of the latest National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Small Business Optimism Index shows a rise of 0.5 points in December to 99.5, remaining above its 52-year average of 98. An increase in those expecting better business conditions primarily drove the rise in the Optimism Index. The Uncertainty Index fell seven points from November to 84, the lowest reading since June 2024.

“Nice to see small business owners across the nation registering a slightly improved outlook even though it’s doubtful that sentiment is shared by many Main Street entrepreneurs here,” said John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business in California.

“For instance, the day before the release of the National Federation of Independent Business’s latest Optimism Index, the U.S. Department of Labor announced in the Federal Register that California has had outstanding advances on its unemployment insurance loans for five consecutive years and as a result, employers here will be paying more in Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes this year. To cope with the pandemic-caused strain on their unemployment trust funds, 22 states needed to borrow from the federal government in order to keep their Unemployment Insurance trust funds solvent and



An increase in those expecting better business conditions primarily drove the rise in the Optimism Index. Photo courtesy of Freepik

unemployment benefits going to those in need of them. All but one state, guess which one, has paid Uncle Sam back. Only a territory, the U.S. Virgin Islands, has a worse record. Wow. What economic company.”

Said National Federation of Independent Business chief economist Bill Dunkelberg, “2025 ended with a further increase in small business optimism. While Main Street business owners remain concerned about taxes, they anticipate favorable economic conditions in 2026 due to waning cost pressures, easing labor challenges, and an increase in capital investments.”

According to the recent Optimism Index, the net

percentage of owners expecting better business conditions rose nine points from November to a net 24 percent (seasonally adjusted), contributing the most to the rise in the Optimism Index. This was the first increase since July.

When asked to evaluate the overall health of their business, 9 percent rated it excellent (down 2 points), 54 percent rated it good (up 1 point), 34 percent rated it fair (up 4 points), and 3 percent rated it poor (down 2 points).

Twenty percent of small business owners reported taxes as their single most important problem, up 6 points from November and ranking as the top problem. This is the highest reading since May 2021.

In conjunction with the December report, the National Federation of Independent Business also released a new episode of the “Small Business by the Numbers” podcast. This is the National Federation of Independent Business Research Center’s new podcast where Holly Wade, the executive director of the National Federation of Independent Business Research Center, and Peter Hansen, director of research and policy analysis, discuss the data, stories, and economic conditions affecting small businesses nationwide.

National Federation of Independent Business’s monthly Small Business Optimism Index is the gold standard measurement of America’s small

business economy. Used by the Federal Reserve, Congressional leaders, administration officials, and state legislatures across the nation, it’s regarded as the bellwether on the health and welfare of the Main Street enterprises that employ half of all workers, generate more net new jobs than large corporations, and gave most of us the first start in our working life. The Optimism Index (aka Small Business Economic Trends report) is a national snapshot of National Federation of Independent Business-member, small-business owners not broken down by state. National Federation of Independent Business members span the complete spectrum of small and independent businesses -- from sole proprietorships to firms with hundreds of employees -- across all industries and sectors.

Keep up with the latest California small-business news at www.nfib.com or follow them on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA.

For over 80 years, National Federation of Independent Business has been advocating on behalf of America’s small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. National Federation of Independent Business is a nonprofit, non-partisan, and member-driven association. Since our founding in 1943, National Federation of Independent Business has been exclusively dedicated to small and independent businesses and remains so today. For more information, visit nfib.com. ★

California’s Budget Underscores Agriculture’s Role

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG)

Gov. Gavin Newsom’s proposed budget highlights California’s continued focus on wildfire response, climate resilience and water infrastructure but leaves gaps in direct support and regulatory alignment for agriculture and rural communities, according to California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass. She said:

“The budget invests heavily in wildfire response, but funding for proactive strategies on working lands remains limited. California farmers and ranchers are part of the solution. Grazing, vegetation management and stewardship reduce fuel loads and protect rural communities. Expanding



California farmers and ranchers are part of the solution. Grazing, vegetation management and stewardship reduce fuel loads and protect rural communities. Photo courtesy of Freepik

these strategies statewide would strengthen long-term resilience.

“Water reliability is foundational to agriculture. Investments in

flood protection, groundwater recharge and drought resilience are critical, but infrastructure alone is not enough. Projects must be paired with regulatory efficiency so they

can move forward and deliver real, on-the-ground benefits for farms and ranches.

“Agriculture is increasingly relied upon for wildfire mitigation, water resilience

and climate solutions, yet it is not recognized as critical infrastructure. Aligning investments, regulations and expectations will enable farmers and ranchers to continue producing food, protecting the environment and supporting rural communities.

