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## Butterfly Contest Yields Two Winners



Herpetologist Kat Calderala and lepidopterist Art Shapiro, co-winners of the Beer-for-a-Butterfly Contest, celebrate the victory. Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

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

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - A lepidopterist and a herpetologist walk into a bar.

A cabbage white butterfly, *Pieris rapae*, goes, too.

That's exactly what happened on Wednesday, Feb. 4, when the co-winners of the 2026 Beer-for-a-Butterfly Contest celebrated with beer and conversation at a Davis bar.

UC Davis Distinguished Professor Emeritus Art Shapiro, who has sponsored and judged the contest since

1972 (and usually wins), declared himself and Kathryn "Kat" Calderala of Davis, a consulting biologist specializing in reptiles and amphibians, as the co-winners.

Shapiro sighted, but did not collect, a cabbage white butterfly, a male, at 12:02 p.m. in West Sacramento, Yolo County, and a few minutes later, at 12:08, Calderala collected a male rapae in a ditch in front of an auto recycling business in Woodland, off County Road 25.

The herpetologist brought the butterfly to the bar, Burgers and Brew, as proof, and later released it where she

collected it.

### 'Toads and Turtles Are My Jam'

Calderala, who moved to Davis last summer from Monterey but is originally from Fresno, initially emailed the lepidopterist: "I hate to break it to you but I'm a herpetologist. Toads and turtles are my jam. I was just out looking at one of the local burrowing owls when I saw the outbreak of whites and thought, 'What the heck?'"

She owns "a tiny consulting  
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## Spanish-Language Financial Education Workshop Series

Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHS) YoloWorks!, in partnership with BMO Bank, is pleased to offer a free Spanish-language financial education workshop series designed to help individuals and families better manage their money and build long-term financial stability.

The workshops are running now through Thursday, Sept. 3 and will be held twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Building Community Room at 25 N. Cottonwood St. in Woodland.

These sessions provide practical, easy-to-understand guidance on everyday financial topics that impact working families. Participants will gain tools to improve budgeting, manage debt, protect their credit and prepare for major life expenses.

Workshop topics will include banking basics, budgeting and debt management, credit scores and credit reports, identity theft protection, retirement planning, mobile banking, buying a car, preparing to purchase a home, understanding mortgages, mortgage modification options, workplace investing, financial emergency preparedness, planning for higher education costs and more.

"Financial knowledge is power," said Rodrigo Lopez from YoloWorks!. "These workshops are about giving our community the information and confidence they need in their language to make strong financial decisions for themselves and their families."

All classes are free and conducted entirely in Spanish, making them accessible to Spanish-speaking residents throughout Yolo County. Community members are encouraged to register and attend as many sessions as possible during the series.

For more information or to register, visit <https://forms.gle/tV7na-MaXVpdFAobi7> or contact Rodrigo Lopez at (530) 702-1790 or [Rodrigo.Lopez@YoloCounty.gov](mailto:Rodrigo.Lopez@YoloCounty.gov).

## AT&T Provides 60 Laptops to West Sac Families

AT&T News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - AT&T provided 60 refurbished laptops to Mosaic West Sac and distributed to local adults and families in need on Feb. 5. The computers, funded by an AT&T contribution, were given to recipients who were pre-selected by the organization prior to this event.

Community leaders and volunteers were onsite to help distribute the laptops including West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, West Sacramento Police Chief Rob Strange, AT&T California President Susan Santana and Mosaic West Sac Executive Director Don Bosley.

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, millions nationwide still don't have access to the internet or connected



West Sacramento leaders and volunteers were onsite at the Feb. 5 event which aimed to address the digital divide by providing laptops to local adults and families in need. Photo courtesy of AT&T

devices needed to fully participate in the online world, an issue known as the digital divide.

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, 41 percent of low-income households in the state still do not have

full digital access to both the internet and a device for educational purposes.

This effort is part of AT&T's initiative to help address the digital divide through internet accessibility, affordability and safe adoption. AT&T is

committing \$5 billion to help 25 million people get and stay connected to high-speed internet by 2030. This includes distributing more than 31,000 computers to students and their families across California since 2021. ★

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# State Senator to Speak at League of Women Voters Annual Luncheon



California State Senator Christopher Cabaldon at the League of Women Voters Yolo County Meet the Candidates Forum in 2024. Courtesy photo

By Jessica Smith

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - California State Senator Christopher Cabaldon will be the featured speaker at the League of Women Voters of Yolo County's annual State of the Community Luncheon. The event will take place on Friday, Feb. 27, at the Yolo Event Center, 1225 E. Kentucky Ave., from noon to 1:30 p.m. Registration is required. Register at [lwvyolo.org/soc-2026/#registration](http://lwvyolo.org/soc-2026/#registration) by Monday Feb. 16.

This year's event is the 32nd State of the Community Luncheon hosted by the local League as its annual fundraiser. Funds will go to support their ongoing nonpartisan voter education efforts and the League's 2026 initiative to expand outreach to all corners of the County, including youth, rural and low-voting-participation residents.

State Senator Cabaldon will discuss current challenges, outline opportunities to better support the needs of Yolo County residents and highlight key achievements during his time in office.

Before going to the State Senate, Cabaldon served as mayor of West Sacramento for two decades, transforming what was once an industrial town into a fast-growing, entrepreneurial city. In the State Senate, he has continued to advance legislation impacting his urban and rural constituents.

Gov. Gavin Newsom recently signed legislation authored by Cabaldon, Senate Bill 371, to address the costs of transportation services such as Uber and Lyft. Newsom had previously announced his support for SB 371 as part of a legislative package to benefit both riders and drivers.

"I am incredibly grateful for Governor Newsom's commitment to addressing affordability and lowering the costs of rides," Cabaldon said. "My interest in carrying this legislation was to lower fares

for people who use rideshare for necessary transportation to their jobs, school, or medical appointments."

Cabaldon also authored SB 5 to prevent developers from exploiting the special tax status of protected California farmland to finance urban improvements. SB 5 prohibits acreage enrolled in the state's Williamson Act or a Farm Security Zone from being placed in an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District until it is rezoned or reassessed to reflect its future use.

Cabaldon has previously spoken at League events in Yolo County, including a Meet the Candidates Forum in 2024, which allowed students at Woodland Community College to meet their candidates one-on-one before casting their ballot. At a Community Town Hall in early 2025, he presented along with Congressman Mike Thompson and Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry to address local impacts of evolving federal executive actions. At that event, he concluded that voters needed to stay engaged and be prepared to get off the sidelines and take a stand.

"It requires showing up," Cabaldon said. "We have to be ready to show up when it's necessary."

This year's luncheon event will be catered by Ludy's Catering, with vegetarian and vegan options available. Tickets are \$35 per person, or \$250 for a table of eight. Sponsorships are also available. Sponsors wishing to be named in the printed program should purchase sponsorships by Monday, Feb. 23.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, grassroots, national organization, dedicated to local voter education and empowering citizens to shape better communities for more than 100 years. The views of candidates and elected officials do not necessarily reflect the views of the League. ★

## MEMORIAL

### JOHN BUCK GABRI JR. - 01/18/1939 – 01/24/2026

It is with deep love that we announce the passing of John Buck Gabri Jr. on January 24, 2026 at his West Sacramento childhood home. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born January 18, 1939 in Sacramento, California and a graduate of Marshall High School in 1957. He worked for the State of California as a computer analyst for over 40 years.

His family was his greatest accomplishment. He was a devoted husband of 56 years to Anne Marie Gabri(Hansen). He was the loving father to Christina Lockwood (Jarrod Lockwood), William Gabri (Dani) Stepfather to Todd and Scott Heindel. His 9 grandchildren were his pride and joy and he enjoyed watching their little league games to Chico Rugby games, giving them tractor rides and graduations.

Jonathan, Jordan, Hannah, Hayley, Claire, Bryce, Owen, Olive and Claire will cherish the memories



made with their grandfather. He leaves behind his brother Charles Gabri, many brother and sister in laws as well as nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Lily and John Gabri Sr. of West Sacramento.

He had a love for all sports especially watching the River Cats, As, Giants and Kings. He grew up as a boy scout, bred fish, raised chickens and was a member of the

Sacramento Home Winemakers Club. He enrolled in the Naval Reserves, planted many gardens and rebuilt his Model A hot rod. He enjoyed participating in Hot August Nights in Reno and the car shows at Whitey's Jolly Kone.

His Catholic faith was important to him and he was an active parishioner of Our Lady Of Grace Church and School. He was a member of the Italian Catholic Federation #45.

A rosary (7p.m.) and visitation (6:30p.m.) will be Friday, March 6, 2026.

The funeral mass will be Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 11 a.m., both at St Mary's Cemetery on Fruitridge Avenue in Sacramento. A reception will follow the burial at Our Lady Of Grace School in West Sacramento starting around 1:30p.m. In lieu of flowers or donations, please donate to Our Lady of Grace School /Visual Arts Program or the American Heart Association.

He will be deeply missed and remembered.

# Safe Parking Ordinance Expands HEART of Davis Program

## Heart of Davis News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - On Tuesday, Feb. 3, the Davis City Council unanimously approved a Safe Parking ordinance, formally allowing safe parking programs to operate on both residential and commercial sites under strict guidelines.