“Farmers and ranchers stand ready to partner with the state. With the right funding and regulatory support, we can continue producing food, safeguard the environment and strengthen California’s rural economy.”

California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★

Home Sales Return to Pre-Pandemic Levels

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

New home sales in the greater Sacramento region returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2025, signaling that the pandemic-era housing boom has ended, the North State Building Industry Association reported today.

Building Industry Association members reported selling 5,747 homes in the eight-county region during the year, down 18 percent from 2024 but still 8 percent higher than 2019. Sales surged during the pandemic era as remote work expanded, migration into the region increased and mortgage interest rates fell to historic lows, at times dipping to below 3 percent.

Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said despite generous builder incentives, many prospective buyers have been holding off until mortgage rates dip below 6 percent.

“Interest rates have been trending downward and fell to an average of 6.19 percent in early January. As financing costs continue to decline, we expect more households to reenter the housing market in 2026,” Murphy said.

“A recent analysis by the National



Despite generous builder incentives, many prospective buyers have been holding off until mortgage rates dip below 6 percent. Photo courtesy Freepik

Association of Home Builders shows that a 25-basis-point reduction from 6.25 percent to 6 percent could bring approximately 1.1 million additional households back into the buyer pool nationwide, so downward-trending rates are encouraging.”

In 2025, Roseville saw the most new home sales with 447, followed by Rancho Cordova (386), Elk Grove (280), Sacramento (262), Plumas Lake (159) and Lincoln (150).

As typical in the region, December sales dropped to a low point, with 338

sales reported by members. That’s down 17 percent from November and 15 percent lower than December 2024. For the month, Rancho Cordova was the sales leader with 74, followed by Roseville (59), Sacramento (41), Elk Grove (34) and Plumas Lake (28).

Murphy noted that housing experts at the Building Industry Association’s recent housing forecast event predicted the worst of the slump was behind us and that sales will gradually pick up during the next three years.

He added that new homes remain a great option for buyers because of incentives existing homeowners can’t offer, and because the supply of existing homes is still well below normal as homeowners with low mortgage rates remain reluctant to sell.

“In addition, buying a new home gives buyers the opportunity to customize many features to meet their family’s needs and provides peace of mind since problems are much less likely and any that occur are covered by warranties,” Murphy said.

“We are also continuing to improve affordability by working with local governments to streamline procedures and reduce fees that currently average \$109,000 per new home.”

Building Industry Association statistics covered 191 new home communities in Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

(Note: The annual sales total has been tried up by including figures from Building Industry Association members who do not report on a monthly basis. Thus, the annual figure is larger than the sum of annual sales by county and by submarket.)

For more information, visit www.northstebia.org. ★

West Sacramento Child Molester Sentenced to Life in Prison

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 9, the Honorable Paul K. Richardson sentenced West Sacramento resident Enrique Urbina Mendoza, to a 12-year determinate sentence to be followed by an indeterminate sentence of 25 years to Life in state prison for the sexual abuse

of multiple child victims that occurred in the County of Yolo. In 2023, Urbina Mendoza was charged with Penal Code section 288.5, Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, for multiple victims as well as additional charges related to child sexual abuse. The victims were female family members between the ages of seven and eleven years old. The abuse occurred over decades. The defendant

took advantage of his position in the family to groom the victims and subjected them to repeated sexual abuse. The case proceeded to trial in October 2025, where victims testified during the course of a multi-week trial. On Oct. 29, 2025, the jury returned a guilty verdict convicting the defendant of two counts of Penal Code section 288.5 for two victims. The jury further found a number of

sentencing enhancements true. One of the sentencing enhancements found true involved the jury finding that the defendant had abused multiple victims of specified offenses pursuant to Penal Code section 667.61. One victim spoke at sentencing to address the Court and the defendant. The victim related through tears that "That pain will never leave me. His actions violated not only our family's

trust, but the most basic responsibility an adult has — to protect children, not harm them. I want the Court to understand that this harm is real and permanent. This was not a momentary lapse in judgment. It caused long-term damage that I, and my family, will carry for the rest of our lives. I stand here today with my head held high, reclaiming the voice that was taken from me as a child. I will no longer be

silenced by fear. I speak not out of anger, but out of truth." District Attorney Jeff Reising said, "the defendant took advantage of his position of trust within the family to sexually abuse multiple generations of vulnerable children. We are in awe of the victims' courage to come forward, endure the lengthy criminal justice system process and testify in front of their abuser." ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260028
The following person(s) is doing business as: Charitos Hair Salon, 39 W Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Wendy Lira, 39 W Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 9, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Jan 23, 30 Feb 6, 13, 2026
CHARITOS 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260019
The following person(s) is doing business as: Fouts Consulting, 400 Avocet Avenue, Davis, CA

95616.
Fouts Consulting LLC, 400 Avocet Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. 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 March 21, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 8, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FOUTS 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20251045
The following person(s) is doing business as: Pro Forklifts, 1540 Valdora Street Unit 106, Davis, CA 95618.
Lin LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. 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 May 10, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 18, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Jan 23, 30 Feb 6, 13, 2026
PRO 2-13-26

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2025-3730

Leana Kristine Norton has filed a petition with this court for a

decree changing the name(s) of Leana Kristine Norton to Magdalena Christine Griffin.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 30, 2025
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 23, 30 Feb 6, 13, 2026
NORTON 2-13-26

SUMMONS

IN RE: COMPLAINT AND PETITION OF EFFRAIN 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 EFFRAIN 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 fore-

er 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
1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30/26
CNS-3999426#
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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 23CV008890
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
Grady Boyd, Stefani Boyd, and DOES 1 to 50.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Shoabi Ahmadi.
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.

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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 desechar 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)
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STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

(Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)
CASE # 23CV008890
To: Grady Boyd and Stefani Boyd Defendant. Plaintiff's name is: Shoabi Ahmadi
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
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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 to be

recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by **CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC** as Agent for Owner 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento CA, 95691 to satisfy a lien on February 11, 2026 at approx. 12:00PM at www.storage treasures.com
Diana Narvaez, Rachel Silva, Marlon Raye, Patricia Chamberlain, Bryanna Mariscal, Jennifer Hubbard
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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
2801 Jefferson Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Project construction cost estimate: \$300,000

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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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's OpenGov Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, February 5, 2026**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

6TH AND CUMMINS TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT

The proposed work includes pavement resurfacing, pavement markings and striping, street lighting and other ancillary work.

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Engineer's Estimate: The Engineer's Estimate for the proposed improvements is **\$130,000**. There is no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise contract goal. This project is not subject to Buy America requirements.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		January 13, 2026
Question Submission Deadline	no later than	January 22, 2026
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	February 5, 2026
Award of Contract		March 4, 2026

Completion of Work: All base bid work to be performed in the field shall be completed within **Thirty (30) working days** after materials have been procured. All work to be completed within 150 working days from the date specified on the Notice to Proceed. The time required to procure materials shall not be counted toward the number of working days in the field.