HEART of Davis (formerly the Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter) has been running the Safe Heart Safe Parking program as a pilot since July 2025. The new ordinance permits up to five host sites within the city, with a maximum of eight parking spaces per site, and provides an exemption from the City's Anti-Camping ordinance passed last year.

"Safe Heart ensures that those living in their vehicles have a secure and respectful environment," said Shoshana Zatz, president of HEART of Davis. "We are deeply grateful to the City of Davis for partnering with us to provide safety, dignity and peace of mind to our community members in need."

The Safe Heart program reflects HEART of Davis's commitment to addressing homelessness with compassion and practical solutions. By offering a safe overnight parking option, the program helps reduce the risks and stress faced by individuals and families living in vehicles while fostering community trust and support.

The location of the Safe Heart program is kept confidential to ensure the safety of parkers, volunteers and nearby residents. HEART operates the program in partnership with a local faith-based organization, which provides parking spaces, space for a portable restroom and an indoor room for food and

supply storage, as well as hospitality for parkers in the morning and evening.

All parking applicants are interviewed to confirm their understanding of program operations and agreement to comply with a strict code of conduct, which emphasizes minimizing any impact on neighboring residents. To date, there have been no neighborhood complaints reported to the police. Participants must also maintain a valid driver's license, current vehicle registration and insurance within 30 days of entering the program.

"The success of our program relies on the dedication of over 70 volunteers who greet parkers in the evening and see them off in the morning while providing drinks, snacks and light meals," said Zatz. "Most volunteers come from local faith-based organizations or the broader community, and we are grateful for the many UC Davis students who volunteer as well. Our program welcomes everyone and has no religious affiliations."

Volunteers with the Safe Heart program report that it has restored vital opportunities for in-person engagement with the homeless community – connections that were lost when the Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter closed during COVID. The relationships that form between parkers and volunteers, as well as among parkers themselves, have become one of the program's most powerful outcomes.

Parkers have mentioned that they value these interactions as rare moments of being truly "seen and heard." Many spend their days in isolation, and the chance to simply sit

together, discuss daily life, share stories or talk about current events has proven profoundly meaningful. These human connections not only provide emotional support but are also fostering self-confidence and a sense of community for both parkers and volunteers – benefits that the program had not initially anticipated.

Over the past seven months, HEART of Davis has welcomed 14 individuals into the Safe Heart program. Three have already transitioned into stable housing, a few were asked to leave due to conduct concerns and a few moved on without sharing their next destination. Several guests remain actively engaged in the program, and there is a growing waiting list. The average age of parkers is 62, with a range from 29 to 78, highlighting the growing vulnerability of an aging unhoused population and the importance of programs like Safe Heart.

Operating the program costs approximately \$2,300 per month. Funding primarily comes from individual donations, which are critical to program sustainability. HEART of Davis is in discussions with a second faith-based organization to open an additional site and invites other organizations to consider becoming safe parking hosts. Program volunteers are available to offer guidance and share best practices.

If you or someone you know lives in their vehicle and would like to participate in the Safe Heart program, please call: 530-213-3680 or send an email to: [heartofdavis@gmail.com](mailto:heartofdavis@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer or donate, email [heartofdavis@gmail.com](mailto:heartofdavis@gmail.com). ★

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# Butterfly Contest Yields Two Winners

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company, Livewire Ecological Consulting, Inc., which covers all of Central California for field support services (special-status species surveys, etc.).”

“I’m still fairly new to town so have been trying to get up to date on the local special-status species in the county,” Calderala said. “On this day I was traveling around looking for wintering burrowing owls and happened to see an outbreak of whites in a ditch. I immediately thought about an article someone posted on Linked In, saying the first white had not been found as of the 28th. So, I flipped around and went back to chase down a white. Dumb luck, truly.”

The rules of the “Suds for a Bug” contest specify that the first person to collect a live cabbage white butterfly of the year in the wild and within the three-county area of Yolo, Sacramento and Yolo – and is judged the winner – wins a beer or an alternative drink.

The point of the contest, Shapiro says, is “to get the earliest possible flight date for statistical purposes.”

It’s all part of his scientific research involving long-term studies of butterfly life cycles and climate change. In its larval stage, the butterfly is a pest of cole crops, including cabbage, broccoli and kale.

In addition to the winning male that Shapiro spotted at the West

Sacramento site, he soon counted multiple others there: “a female at 12:06, another male at 12:30, another female at 12:53 and a two-male chase at 12:55. So there ain’t no doubt rapae is out!”

## 'The Suspense Is Killing Me'

“Y’all have no idea what a relief it is to have rapae out,” Shapiro told his email posse on Feb. 2. He earlier lamented that “the suspense is killing me.”

Feb. 2 is one of the modal first flight dates, having occurred also in 1982, 1995 and 2005.

Shapiro, who has monitored butterfly population trends in central and northern California since 1972 and maintains a research website at <http://butterfly.ucdavis.edu/>, said the 2026 winner may have been in Benicia. A sighting was reported, “but it wasn’t fully documented, and Benicia is in Solano County but is climatically rather different. I would have expected it in Suisun, but it wasn’t. This is meteorologically a very odd year. But Feb. 2 was fated to be the day!”

Shapiro added that Feb. 2, too, was the first “good moth night of the year,” according to John “Moth Man” DeBenedictis of Davis. “These things cumulate physiologically and eventually have to reach a critical threshold. So, I couldn’t predict who would get the bug on the 2nd, but I was not surprised that I was not the

only one.”

## Matt Forister Creates the Graphs

UC Davis doctoral alumnus Matt Forister, the McMinn Professor of Biology at the University of Nevada, and Shapiro’s former graduate student, annually creates a graph chronicling the first flight. This year, Forister messaged: “Per tradition, here’s the graph, with the current year in red; the slope is just a tad more shallow (was -0.34, now -0.31); not per tradition, the graph this year includes a wiggly spline fit (orange line) to allow for the possibility that the once simple progression of earlier emergence might be giving way to something more complex; maybe this year reflecting the tule fog of an, or perhaps reflecting the lower densities of bugs (rapae is declining, like most things, despite being a weedy animal) which we can expect to result in later detection even in a warming-earlier-emergence world.”

Shapiro has been defeated only four times in the contest, and all by UC Davis graduate students. Three were his grad students: Adam Porter defeated him in 1983; and Sherri Graves and Rick VanBuskirk each won in the late 1990s. The most recent non-Shapiro graduate student to win was Jacob Montgomery, who collected the winner outside his home in west Davis in 2016. ★

# Connections Academy at Gateway Opens Enrollment

*Tuition free online charter school provides flexible, high quality learning for K–12 students*

## Connections Academy at Gateway News Release

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - Connections Academy at Gateway, a tuition-free online charter school within Community Collaborative Charter School and part of Gateway Community Charters, is now enrolling grades K–12 for the 2026-27 academic year. The program is open to students living in Amador, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sutter and Yolo counties.

Connections Academy at Gateway uses the nationally recognized Connections Academy program to deliver a high quality, standards based education fully online. In partnership with Community Collaborative Charter School, the school combines California credentialed teachers, a rigorous curriculum and purpose built technology tools to create a personalized learning experience focused on academic success and student growth.

Designed for students who benefit from individualized support, Connections Academy at Gateway provides a high-quality educational experience that keeps students motivated and engaged with a strong circle of support and a deep sense of belonging while meeting California state standards. The school’s team of supportive and experienced educators, specially trained in online instruction, establish meaningful connections with students helping them achieve their full potential and reach their goals.

Beyond core academics and daily engagement, students have access to engaging electives as well as virtual clubs, field trips, events and activities throughout the school year, helping foster a sense of connection and belonging. The flexible structure also gives students the opportunity to pursue interests outside of school, such as athletics, arts, community service or other passions. ★

Middle and high school students benefit from Connections Academy’s College and Career Readiness offerings, which help students explore potential career paths and build durable skills such as leadership, critical thinking and teamwork. Through career exploration and early networking opportunities, students gain confidence and direction as they prepare for the future.

“With open enrollment now underway for the next school year, we’re excited to invite families into a flexible, supportive learning environment that meets students where they are,” said Kaela Vermeulen, principal at Connections Academy at Gateway. “Our online model allows teachers to build strong relationships with students and provide personalized guidance, while giving learners the freedom to pursue their interests and stay engaged academically. Our goal is to help students grow with confidence and feel prepared for what’s next.”

Connections Academy at Gateway will serve approximately 300 students in grades K–12 during the 2026-27 school year. As a public-school program, there are no fees or tuition to attend Connections Academy at Gateway, and all students are required to meet the same academic standards and take the same assessments as traditional public-school students.

Enrollment for the 2026–27 school year is now open for grades K–12. Families interested in learning more about the flexible virtual learning model are encouraged to attend an online information session to learn more, ask questions and discover if Connections Academy at Gateway is the right fit for their student. For more information, visit [www.ConnectionsAcademy.com/California-Gateway-Online-School](http://www.ConnectionsAcademy.com/California-Gateway-Online-School) or call 1-833-591-0251.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## A Win is Just Around the Corner

There's an old saying, "it's always darkest before the dawn. Well, for the Sacramento Kings the dawn is here and very real.