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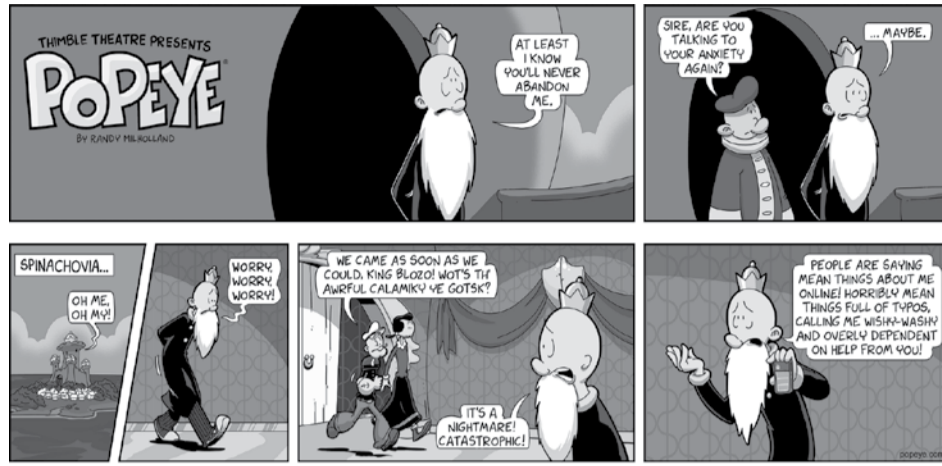
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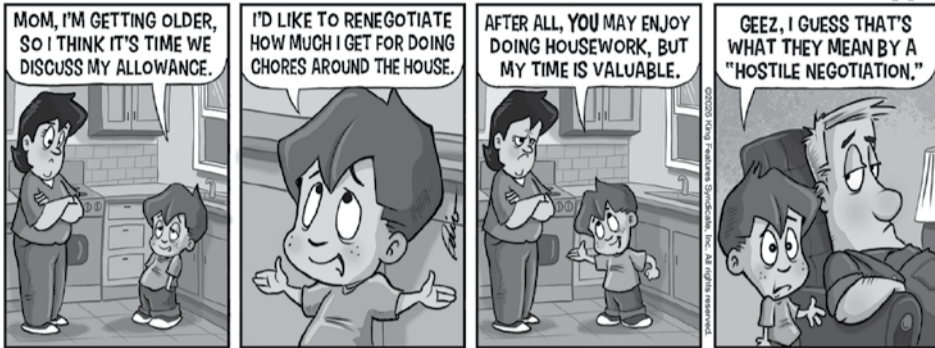
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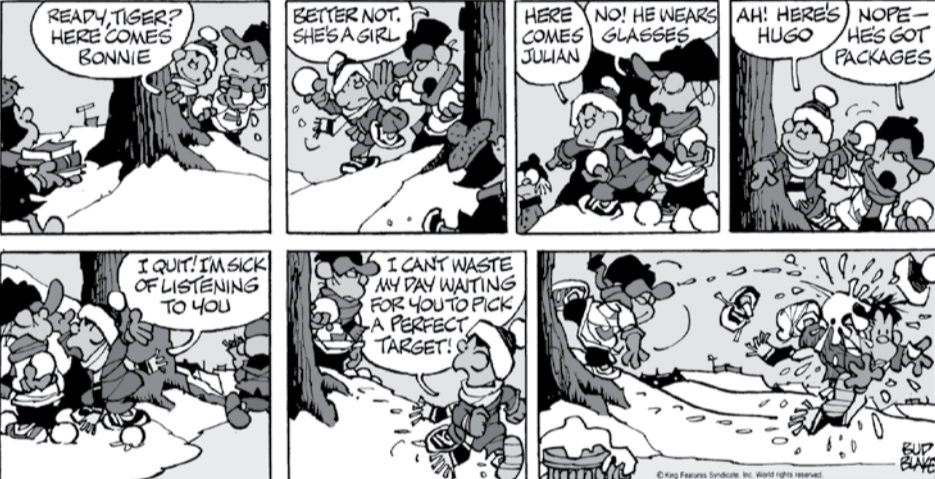
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Board of Supervisors Chair and Vice Chair Elected

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The annual vote to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, Jan. 13. This year's elected Chair is Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez of District 4, and Supervisor Pat Hume of District 5 was elected Vice Chair.

"It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in 2026," said Supervisor Rodriguez. "I step into this role with a clear focus on results, respect and responsibility. Many of our residents are struggling, and they deserve a County government that acts with urgency and delivers measurable outcomes. As Chair, I will run disciplined, productive meetings and demand results, accountability and follow-through on every commitment we make."

"Respect begins with listening to the people and the communities we serve and



Rosario Rogriguez, District 4 Supervisor will serve as Chair on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

ensuring their voices are reflected in our decisions. Responsibility means turning those voices into action. Working with my fellow Supervisors, County staff, and community partners, I will advance solutions



Pat Hume, District 5 Supervisor will serve as Vice Chair on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

that strengthen neighborhoods and ensure Sacramento County operates transparently, effectively, and with real impact for the public."

Board Chair responsibilities include

presiding over the Board meetings; the Vice Chair assumes the role in the Chair's absence or inability to act. If the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unable to preside, the members present will select a member present to act as temporary Chairperson.

Additionally, the Board Chair acts on procedural matters or questions, recognizes a member of the board desiring to speak on an item, is entitled to vote on all matters before the Board, participate in discussion relating to any matter, make motions without relinquishing the Chair, and second any motion without relinquishing the Chair.

The Board Chair sits on other boards/commissions as a representative of the County of Sacramento and is the point of contact for questions from the public regarding the meetings (i.e., coordination of resolutions/presentations and general questions not specific to a district, etc.).

The Chair and Vice Chair serve annual terms. ★

Most Americans Support Impaired Driving Countermeasures in Cars

AAA Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With impaired driving still a persistent, and deadly, threat on American roads, a majority of people support a range of impaired driving countermeasures that could significantly reduce fatalities, according to a new AAA survey.

The annual AAA Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI) examines changes in driving patterns and concerns people have about driving in general. The results from last year's study highlight a clear pattern: most Americans want stronger safeguards that prevent impaired driving, including advanced vehicle technologies and stronger legal standards even though some drivers admitted to taking dangerous risks themselves.

The study found strong public support for tougher measures to address impaired driving. Nearly two-thirds of respondents, 67 percent, said they support requiring all new vehicles to be equipped with alcohol impairment prevention technology. A slim majority, 51 percent, also favor lowering the legal blood alcohol concentration limit from 0.08 to 0.05.

While many participants acknowledged that impaired driving was unacceptable, some admitted to doing so anyway. That follows other AAA research that found a



Majority of people support a range of impaired driving countermeasures that could significantly reduce fatalities, according to a new AAA survey. Photo courtesy Freepik

recent rise in other unsafe behaviors like speeding, distracted driving and even road rage.

An overwhelming 93 percent said driving after drinking is very or extremely dangerous, yet 7 percent admitted they had done so within the past 30 days. Similarly, 70 percent of respondents said driving within an hour of using marijuana is very or extremely dangerous, but 6 percent reported engaging in that behavior anyway.

"The reality is impaired driving has negatively impacted everyone in some way," AAA Mountain West Group Spokesperson Doug Johnson said. "While it's encouraging to see widespread support for new safety measures, there's no replacement for a common sense approach to saying no to drinking and driving."

The survey also found that risky behavior persists in several other areas, particularly distracted and aggressive driving. When

it comes to distraction, an overwhelming majority of respondents acknowledged the danger. Nearly all participants said scrolling through social media on a hand-held phone is extremely or very dangerous, while 94 percent said the same about texting or emailing and 90 percent about reading on a hand-held device. Despite this widespread awareness, many drivers admitted to engaging in these behaviors anyway. About 28

percent said they texted while driving, 37 percent reported reading messages, and 36 percent said they talked on a hand-held phone behind the wheel.

Public opinion on enforcement measures was more divided. While 79 percent of respondents supported a ban on hand-held phone use while driving, support dropped sharply when it came to hands-free use, with only 40 percent favoring limits on those systems.

The survey also highlighted concerns around aggressive driving and speeding. Nine in 10 respondents viewed aggressive driving as extremely or very dangerous, and 80 percent said the same about running red lights. Speeding, however, was perceived as less dangerous than other risky behaviors, even though it remains a major contributor to crashes. Although 58 percent of drivers believed they would be caught if they drove 15 miles per hour over the speed limit, about half admitted they had done so within the past month. Support for automated enforcement was limited as well, with only 46 percent backing the use of speed cameras on residential streets.

For more information on survey methodology, data considerations, and results refer to the full Traffic Safety Culture Index report. Visit newsroom.aaa.com/asset/2024-traffic-safety-culture-index-technical-report/ ★

Head Start Families Receiving Local Produce Deliveries

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Despite being surrounded by fertile farmland, many families in Sacramento County face significant food insecurity, with the Sacramento Food Bank reporting that more than one in four residents struggle to access nutritious food. The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), through its Early Head Start Home Visiting Program, is taking a bold step toward improving family health and school readiness by launching a Farm to Family Project that provides monthly boxes of fresh, locally grown produce to families enrolled in Early Head Start (EHS) programs, along with healthy cooking and nutrition experiences.

The Sacramento County Office of Education has partnered with two local agencies to launch the new project. Sacramento's Goodful farm-fresh food delivery service is helping to distribute the produce boxes. The Alchemist Community Development Corporation is hosting community meals where families create healthy lunches and learn about recipes they can make with the food they receive. Children



Twice each month, Alchemist (shown with Early Head Start staff at an information table at Stanston Park) is hosting a community meal where families learn to use the produce they receive to make healthy lunches. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

are encouraged to help prepare the meals. A \$200,000 farm-to-school grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) funds the project.

As part of Sacramento County Office of Education's Sacramento County READS Literacy Initiative to empower all learners to reach their age- and grade-appropriate reading and literacy milestones, the Farm to Family Project has integrated early literacy development into its nutrition education efforts. Families receive a children's book each month, centered on themes of farming, healthy eating, or sustainability.

Along with the book,

families get a comprehensive activity guide, designed to spark curiosity and learning at home. It features playful, age-appropriate activities, things like cooking projects, discussion prompts and ideas for sensory play activities. Families are encouraged to read the story together and engage in the activities, creating meaningful connections between food, learning and family time.

To make the experience even more engaging, links are provided to allow children to watch the authors themselves read their stories, ensuring families can enjoy the stories in multiple formats.

To learn more about this initiative visit scoe.net/ ★

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Sacramento County is highlighting a major milestone in community-driven early childhood investment following the approval of \$4,172,410 in funding by the First 5 Sacramento Commission for 35 community-based organizations. All awarded organizations are first-time recipients of First 5 funding, marking a significant expansion of support to historically under-resourced communities.