Nursing a 12-game losing streak fans are more than ready to put the darkness away and welcome in the dawn. Currently, the Kings have the worst record in basketball at 12-42, and have lost four consecutive close games to Washington, Memphis, the LA Clippers and the Cleveland Cavaliers. All told the Kings lost by a total of 17 points total over a four-game span!

Many have remarked that the Kings are not as bad as their record, and if that's true, why is their record the worst in basketball?

Look no further than the resplendent coaching staff led by Doug Christie, and I say that tongue in cheek.

The game rotations are so frenetic that no one even has a guess as to who will and who will not enter the game at any given time.

Perhaps the best 3-point shooter on the team was suddenly awakened and asked to contribute six minutes in the last loss against the Cavaliers. Yes, none other than the forgotten man Doug McDermott. Someone I would like to see on a regular basis, but I have no such aspirations. Doug took one shot and returned to the bench for the rest of the contest.

Professionals simply can't succeed on a regular basis when they have no idea whether they will play or not.

While I agree with coach Christie playing the younger players given the current record, everyone on this team needs to clearly understand their role, and this team does not.

I have long wanted to see what first round draft choice Devin Carter has to offer, and finally he has managed to crack the lineup, and with notable success.

In the Cleveland game Carter was actually given 27 minutes and contributed 18 points! In addition, he had 4 rebounds, 4 assists and was 2-5 from beyond the arc. Likewise in the Clipper contest Carter contributed 14 points in just 22 minutes, adding once again 4 rebounds and 4 assists. Constantly mentioned in trade rumors,

it's time to find out what the Kings really have in a player that has been used sparingly and appears to have a big upside.

Recently, coach Christie has been putting him on the floor alongside Nique Clifford, and the tandem has produced good results.

Whether Carter and Clifford play the 1 or the 2, it's high time to find out what they each can bring to the floor every night.

Another bright spot has been the animated play of fan favorite Dylan Cardwell, who has demonstrated not only a penchant for blocking shots, but has been putting up double-doubles on a nightly basis.

Have the Kings finally found a big man to compliment Domantas Sabonis? They very well may have, and with addition of De'Andre Hunter fans are wondering what this lineup will look like when a healthy Keegan Murray returns.

No one wants to hear excuses, but the Sacramento Kings have been the walking wounded of the NBA for the vast majority of the season, and what everyone is waiting for is a healthy team that can give us an honest look into what the future may look like.

Scott Perry thankfully has resisted opportunities to trade Domantas Sabonis thus far, and I for one want to see this team build around a proven winner and someone with an attitude that is difficult to match.

Even with rotations that make fans scratch their heads, the Sacramento Kings are showing signs of life, and the recent games have been fun to watch.

Let's see if this coaching staff can bring it together and run off some impressive wins.

Nothing has been cast in stone except for the faithfulness of the Sacramento fan base, so let's give these gladiators the best we have!

The first 20 games of the season, the Kings were given one of the roughest schedules in the league, but that also means that the schedule is about to get easier.

Gird your loins Kings fans, because it's just possible that the missing piece may be either in the upcoming draft or just around the corner!

*All the best!* ★

# Once Soaring Population Has Hit a Plateau, So Will its National Political Clout



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The federal Census Bureau annually announces new population numbers for the country and its 50 states based on calculations of how births, deaths and migration have changed the numbers from July 1 to June 30 of the previous year.

The state Department of Finance annually announces a new California population numbers, based on its calculations of those same demographic factors during the same 12-month period.

The numbers often differ, and in past years differentials of a million persons or more have emerged from the two agencies' California calculations.

In December, the state agency declared that as of last July, California's population was 39.529 million, a gain of 19,200 since 2024. Although arithmetically insignificant, the tiny gain was hailed by officialdom and media as proof that California is no longer losing people.

Last month, the Census Bureau released its latest estimates, fixing California's population at 39.355 million, a decline of 9,465 souls from the previous year. It implies that California's slide, which began in the COVID-18 pandemic, is still happening, with a net loss of 200,394 residents since the

2020 census. Although the 174,000 difference between the two numbers is relatively tiny, from a sociopolitical standpoint one shows growth while the other shows shrinkage. Thus California officialdom claims that predictions of the state's impending collapse are false, while its critics say California is still in decline.

There is, however, no doubt that California is, at best, at a population plateau — either gaining or losing very slowly after a 175-year history of sometimes stunning levels of population growth. During the 1980-90 decade, for example, the state's population soared by about 6 million people, a nearly 25% gain, thanks to high levels of immigration and a lofty birth rate.

Its current stasis, whatever the exact numbers, reflects stagnant levels of foreign migration, a much lower birth rate and an ongoing net loss in state-to-state migration.

Hans Johnson and Eric McGhee, demographers for the Public Policy Institute of California, have charted that trend and in a recent report declare, "This migration, over the decades, has the power to reshape the state. From 2010 through 2024 (the year of the latest data) almost 10 million people moved from California to other states, while just over 7 million people moved to California from other parts of the country, according to the American Community Survey. In fact, according to Department of Finance estimates, the state has lost residents to other states every year since 2001."

PPIC found that most of those leaving the state

are adults without college degrees. Texas is their top destination, and one could assume they are fleeing high living costs.

California is not alone in population stagnation or loss. New York and Illinois are two others and, overall, slow- or no-growth states tend to be politically blue, while the big gainers, such as Texas, Florida and the fastest grower, South Carolina, lean to the right.

The growth differential between red and blue states will likely bite the latter after the 2030 census, when the nation's 435 congressional seats are divvied up. Two new studies by reputable organizations project that California and other major blue states will lose a chunk of seats to fast-growing red states, based on the new Census Bureau data.

The American Redistricting Project and Jonathon Vervas at Carnegie Mellon University both see California losing four of its 52 seats, Texas gaining four and Florida getting either two or four.

The shift of congressional seats, of course, also shifts presidential electoral votes, meaning Republican candidates' prospects will improve and those of Democrats will decline after 2030.

There's an old saying that demographics are destiny. What's happening now underscores that truism.

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

# Social Security Matters

## Why is my Social Security Retirement Benefit So Small?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

However, if you claim Social Security before reaching your FRA, you will get only a percentage of your PIA (reduced from what you would get if you claimed at your FRA).

For example, if you claimed at age 62, you would only get 70% of the amount you would have gotten had you waited until age 67, or if you claimed at age 63 you would get 75% of your age 67 benefit. The reduction is less as you get closer to your FRA; if you claimed at age 65, you'd get about 87% of your full retirement age amount.

You can see your lifetime Social Security earnings record at your personal "my Social Security" online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) (you will need to first create that online account), or you can call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to request an "Earnings Statement" be sent to you. That statement will show your lifetime earnings by year, the 35 highest of which were used to calculate your PIA (your Social Security benefit at your FRA). Generally, your Social Security FRA benefit will be about 40% or less of your average indexed monthly earnings.

So, to recap, your SS retirement benefit isn't based on your contributions to the program; it's based on your average monthly lifetime earnings. If you had less than 35 years contributing to the program, SS would still use 35 years in the benefit formula by using zero dollars in earnings for some number of years, which would result in a smaller AIME. Thus, if you claimed before your full

retirement age of 67, your SS benefit was reduced because you claimed early. And if you had less than 35 years of SS-covered employment, your AIME was less, resulting in a smaller PIA. And that is likely why your monthly Social Security retirement benefit is low.

One other thought to consider: if you are married and your spouse's monthly SS benefit is considerably more than yours (e.g., more than twice as much as yours), you may want to explore your options for spouse benefits.

I hope this explains how your SS benefit is calculated, but if you still question your monthly SS retirement amount, I suggest you first obtain your "Earnings Statement" to review the lifetime earnings SS has on file for you. If there are any discrepancies in your Social Security's earnings record, there are correction remedies available to you. If that is the case, please feel free to contact us again for more information.

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Alex Pretti wasn't killed while "protesting." This is a common description of what he was doing on a Minneapolis street the fateful morning when a confrontation with federal immigration agents ended in his tragic shooting. But if Pretti had been a mere protester, he'd very likely be alive today.

Now that we've seen videos of an earlier struggle with federal agents and learned more about the organized nature of the anti-ICE resistance, it's become clear that the better word for Pretti was agitator, or perhaps even operative.

A protester, as typically understood, is someone who is making a point, often as part of a gathering of other like-minded people and, usually but not always, in opposition to something.

A protester might hold a sign outside a coal-fired power plant calling for it to shut down. He might go to Union Square Park to hear speeches from bullhorns whenever something happens that outrages the left. He might march against the Iraq War, or the Vietnam War -- or in favor of Hamas.

This kind of activity is not to everyone's taste -- personally, I hate the drums and the chants -- but there is no doubt that it is a legitimate form of political advocacy. Depending on the cause, it can even be admirable.

What we've seen in Minneapolis, though, is

# Don't Abuse the Word 'Protest'

often quite different. Run-of-the-mill protesters don't seek out federal agents and harass and obstruct them. They don't follow and block their vehicles or establish a robust communications network to deploy resources to create maximum disruption of their operations.

Pretti was part of this effort, which is more a form of low-level and (by and large) nonviolent insurgency than conventional protest. In his first confrontation, 11 days before his death, Pretti was every bit an anti-ICE street brawler. He challenged, at close quarters, an agent to assault him, while screaming insults at him. He spat on a federal vehicle and kicked out its taillight.

If Pretti was an "observer," in the euphemism preferred by anti-ICE politicians and activists, he was observing how much unhinged behavior he could get away with. There's no doubt that at this event, he was the violent instigator.

After Pretti damaged the vehicle, agents got out and pushed him to the ground. For all the talk of ICE being the equivalent of the Gestapo, they didn't even bother to arrest him, despite his having committed a crime. If he'd been arrested and charged, Pretti might never have shown up at the other ICE operation and would still be with us today.

That Pretti, we now know, made it a practice to court violent encounters with federal agents while armed was incredibly irresponsible. He was fortunate that the first struggle didn't escalate into some-

thing much more hazardous to him and to others if an agent had noticed his gun.

The firearm wouldn't have been an issue in the second incident, meanwhile, if he'd really been protesting. If that were the case, he would have stayed on the sidewalk and held up a sign, or chanted, "ICE go home," and the officers might have been annoyed, but there never would have been an interaction to potentially go catastrophically wrong.

The calculation in Minneapolis, though, has been that this kind of benign activity is less effective than direct action, and unfortunately --with public opinion swinging against Operation Metro Surge -- this assessment looks to be accurate.

Why simply express a point of view when you can act to stop arrests and to create a hostile, threatening environment for agents?

This doesn't mean that Pretti got what he deserved, or that the officers acted appropriately. It does mean that the state and city officials should have been telling people not to "monitor" DHS activity, but to stay well clear of legitimate law-enforcement activities.

Reasonable people can disagree about the desirability of the goal that Pretti was pursuing, but there's no doubt about how he was going about it, and it didn't involve conventional protest.

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

# Food & Farm NEWS

## Citrus Growers Assess Risk of New Virus

A new citrus disease that so far remains confined to residential trees has industry leaders taking what they describe as a measured approach because of the unknown risks it poses. Caused by the citrus yellow vein clearing virus, the disease was confirmed in residential citrus trees during multipest citrus surveys in Tulare County in 2022 and in residential trees in Hacienda Heights near Los Angeles in 2023. The discoveries marked the first time CYVCV had been confirmed in the Americas. "It's something that's still relatively new," said Casey Creamer, president and CEO of California Citrus Mutual. "I think the way we try to approach things is to put the appropriate amount of concern around it based on the level of risk it poses."

## 4-H'er Turns a Handful of Chicks into a Thriving Business

When Nathan Hutchison was 9 years old, starting a business was the last thing on his mind. The young bird enthusiast just wanted to raise a few backyard chickens. But what began as a childhood hobby grew into Nate's Chicks—a thriving, solar-powered poultry operation in Madera County with more than 600 chickens and customers statewide. Now 19, Hutchison raises

heritage turkeys for the Thanksgiving season and more than 50 breeds of chickens, selling day-old chicks, chicken and turkey meat and anywhere from 2,500 to 5,000 eggs a month. He also brokers chickens from other farms and leads workshops on food sustainability, raising poultry and hands-on processing.

## Researchers Make Breakthroughs in Preventing Pistachio Hull Split

When pistachio hulls split open before harvest, the nuts can be exposed to fungal or insect damage, which reduces profits for farmers. About 4% of California's pistachio crop experiences hull split, but the figure can rise to as much as 40% for some cultivars in certain conditions. New research at the University of California, Davis, revealed how the hull is built and how cell walls in certain layers break down, along with the genes and corresponding mechanisms that spark and control those changes. "This is the first time anyone has studied the pistachio hull at the anatomical and cellular level while also looking at gene expression and physiological data," said Georgia Drakakaki, a professor at the UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences. The research will help breeders select for traits that will make the hulls less vulnerable to tearing and cracking. ★

# Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



## ARREST REPORTS

**Robert Williams McCauley**, 46, was cited Saturday, Jan. 3 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

**Elizabeth Evelyn Johnson**, 34, was cited Sunday, Jan. 18 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Jose Luis Morales-Reyes**, 19, was cited Sunday, Jan. 18 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an illegal speed contest.

**Diego Gaspar-Orozco**, 20 was cited Sunday, Jan. 18 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an illegal speed contest.

**Jose Antonio Rivera**, 39, was cited Monday, Jan. 19 at Enterprise Boulevard and Lake Road by West Sacramento Police for two counts of possessing a controlled substance.

**Sergey Yuryevich Dusayev**, 61, was cited Wednesday, Jan. 21 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Dante Jordan McCowan**, 26, and **Andrew Michael Guerra**, 35, were cited Friday, Jan. 23 at 5th Street and G Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer contacted two subjects at the location and recognized McCowan from prior contacts. Officer confirmed outstanding warrants, issuing a citation. Guerra was cited for possessing burglary tools and possessing personal identifying information with intent to defraud.

**Jose Antonio Rivera**, 39, was cited Saturday, Jan. 24 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a shoplifting incident. The reporting party has a repeat theft suspect currently inside their store and requests the suspect be trespassed. There is an open case involving this suspect from prior incidents. The suspect is in the jewelry department placing items into a reusable shopping bag. Upon arrival, the officer was escorted to the store security office to observe a live feed of the suspect, later identified as Rivera, entering the fitting rooms, then exiting and walking toward the front of the store. Officer intercepted Rivera at the front of the store, where Rivera was detained and escorted to the security office. Officer conducted a search of Rivera and under Miranda, Rivera stated he placed items in the bag in the fitting room and did not intend to purchase all the items. He understood that leaving without paying would be theft. Rivera was cited for shoplifting and released.

**Adam Daniel Stuart**, 43, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 24 at Kagle Drive and Marston Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to a nearby location for a suspicious subject. The reporting party stated that a male they didn't know was knocking at their door and trying to open it. Officer found a subject nearby who matched the description provided. This subject, later identified as Stuart, displayed objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol and could not articulate a feasible plan to get home. Officer determined Stuart was too intoxicated to care for himself and Stuart was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with disorderly conduct.

**Cesar Julian Limon-Gomez**, 39, was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 27 on Tower Bridge Gateway by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding felony warrants. Officer was dispatched to the location for a report of trespassing. Upon arrival, the officer contacted a subject, identified as Limon-Gomez, inside the maintenance room going through the trashcan. A records check revealed the warrants and Limon-Gomez was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Donald Ryan Delaney**, 44, was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 28 on Willow Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a person prowling in the area after exiting a vehicle described by the reporting party. Prior to the call being received, the officer happened to see this vehicle park and observed a person exit the vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer observed the same person walk back to the same vehicle. Officer contacted the person, later identified as Delaney, and a records check revealed the warrant. Delaney was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Kevin James Cockrum**, 46, was arrested Friday, Jan. 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for a warrant as a fugitive from justice. Officer saw Cockrum, a known subject, sitting on the sidewalk at the arrest location. Officer knew Cockrum had a fully extraditable felony warrant for his arrest out of Missouri. The warrant was confirmed and Cockrum was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

**James Ray Palmer**, 46, was transported Saturday, Jan. 31 from the Sacramento County Main Jail to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant.

**Andrew Michael Guerra**, 35, was arrested Monday, Feb. 2 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a theft. Officers arrived on scene and contacted a male across the street, who matched the description provided. The male was identified as Guerra, and a records check revealed the warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

**Charles Anthony Bridges**, 33, was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 3 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for burglary. Officer was dispatched to a nearby location for a report of vandalism. Bridges was contacted near the reporting location and matched the description provided by the reporting party, who confirmed Bridges was the man he saw throw a rock into a store's glass door, breaking it. This was confirmed in reviewing video surveillance footage. The footage also showed Bridges entered the store, took property and left without paying. A search of Bridges' backpack incident to arrest revealed store merchandise, flashlights, pliers, and pocketknives. The store owner identified the store merchandise, valued at \$662. Bridges was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Rudy Allen Hirschler**, 43, was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 3 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer contacted Hirschler after observing him commit several California Vehicle Code violations while operating a motorcycle with a tucked license plate. A records check of Hirschler revealed multiple outstanding warrants. The officer attempted a records check of the motorcycle but could not locate a vehicle identification number (VIN). The sticker VIN tag was missing and the VIN on the front of the motorcycle was removed, leaving behind scratches. Officer located the VIN on the engine block which did not match the license plate. A check of this VIN confirmed the motorcycle was stolen. The ignition had been tampered with to allow the motorcycle to be turned on by finger. Hirschler stated he bought the motorcycle the day before for \$1,000, well below market value. Hirschler was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrants and possession of a stolen vehicle.

**Julian Torres-Santos**, 25, was transported Tuesday, Feb. 3 from the Sacramento County Main Jail to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police on a felony warrant.

**Manuel Andrew Vasquez**, 21, was transported Tuesday, Feb. 3 from the Fresno County Jail to Yolo County Jail by a third-party transportation service on multiple charges including a local felony warrant.

**Christopher Carl Delso**, 53, was transported Tuesday, Feb. 3 from the Sacramento County Main Jail to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police on charges of vandalism and being a repeat offender.