The funding was awarded through First 5 Sacramento's Racial Equity funding pathway and reflects a transformative shift in how early childhood investments are designed and distributed across the county for programs located in historically underfunded communities.

This historic funding decision was led by First 5 Sacramento's Equity in Action Committee, a 15-member body made up of parents, caregivers and community leaders who live in the neighborhoods where the grants will be implemented. Through this committee, First 5 Sacramento implemented a Participatory Grantmaking Model that intentionally



The funded programs are culturally responsive and community-driven, addressing long-standing inequities in early childhood development. Photo courtesy of First 5 Sacramento

places decision-making power in the hands of community members rather than institutions.

As a result of this process, funding will support organizations serving children and families in 27 high-priority ZIP codes throughout Sacramento County. The funded programs are culturally responsive and community-driven, addressing long-standing inequities in early childhood development.

"This bold new grantmaking process is rooted in trust — recognizing that community members closest to the challenges often have the most effective solutions, yet are rarely asked to lead," said Phil Serna, Chair of First 5 Sacramento and County Supervisor representing the First District. "By prioritizing equity, lived experience

and local expertise in funding decisions, and through the thoughtful leadership of the Equity in Action Committee, First 5 Sacramento is reaching more families in the neighborhoods where resources are needed most."

The participatory approach ensures that early childhood programs supported through this funding are grounded in lived experience, cultural knowledge and strong community relationships — key elements for effective and sustainable outcomes.

More information about the funded organizations and their programs, the Equity in Action Committee, and First 5 Sacramento's participatory grantmaking model is available on the <https://first5sacramento.saccounty.gov/About-Us/Pages/History-Equity-in-Action.aspx>. ★

Republic FC Acquires Forward Mayele Malango from Monterey Bay FC

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC announced Jan. 8 that the Club has acquired forward Mayele Malango (MY-el Muh-LAWN-go) from Monterey Bay FC via transfer. Malango has also signed a new contract with Republic FC. Per club policy, the terms of the transfer and contract will not be disclosed. Malango will be available pending league and federation approval and is expected to wear No. 7 for Republic FC.

“Mayele is a dynamic attacker with a diverse and impressive journey through multiple levels of U.S. soccer,” said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. “His pace, strength and finishing ability give us more options in the final third, and we’re excited to integrate him into our system.”

Malango, 28, featured



Malango will be available pending league and federation approval and is expected to wear No. 7 for Republic FC. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

prominently for Monterey Bay FC during the 2025 USL Championship season, making 29 appearances across league and USL Cup play with five goals and two assists. His contributions included scoring the club’s first goal of the

season and earning a USL Championship Team of the Week honor early in the campaign for a stand-out performance against Oakland Roots SC.

“I would like to thank God for this opportunity, and also thanks to all the coaching staff and front

office members for believing in me, and for making this transfer to happen. I'm super excited to join the team and can't wait to contribute to the team's success on and off the field,” said Malango. “I can’t wait to meet all the fans and play in front of you all. I will give everything I have for the team. Let’s make memories together as we fight for another championship.”

Prior to joining Monterey Bay FC, Malango built a varied and productive professional career in the United States. He began his pro journey with New England Revolution II in 2020, where he appeared in 14 matches. In 2021, he signed with New

Amsterdam FC of the National Independent Soccer Association, scoring an impressive nine goals in 14 appearances to earn an All-League First Team selection. In 2022, he continued his development with Albion San Diego in NISA, finding the net three times in 20 matches, helping the team reach the NISA Championship Final. From 2023 to 2024, Malango starred for Chattanooga Red Wolves SC in USL League One, where he recorded 12 goals and five assists in 68 total appearances.

A native of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malango and his family spent 10 years in Malawi as

refugees before coming to the U.S. and settling in Massachusetts. He made a name for himself on the local soccer scene before moving on to the collegiate level. He began at Salem State University, where he scored 17 goals in 19 appearances and earned both MASCAC Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors on the way to a conference title. He then transferred to UMass Lowell, competing at the Division I level before turning professional.

Mayele earned his first call up to the Malawi National Team for World Cup Qualifiers in September 2025 and recorded an assist in his debut. He later joined The Flames for two international friendlies in November, scoring his first goal against Lesotho on Nov. 18.