**Jose Angel de Jesus Perez Zazueta**, 41, was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 4 at Lisbon Avenue and Smilax Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol recognized Perez Zazueta from previous contacts and knew him to have active warrants. Perez Zazueta was taken into custody without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

## Incidents / Crime Reports

**Wednesday, Jan. 21** – victim on Stillwater Road reports several poles and electrical boxes in his parking lot were stripped of copper wire by an unknown suspect. Loss estimated at \$100.

**Friday, Jan. 23** – a convenience store near N. Harbor Boulevard reports the theft of an e-bicycle valued at \$2,000 by an unknown suspect.

# Uber Driver Convicted of Sexual Battery of UC Davis Student

## Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - On Feb. 5, 46-year-old Carmichael man, Safiullah Miakhil, was convicted by a Yolo County jury of two counts of sexual battery. The offense occurred after midnight on Nov. 1, 2023, when the victim received an Uber ride after a Halloween party that she had attended in Davis earlier that evening. Once they had arrived at the victim's home, Miakhil, the Uber driver, got into the back seat with the victim. He proceeded to grope, kiss and fondle her against her will. Eventually, he let her go and she reported the incident to the police

immediately. The trial took place before Judge Catherine R. Hohenwarter and was prosecuted by Stefanie DeCillis, a Deputy District Attorney with the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. Miakhil faces a maximum sentence of one year in county jail. Deputy District Attorney Stefanie DeCillis stated, "The young woman who was victimized in this case demonstrated immeasurable courage and tenacity, from the time of the assault in 2023, while the case took its course through the criminal court system, and especially in testifying at trial about such a traumatic event. I am very thankful to the jury who made the right

decision and treated this case with the gravity it deserved. This outcome signals that sexual assault cases, especially against those in vulnerable positions, will be treated with the utmost seriousness in Yolo County." District Attorney Jeff Reising also praised the victim's courage. "The jury's conviction is an affirmation to the courageous young victim in this case and a warning to the depraved who dare to think that they will get away with such perverse misconduct. We urge all riders to use caution when utilizing ride-sharing services and report any and all misconduct by drivers to authorities," Reising said. ★



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**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  
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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.  
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PRO 2-13-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20251020**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Valley Fix and Repair, 25796 Grafton Street, Esparto, CA 95627.  
Miguel Hurtado, 25796 Grafton Street, Esparto, CA 95627. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 10, 2025.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 11, 2025.  
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VALLEY 2-20-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260020**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Greenline Express Inc, 620 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Greenline Express Transportation Inc., 620 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 8, 2026.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 8, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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GREENLINE 2-20-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260061**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Spunkys Flowers, 1936 Park Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
Lindi Morgan Houser, 1936 Park Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 21, 2023.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 21, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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SPUNKYS 2-20-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260012**  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
**MELKO Motorline, 417 Jasmine Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605**, County of Yolo.  
Andrii Melokhin, 417 Jasmine Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605  
This business is conducted by Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ Andrii Melokhin  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/06/2026.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: kquam, Deputy  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260037**  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
**America's Tire, 75 Iron Point Circle, Suite 180, Folsom, CA 95630**, County of SACRAMENTO.  
Southern California Discount Tire Co., Inc., 20225 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
This business is conducted by Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/12/2013  
/s/ Andrew Haus, Southern California Discount Tire Co., Inc.-Treasurer  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on JAN 14 2026.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: MARCOS ALCALA-FLORES, Deputy

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260072**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Saddle Ridge Investors, 2525 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95618.  
Gregory E. McNece, Amy L. McNece, Jackson E. McNece, Lila M. McNece, 2525 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by A Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2015.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 23, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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SADDLE 2-27-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260086**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Vega's, 1708 Lisbon Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.  
Ricardo Miguel Vega, 1708 Lisbon Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 26, 2026.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 28, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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VEGAS 2-27-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260079**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Auto Guys Car Sales, 503 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776.  
Aneid Akmal, 1131 Garavanta Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 26, 2026.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 26, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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AUTO 2-27-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260105**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Bee Happy Candles, 867 Linden Lane, Davis, CA 95616.  
Christine Anne Mullally, 867 Linden Lane, Davis, CA 95616. 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 February 2, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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LEMON 3-6-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260105**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Self Publications, 2946 Denise Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
J. David Self, 2946 Denise Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 5, 2026.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260086**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Leana Kristine Norton, 1708 Lisbon Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.  
Leana Kristine Norton, 1708 Lisbon Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 26, 2026.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 26, 2026.  
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NORTON 2-13-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260108**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Lemon & Leaf, 628 Acacia Way, Woodland, CA 95695.  
Sarah Fletcher and Lyle Hubert, 628 Acacia Way, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 2, 2026.  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
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  
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NORTON 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  
#CV2025-3651  
Shobana Anbazhagan-Adkins has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shobana Anbazhagan-Adkins to Shobana Adkins.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 3, 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: January 5, 2026  
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026  
ADKINS 2-20-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0078**

Mariaelena Reynoso has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mariaelena Reynoso to Maria Elena Reynoso.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 5, 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: January 12, 2026  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 2026  
REYNOSO 2-20-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0022**

Anthony Xavier Macias has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Anthony Xavier Macias to Anthony Xavier Ramos.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 18, 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: January 26, 2026  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026  
MACIAS 3-6-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0200**

Jonathan Patrick Turrentine has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jonathan Patrick Turrentine to John Paul Turrentine.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 18, 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: January 22, 2026  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Feb 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2026  
TURRENTINE 3-6-26

### SUMMONS

**SUMMONS (AMENDED) (CITACION JUDICIAL)**  
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO):  
CV2024-2408

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):** JEREMY GOODIN, an individual; and DOES 1-10, inclusive  
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):** McGRATH RENTCORP, a California corporation  
**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](http://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 program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services

Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://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 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.  
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.  
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión 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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose 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 recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión 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 dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, Yolo County  
Yolo Superior Court, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695  
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Kieth M. Gregory (117837); Rachel A. McMains (352954) (213) 929-2500 (213) 929-2525  
SNELL & WILMER, LLP, 350 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3100, City National 2CAL Los Angeles, CA 90071  
DATE (Fecha): 9/23/2024  
SHAWN C. LANDRY, Clerk (Secretario), by /s/ M. Narvaez, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)  
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CNS-4006756#  
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### LIEN SALE

**LIEN SALE NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to sections 3071 and 3072 of the Civil Code of the State of California, the undersigned, **CITIZENS TOWING & IMPOUND 1244 FORTNA AVE WOODLAND CA 95776**, will sell at public sale on: **FEBRUARY 24, 2026 10:00AM**, the following property:  
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Lien holder has a right to bid at said sale.  
2/13/26  
CNS-4010299#  
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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

March 4, 2026

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express their opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, at [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org), seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to allow the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

#### CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED INTERIM PROPORTIONAL IMPACT FEE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR TINY HOMES ON WHEELS AS PRIMARY DWELLING UNITS

The item is a proposed proportional impact fee reduction program for tiny homes on wheels (THoWs) as primary dwelling units. The proposed THoW Proportional Impact Fee Reduction Program is intended to address this issue by establishing an interim fee methodology that better aligns impact fees with the scale and expected infrastructure impacts of THoWs. The program reflects City Council direction to explore fee proportionality for small-formatted housing and is designed to remain in effect until comprehensive, AB 602-compliant Nexus Study updates are completed. The THoW Proportional Impact Fee Reduction Program is not a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) and therefore is not subject to CEQA review.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

March 5, 2026

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday March 5, 2026, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas-planning-commission>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on February 19, 2026.

To submit a comment in writing, please email [duantea@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:duantea@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 5:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

##### 1. Public Hearing on Crest Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map No.5248 (HARDY)

The applicant is requesting approval of a vesting tentative subdivision map to subdivide 12.3 acres into fifty-nine (59) parcels. The project also includes a design review for the 59 single family homes. The project site is located at the northwest of the intersection Lighthouse Drive and Fountain Drive, located east and south of the existing Strand Apartments and north of the existing apartments and single-family homes. The project is zoned Planned Development (PD-29) RD (apartment and condominium). of the state CEQA Guidelines: The proposed project, consistent with Scenario B as evaluated in The Rivers II EIR, was reviewed in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, describing the circumstances under which a supplemental or subsequent EIR will not be required. This addendum addresses the analysis and concludes that no supplemental nor subsequent EIR is required. In abb. In abbreviated form, the Section 15162 conditions evaluated and determined not to apply to the project include substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project would be undertaken, which would require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified that site-specific analysis, no further significant effects to the environment were identified. APPLICANT/OWNER: West Sac Rivers, LLC., 601 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 Attn: Julianne Martin.

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#### REGULAR AGENDA

##### 1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL AT 2255 EVERGREEN AVENUE & ALTERNATIVE REFUSE ENCLOSURE STANDARDS (LAFFEY)

This item is a public hearing for a conditional use permit for a transitional kindergarten school in the R-3 Multifamily Zone at 2255 Evergreen Avenue as well as consideration of alternative refuse enclosure standards (APN: 067-230-043-000). This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing facilities) and 15303 (New Construction of Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. Applicant/Owner: Sikh Temple Sacramento, PO Box 851 West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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# Grantmaking at a Glance

*Sacramento Region Community Foundation Celebrates \$22.2M Awarded from Local Donors in 2025*

## Sacramento Region Community Foundation News Release

### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation is the leader in managing, facilitating and connecting generous local donors with deserving grant recipients. In 2025 alone, local donors awarded a whopping \$22.2 million through Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

“Each grant and scholarship reflects generosity, care, and responsiveness,” said Kerry Wood, CEO of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. “Every gift, no matter the size, represents an act of care for community and helps ensure resources reach organizations where they can make a difference. The end result is meaningful, substantial, and astounding. In fact, since our inception in 1983, the cumulative total is more than \$300M in grants made to enhance the people and nonprofits in our region.”

### Grant Highlights From 2025

More than three-quarters of total dollars awarded (\$17.1 million) supported causes located within the Sacramento region, including grants to local nonprofits and scholarships for students attending area schools.

Grantmaking in youth development and food, agriculture and nutrition increased significantly over 2024, aligned with

focused investments to address food security in Yolo County and youth educational outcomes in Sacramento’s Del Paso Heights. The increase also reflects the local philanthropists’ response to emerging needs, such as emergency relief tied to SNAP funding instability.

The majority of grants were awarded through customized giving accounts established by local people, families and businesses at Sacramento Region Community Foundation and its partner, Yolo Community Foundation. Grants also include a portion of donations made during a record-breaking Big Day of Giving, the region’s annual giving event.

In Sacramento County, \$12.1 million was awarded through 3,000 grants. The top mission areas supported included arts, culture and humanities, human services and youth development. Organizations receiving significant support include Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera, Roberts Family Development Center and Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.

In Yolo County, \$3.7 million was awarded through 700 grants. The top mission areas supported in this area include food, agriculture and nutrition, education and human services. Organizations receiving significant support include UC Davis Foundation, Yolo Food Bank and City of Davis.

Looking forward to 2026, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation will offer a robust



The American River Conservancy in El Dorado County was one of many local organizations to receive grants from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation in 2025. Photo courtesy of the American River Conservancy

variety of grant opportunities to organizations caring for animals, offering bicycle safety courses and supporting seniors.

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation also provides the vision, leadership and engine behind Big Day of Giving, which returns on Thursday, May 7. To date, the flagship program has generated more than \$117 million for hundreds of area nonprofits since its inception in 2013.

Community members,

businesses and/or organizations interested in establishing funds in partnership with the Sacramento Region Community Foundation can learn more at [www.sacregef.org/donors](http://www.sacregef.org/donors). For more information about the center of philanthropy in the greater Capital City region, visit [www.sacregef.org](http://www.sacregef.org).

### About Sacramento Region Community Foundation

Since 1983, the Sacramento

Region Community Foundation has awarded over \$275 million in grants and scholarships on behalf of local people, families and businesses – and through its flagship program to grow charitable giving in the capital area, Big Day of Giving. The center of philanthropy in the capital area, the Foundation’s mission is to lead, serve, and inspire enduring philanthropy for a just and vibrant Sacramento region. Learn more at [www.sacregef.org](http://www.sacregef.org). ★

## Winter’s Rapist Recommended for Parole Under State’s Elder Parole Hearing Process

*Israel Ceja was convicted of 20 counts of Forcible Rape and other charges in 2000*

### Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Convicted rapist Israel Ceja was recommended for elder parole last week by a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings. The hearing took place virtually.

In 1993, Ceja married the victim’s mother and began participating in bathing the victim, who was then 11 years old. He began molesting her and she was in fear that she would be removed from her mother’s care if she reported sexual abuse, again. The defendant knew a former boyfriend of her mother had sexually abused the victim, leading her to be removed from the home.

The defendant’s abuse

progressed and continued until the victim fainted in public in 1999 and was taken to the hospital where it was discovered she was pregnant. The DNA of the fetus confirmed the defendant was the genetic father. Investigation determined that he had tried to make her jump from the house and a truck ramp to try to induce miscarriage. Additionally in July of 1999, after coming home intoxicated from a party, he had pointed a gun at the victim, accused her of looking at other men, then pulled the trigger. Fortunately, it did not fire, and the victim was able to escape.

On Sept. 29, 2000, a Yolo County jury convicted Ceja of multiple counts of forcible rape, assault with a firearm, child

endangerment and lewd acts. On Nov. 1, 2000, the Honorable Timothy Fall sentenced Ceja to 139 years in state prison.

The Elderly Parole Program in California allows inmates who are 50 years or older, and have served at least 20 years in prison, or those who are 60 and have served 25 years, to be considered for release from prison. However, certain offenders, such as those sentenced to death or life without parole, are excluded consideration. Ceja is 63 years old and had served 26 ½ years in custody at the time of this hearing. He had previously waived his first Elder Parole hearing in 2022, to enable him to do further programming and work on himself.

Commissioner Neil Schneider

and Deputy Commissioner Letizia Pinitore agreed that Ceja no longer poses an unreasonable risk to society if released. Commissioner Schneider explained that his age, his extensive programming, numerous laudatory notes, lack of misconduct while incarcerated, his lower Static-99 score (sexual re-offense risk rating) and Criminal Risk Assessment, as well as his “genuine” plans for parole, that were very “authentic and real,” all led to the joint decision to recommend him for parole.

The case now goes to the Governor to review the Parole Board’s decision. The Governor will make the final decision to accept or reject the parole recommendation.

Attempts to locate and contact the victim were not successful and she was not present for the hearing. The Yolo County District Attorney’s Office attended the hearing and opposed Ceja’s release. Ceja will be subject to terms and conditions on parole and is required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

“California law allows for inmates serving life, or the equivalent of life as in this case, to be considered for parole. Based on his age, the length of time served in custody, and the positive work he has done, the commissioners believed Ceja did not pose an unreasonable risk to public safety,” said Chief DDA Melinda Aiello. ★

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### TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 010-570-010-000 TS No: CA09000195-25-1 TO No: 250584424-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED November 23, 2020. 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 March 17, 2026 at 01:00 PM, North Entrance, West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on November 30, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0041386, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by NICHOLAS AGAR, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE as Beneficiary,

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold “as is”. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 424 HARRIET LN, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, or the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee’s Sale is estimated to be \$296,575.87 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will

increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary’s bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee’s Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 visit the Internet Website address [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee’s Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000195-25-1.

Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 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 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA09000195-25-1 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. 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Date: January 29, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000195-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0484406 To: NEWS LEDGER 02/13/2026, 02/20/2026, 02/27/2026 NEWS LEDGER 2-27-26

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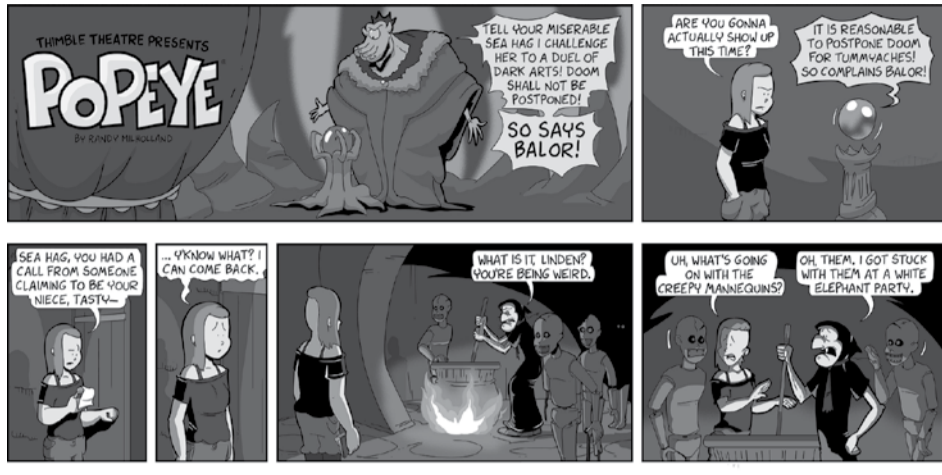
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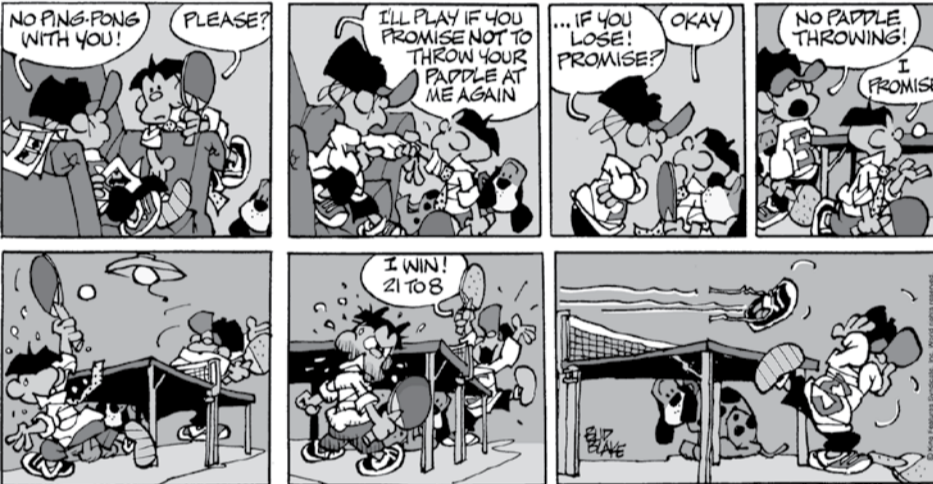
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24. Reach a high
25. Color of passion
28. Agitate
30. Like Matryoshka inside Matryoshka
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# California Gas Prices Edge Higher as February Kicks Off

*Gas prices are up as spring nears but are still cheaper than 2025 prices.*

## AAA Mountain West Group News Release

**CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - The month of February is kicking off with higher gas prices across California. The statewide average for a gallon of regular gasoline rose 13 cents since last week to \$4.39. That price is still 11 cents lower than this time last year.