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

Open Call for River Cats National Anthem Auditions

Demos for Potential Performers Must
be Submitted Prior to Jan. 30

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA

(MPG) - If you have ever dreamed of getting a baseball game underway by singing the National Anthem, now is your chance as the Sacramento River Cats have announced their National Anthem auditions for the 2026 baseball season will take place at Sutter Health Park on the evening of Feb. 17.

Auditions are open to all soloists and instrumentalists, and those interested in performing prior to a River Cats game must submit an audition demo by Friday, Jan. 30. Demos received past this date will not be considered.

All demos submitted must be an A capella version or original performance of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung in full with clear, consistent and correct lyrics. The full performance must not exceed 90 seconds.

To submit a demo, email a mp3 or

YouTube link to marketing@rivercats.com.

The subject line should read “2026 National Anthem Demo” and include a name, phone number and email address in the body of the email.

Submissions that do not meet this requirement will be automatically rejected.

The River Cats will invite the top demos submitted to Sutter Health Park

for a live audition on Feb. 17.

Due to the volume of applicants, performers will only be contacted if they are selected to audition in person. Selected performers will be contacted the week of Feb. 9 with further instructions.

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



Softball Sets Schedule



The Aggies will host 28 games in Davis, while hitting the road for their other 25 games. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis softball has set in place its 2026 schedule, with the season opener set for Feb. 5 at home against Sacramento State and the Big West Conference opener against Hawai’I scheduled at La Rue Field over the weekend of March 6-7.

The Aggies will host 28 games in Davis, while hitting the road for their other 25 games. UC Davis will take part in four tournaments, performing hosting duties for two, while playing in five games at neutral sites along the with host schools at two other tournaments.

2026 begins with the NorCal Kickoff where UC Davis will open against Sacramento State on Feb. 5 before playing San Diego, Colorado State and Saint Mary’s in the yearly tournament that runs from Feb. 5-8.

UC Davis then plays its first of seven midweek games, traveling to Pacific on Feb. 11. The Aggies will also make midweek trips to Santa Clara (Feb. 17), Sacramento State (Mar. 24) and Saint Mary’s (Apr. 14). Pacific will make the return trip on Mar. 3, joining Utah Valley (Mar. 9) and Stanford (Apr. 7) in making midweek trips to La Rue Field.

UNLV hosts the next tournament the Aggies will face Seattle, Quinnipiac and hosting UNLV. UC Davis will twice see Seattle and UNLV during the Las Vegas, Nev., tournament. Over Feb. 20-21 the Aggies will also head to St. George, Utah where they will face Weber State and Utah Tech in back-to-back days for a total of four games over the 48 hours spent in the high desert.

As the calendar rolls into March, the Ags host their final tournament of the season when over the stretch of Feb. 27-Mar. 1 UC Davis will see Nevada (twice), Santa Clara, Sacred

Heart and San Jose State.

The Aggies open Big West play by hosting Hawai’I over the weekend of Mar. 6-7. The Ags will go on to host CSU Bakersfield (Mar. 21-22), Cal State Fullerton (Mar. 28-29), CSUN (Apr. 11-12) and UC Santa Barbara (Apr. 25-26). On the road in conference, the Aggies will visit UC San Diego (Mar. 13-14), Long Beach State (Apr. 3-4), UC Riverside (Apr. 18-19) and Cal Poly (May 1-2). The Big West Championships are set to get going at Cal State Fullerton from May 6-9.

UC Davis returns All-Big West honorees Ashley Sawai, Alyssa Dethlefsen, Caroline Grimes and Sydney Polli. Last season Sawai finished top 10 in the Big West in innings pitched (eighth), batters struck out (ninth), wins (ninth) and saves (second). The Aggie right-hander also tossed a career-high 15 complete games, placing her fourth in the conference and 38th in the nation.

Dethlefsen also found her name inside the top 10 of a pair of Big West statistical categories. She led the conference in triples (five), and her 19 stolen bases placed her fourth in the league. During the season, Dethlefsen was not caught once and along with Grand Canyon’s Savannah Groshong-Kirk she is one of two student-athletes in the country to have not been caught stealing this season with at least 19 stolen bases.

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked #1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as #1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is located in a true California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026-27. ★

Former Hornet Abigail Lopez Makes Pro Debut with Club Puebla

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Former Sacramento State women’s soccer standout Abigail Lopez has joined the professional ranks, signing with Club Puebla in Mexico’s top women’s division and making her debut on Jan. 4 against the Rayados de Monterrey in the LIGA BBVA MX Femenil closing tournament.

Lopez joined the club back in December of 2025, just in time to make her debut in early January. She played all 90 minutes of her club’s 4-0 loss to Monterrey in the opening match for both clubs.