The national average for a gallon of regular is up a couple of cents from last week at \$2.89. Current prices remain below what they were this time last year when the national average was \$3.12.

"Gasoline demand is down as fewer drivers hit the road during the recent winter storms. But this is the time of year when pump prices start nudging higher, as spring approaches and refineries start making the switch to summer-blend gasoline production," said Doug Johnson, spokesperson, AAA Mountain West Group.

Fuel prices around the state vary by city, with San Francisco reporting the highest average at \$4.61 per gallon, followed by Oakland at \$4.46 and San Jose at \$4.39. Sacramento's average stands at \$4.37, while Fresno reports \$4.31, and Stockton has the lowest among these cities at \$4.25 per gallon.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand decreased last week from 8.75 million b/d to 8.15 million. Total domestic gasoline supply increased from 257.2



This is the time of year when pump prices start nudging higher, as spring approaches and refineries start making the switch to summer-blend gasoline production. Photo courtesy of Freepik

million barrels to 257.9 million. Gasoline production decreased last week, averaging 9.0 million barrels per day.

### Oil Market Dynamics

At the close of Feb. 5 formal trading session, WTI rose \$1.93 to settle at \$65.14 a barrel. The Energy Information Administration reports crude oil inventories decreased by 3.5 million barrels from the previous week. At 420.3 million barrels,

U.S. crude oil inventories are about 4% below the five-year average for this time of year.

### EV Charging

The national average per kilowatt hour of electricity at a public EV charging station remains at 38 cents. In California, the average cost is 42 cents.

### Gas

The nation's top 10 most expensive

gasoline markets are Hawaii (\$4.40), California (\$4.39), Washington (\$3.97), Nevada (\$3.51), Oregon (\$3.49), Alaska (\$3.46), Washington, DC (\$3.09), Arizona (\$3.08), Pennsylvania (\$3.08), and Illinois (\$3.03).

The nation's top 10 least expensive gasoline markets are Oklahoma (\$2.36), Arkansas (\$2.44), Texas (\$2.45), Mississippi (\$2.45), Kansas (\$2.47), Louisiana (\$2.49), Missouri (\$2.50), Tennessee (\$2.50), Iowa (\$2.54), and Alabama (\$2.55).

### Electric

The nation's top 10 most expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are West Virginia (51 cents), Alaska (48 cents), Hawaii (45 cents), Louisiana (45 cents), New Hampshire (43 cents), California (42 cents), South Carolina (41 cents), New Jersey (41 cents), Alabama (41 cents), and Tennessee (41 cents).

The nation's top 10 least expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are Kansas (25 cents), Wyoming (27 cents), Missouri (27 cents), Nebraska (29 cents), Delaware (31 cents), Utah (31 cents), Maryland (31 cents), Iowa (32 cents), Vermont (32 cents), and Michigan (33 cents).

Drivers can find current gas and electric charging prices along their route using the AAA Mobile App, now available on CarPlay. Find current fuel prices at gasprices.aaa.com. Find local news releases at mwg.aaa.com/news/press-release. ★

## Assembly Democrats Refuse to Stop a Double Tax on Drivers

*Lawmakers vote against stopping a per-mile driving tax from being added on top of the gas tax*

### Assembly Republican Caucus News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Recently, Assembly Democrats passed a bill to study a new mileage tax in addition to the gas tax. Feb. 2, they doubled down by

refusing to add protections that would stop drivers from being charged twice.

Republicans offered a proposal, ACA 12 (Wallis), that would have required clear taxpayer protections to be written into the California Constitution before any per-mile

driving tax could move forward. Those protections would not allow a mileage tax to be added on top of the gas tax and require any per-mile charge to be fair and uniform.

"First, they want to tax gasoline and ban combustion engines to force California drivers into

electric vehicles, then they realize that means less revenues from gas taxes so they come up with a mileage tax to cover the difference," said Assemblymember Heath Flora.

"This is the last thing we should be thinking about; creative ways

to tax Californians who already pay among the highest taxes while having the highest cost-of-living in the country."

By voting down the proposal, Assembly Democrats made it clear they intend to charge Californians twice just to drive. ★

## United Way to Help Residents this Tax Season

### United Way Capital Region News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Local residents throughout the Sacramento region are eligible to file their taxes for free through United Way California Capital Region's Free Tax Prep program that runs through April 15.

Households that earned less than \$68,000 in 2025 can file for free, and trained tax volunteers will help maximize cash back from state and federal credits, including the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC and CalEITC).

United Way's Free Tax Prep program saves participants an average of \$200 in preparer fees. The program provides free tax help virtually and in person in multiple languages and locations across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. United Way recommends filing as early as possible to receive tax credits sooner. For more information or to sign up: [www.YourFreeTaxPrep.org](http://www.YourFreeTaxPrep.org) or call 2-1-1.

This year, the local United



Members of United Way's Free Tax Prep team help a client sign in to have her taxes prepared in 2025. The program is now open for the current tax season. Photo courtesy of United Way

Way is partnering with Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way to offer its Free Tax Prep program in Colusa, Sutter and Yuba counties as well. For services in that region, call 844-546-1464.

"At United Way, we believe every family deserves the dignity and peace of mind that comes from financial stability," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way

California Capital Region. "Our Free Tax Prep program is more than a service; it's an opportunity for our community to keep more of what they've earned and to build a stronger foundation for the future. When we remove barriers and open doors, families thrive – and when families thrive, our entire region grows stronger together."

Since 2020, United Way's Free

Tax Prep program has helped more than 28,000 people across the region file their taxes for free, with nearly \$40 million received in total federal refunds.

For those interested in volunteering for the program, more Free Tax Prep volunteers are needed. Each year, hundreds of Free Tax Prep volunteers donate their time helping people file taxes online or at dozens

of in-person sites. For more information, visit [www.YourFreeTaxPrep.org](http://www.YourFreeTaxPrep.org).

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities and helping kids excel in school, to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential and thrive.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, works with foster youth across school districts, launched the region's first guaranteed income program and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. To make a donation, visit [www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org](http://www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org). ★

## Sacramento Educators Among Statewide Education Grant Recipients

### SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, Education Foundation for California Schools News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Education Foundation for California Schools, a nonprofit created by SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and the Orange County Department of Education, awarded 95 grants to teachers in California to support programs that inspire students to learn and excel in core subjects, including language arts, science, mathematics, foreign language and social studies.

The grants, awarded in \$1,000 and \$5,000 funding levels, totaled more than \$280,000. The Education Foundation for California Schools awards grants to California teachers from kindergarten to community college. Grants may be used to purchase materials or equipment to support the development of new programs in core subjects.

Among the 95 educators honored statewide, seven Sacramento County teachers were selected to receive grants, a distinction shared by only 12 counties across California.

"For more than two decades, the teacher grant program has celebrated the passion and innovation of California's educators," said Josh Smith, vice president, school and community

relations at SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and executive director of the Education Foundation. "These grants help educators teach in meaningful ways by bringing new educational resources into the classroom, expanding learning opportunities for their students."

Grant recipients represent 45 school districts spanning Northern and Southern California Placer, Sacramento and Yuba counties.

### About SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union serving school employees and their families, and for the seventh year in a row, Forbes has named SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union the top credit union in California. The organization is dedicated to delivering World-Class Personal Service and improving the financial lives of its members.

In J.D. Power's 2025 inaugural U.S. Credit Union Satisfaction Study, its members ranked them #1 for overall satisfaction. Today they serve more than 1.5 million members with a full range of financial products and services. SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union was founded in 1934, when 126 school employees pooled \$1,200 and established a member-owned cooperative to help improve each other's

lives. The credit union has more than \$35 billion in assets and remains the largest credit union in California and the third largest credit union in the United States. For more information about SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, visit [schoolsfirstfcu.org](http://schoolsfirstfcu.org). Insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

### About the Education Foundation for California Schools

The Education Foundation for California Schools is a nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 2003 by SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and the Orange County Department of Education to provide financial assistance to teachers in California public and private schools through grants. The grants help fund educational programs that impact students throughout the state. Every year, grants are awarded to California teachers from kindergarten to community college and can be used for materials or equipment to support the development of new educational programs in core subjects. Since 2003, more than 1,000 teachers have received grants totaling more than \$2.5 million. Applications are submitted in October each year and are chosen based on various factors. For more information about the Education Foundation for California Schools, visit [caeducationfoundation.org](http://caeducationfoundation.org). ★

# Gymnastics Sweeps MPSF Weekly Awards

## UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the first time this season UC Davis gymnastics has brought home Mountain Pacific Sports Federation weekly awards sweeping all three following the weekend with Amelia Moneymaker (Gymnast of the Week), Molly Osborne (Freshman of the Week) and Avah Reichow (Specialist of the Week) all bringing home the honors.