A four-time All-Big Sky Conference honoree during her career with the Hornets, Lopez earned first-team all-league laurels in each of her final two collegiate campaigns and was named to the second team as a freshman and sophomore. She is one of only



Lopez joined the club back in December of 2025, just in time to make her debut in early January. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

four former Sacramento State players to win four All-Big Sky honors in a career, joining Katie McCoy (first-team honors in 2005-07 and a second-team award in 2004), Kara Taylor (first-team honors in 2005, 2007-08 and an honorable mention award in 2006), and Aubrey Goodwill (first-team honors in 2021-22, a second-team award in 2020, and an honorable mention selection in 2019).

Lopez is also one of only 11 Hornets to earn multiple All-Big Sky first-team awards.

Starting all 21 matches for Sacramento State as a senior in 2024, she led the team in scoring with four goals, three assists, and 11 points on the year, helping the Hornets capture the Big Sky Tournament title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament against USC.

She finished her career ranked tied for eighth in all-time points with 37 and tied for seventh in career goals with 15. Her 134 shot attempts are seventh on the school’s all-time list.

Lopez scored at least four goals in three of her four seasons with the Hornets, while her 11 points as a senior were a career high, surpassing the 10 she accounted for as a freshman in 2021. Overall, she appeared in 72 matches for Sacramento State, making the starting lineup in 63 of those — including 38 consecutive starts to close out her career. ★

Deal Me In

Local Casino January Events Calendar

By MPG Staff,
Compiled from Hard Rock Sacramento, Thunder Rock Casino Resort and Sky River Casino

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fight fans, music lovers and nightlife enthusiasts have an action-packed lineup to look forward to as Hard Rock Live, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, and Sky River Casino present a series of must-see events featuring legendary athletes, chart-topping artists and unforgettable nightlife experiences.

HARD ROCK

On Saturday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m., Xavi will take the Hard Rock Live Sacramento stage with his X-Tour featuring special guest Fabio Capri. Xavi is the leading voice of Música Mexicana's new generation, with over 4.8 billion career streams. Born in Phoenix and raised between the U.S. and Nogales, Sonora, the singer-songwriter blends traditional corridos with R&B, pop, and urban influences. He rose to global prominence in 2024 with "La Diabla," which topped Spotify's Global 200 and became the longest-running #1 Latin solo song in the chart's history.

Hard Rock Live inside Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain will host A1 Combat 33: Legends Collide on Friday, Jan. 30.

The event is headlined by a highly anticipated Combat Jiu-Jitsu Superfight between MMA legend Urijah Faber and Cisco Rivera, alongside 17 total bouts in the cage. Doors open at 4 p.m. with the main card taking place at 7 p.m.



Hard Rock Casino is starting the year strong with a lineup of concerts, UFC fights and more. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



Sky River Casino is located on 1 Sky River Pkwy, Elk Grove and has a full calendar of events. Photo by Idaly Valencia

The event will be broadcast live on YouTube and UFC FIGHT PASS. For the full bout card, visit A1COMBAT.COM. All bouts subject to change or cancellation. No refunds. **THUNDER VALLEY** A country music icon, playing.

Brad Paisley his the Thunder Valley stage Friday, Jan. 30 to celebrate over 25 years of chart-topping success. A Grand Ole Opry member since 2001, Paisley has written 21 of his 25 No. 1 hits and amassed nearly 5 billion career streams, with classics like "He Didn't Have to Be," "She's Everything," and "We Danced."

This is a show country fans won't want to miss.

Grammy Award-winning artist Gary Clark Jr. brings his genre-blending sound of blues, rock, soul, and hip-hop to The Venue, featuring hits such as "This Land," "Pearl Cadillac," and "Don't Owe You a Thang."

Joining him is the Marcus King Band, adding even more high-energy, soulful performances to the night.

Tickets for Thunder Valley Events are available on TicketMaster.

SKY RIVER

Ladies Night will take place Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. Grab your friends to enjoy cigar specials, a curated drink menu and entertainment

Come out Thursday, Jan. 29 for High Stakes, Slow Smoke. This event brings together the bold character of High West Whiskeys and the craftsmanship of My Father Cigars for a curated pairing experience designed for true connoisseurs. Admission is \$75. Reserve your tickets now on Open Table.

Party @ 32 Brews Street returns each Friday 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Come alive at 32 Brews Street with DJs spinning the latest hits! Feel the beat and dance the night away with all your favorites playing.

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