UC Davis used the top performances by the three Aggies to win its quad meet at Sacramento State on Saturday, Jan. 23, besting the Hornets, Western Michigan and UW-Whitewater at the Nest.

For the 18th time in her career, extending her school record, and 13th-straight time (school record) going back to last season Moneymaker broke the 39,000 threshold in the all-around, winning the title at Sacramento State with a mark of 39.275. Along the way she posted the first 9.900 (beam) by an Aggie this season and won the individual floor (9.875) and beam events. The



Pictured is Molly Osborne, who was named UC Davis Gymnastics Freshman of the Week. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

Aggie all-rounder added a season-high mark of 9.825 for a second-place finish on bars to help power the Aggies to the quad meet victory.

Moneymaker was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Gymnast of the Week four times in 2025, with this being her first of 2026.

Osborne played her part on beam, posting a career-high

mark of 9.800 that gave her a fourth-place finish on that event. Osborne also had solid marks on vault (9.700) and bars (9.725) to add to the Aggie totals that eventually gave them the meet victory, sending stingers down.

With career highs on both beam and floor, Reichow brought home her first career Mountain Pacific Sports Federation weekly award after top finishes across

three events. On floor, Reichow finished second just behind Moneymaker, posting a 9.850 to help UC Davis sweep the podium and win the overall floor event. While on vault her 9.750 gave her a fifth-place finish to go along with her 9.700 on beam.

General admission for all meets runs \$13 while youth (3-13), UC Davis staff members and fans Seniors (65-plus) can

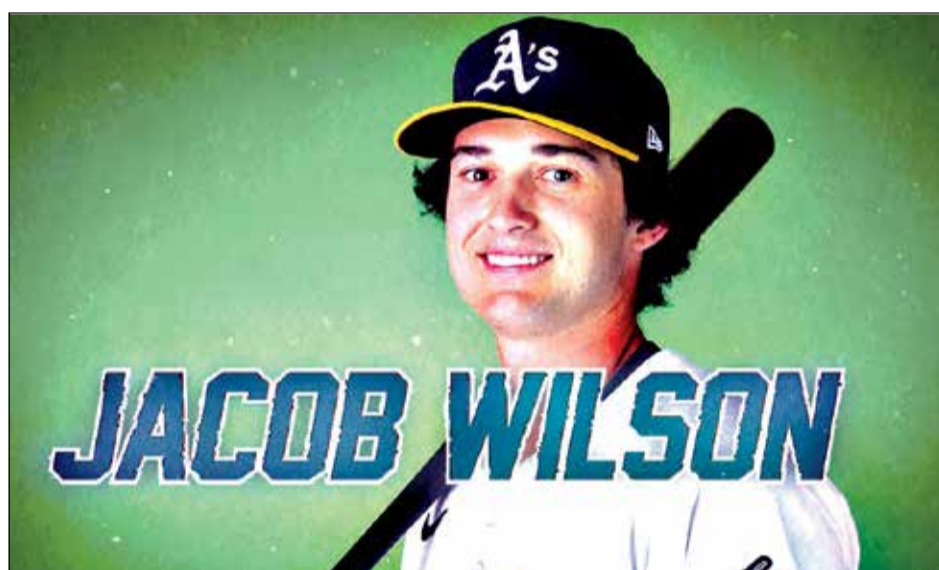
get in the door for \$10. Group outings (minimum of 10) can get their tickets at \$10 apiece. With the \$80 Flexbook, fans receive 10 general admission ticket vouchers that can be redeemed for any of the four home meets during the season in any combination desired. Fans can secure their spot in the University Credit Union Center by hitting the link, by calling the Aggie Ticket Office at (530) 752-2471 or by emailing the Aggie Ticket Office at [aggietickets@ucdavis.edu](mailto:aggietickets@ucdavis.edu).

About UC Davis Athletics

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

## A's Agree to Terms with SS Jacob Wilson

## Midfielder Pep Casas to Join 2026 Campaign



The Athletics have agreed to terms with shortstop Jacob Wilson on a seven-year contract through the 2032 season. Photo courtesy of MLB

### Athletics News Release

LAS VEGAS, NV (MPG) - The Athletics have agreed to terms with shortstop Jacob Wilson on a seven-year contract through the 2032 season with a club option for 2033, the club announced today.

Wilson batted .311 with 13 home runs, 63 RBI, .355 OBP and an .800 OPS in 125 games last season with the A's. He struck out just 39 times in 2025 and his 13.41 strikeouts per plate appearance were second fewest in MLB behind San Diego's Luis Arraez (32.14). His .311 batting average was tied second highest in MLB in 2025 behind New York-AL's Aaron Judge (.331) and tied with Toronto's Bo Bichette.

Wilson earned American League Rookie of the Month honors for the month of May after posting a .368/.437/.538 slashline with six doubles, four home runs, 16 RBI and just eight strikeouts in May. He was the runner-up for American League Rookie of the Year to teammate Nick Kurtz, marking the first time a team has had the first and second place finishers in American League Rookie of the Year Voting since the 1984 Mariners (Alvin Davis, Mark Langston).

Wilson was elected by the fans as

starting shortstop for the American League in the 2025 All-Star Game and became the first rookie shortstop to be elected by the fans. He was also the second rookie shortstop to start an All-Star Game along with the Orioles Ron Hansen, who started both All-Star Games in 1960. He was the first Athletic to start an All-Star Game since Josh Donaldson at third base in 2014 and the first shortstop since Bert Campaneris made three straight starts from 1973-75.

Since debuting on July 19, 2024, Wilson is a career .301 hitter with 13 home runs, 66 RBI and a .772 OPS in 153 games in two seasons in the majors. He was the A's first round selection in the 2023 First-Year Player Draft out of Grand Canyon University.

Wilson is one of four players under contract through at least the 2028 season, when the A's are scheduled to open their new ballpark in Las Vegas. He joins Lawrence Butler, who inked a seven-year deal through the 2031 season with a club option for 2032 on Mar. 10, 2025, Brent Rooker, who signed a five-year contract through 2029 with a club option for 2030 on Jan. 23, 2025, and Tyler Soderstrom, who signed a seven-year contract through 2032 with a club option for 2033 on Dec. 29, 2025. ★

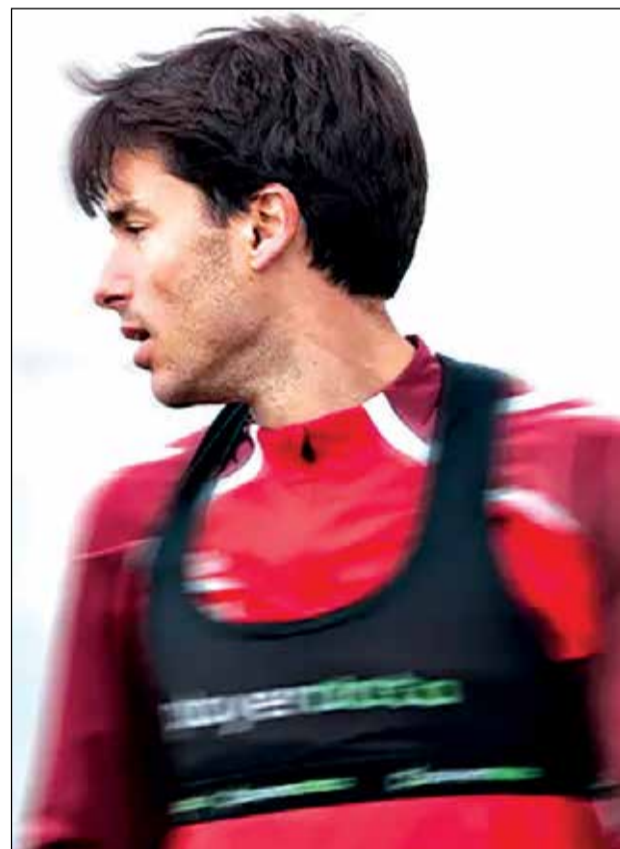
### Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC recently announced that the club has signed midfielder José "Pep" Casas. He will be added to the team's roster pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Pep fits the mold for the types of talented, up-and-coming players who do well in USL Championship," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "We look forward to welcoming him to the Indomitable Club and are excited to be a part of this next step in his career."

Casas added, "I'm really excited to join Sacramento Republic. It's a club with a great culture and passionate fans, and I can't wait to get started and give everything I have for the team."

A native of Barcelona, Spain, Casas got his start in FC Barcelona's famed youth academy, La Masia. He later made the move to English club Ipswich Town before closing out his youth career in Spain with CE Europa. The 25-year-old came to the United States to begin his collegiate career Indiana Tech before transferring to University of North Carolina Wilmington. With the Seahawks, he appeared in every game possible and recorded two goals and two assists and earned selection to the 2023 Coastal



Sacramento Republic FC recently announced that the club has signed midfielder José "Pep" Casas. Photo courtesy Sacramento Republic FC

Athletic Association Second Team.

In 2024, Casas was selected 61st overall in the Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft by Inter Miami CF. He made two Major League Soccer appearances for the club before joining Inter Miami CF II. With the Major League Soccer (MLS) NEXT Pro side, he made 25 appearances and added two assists, while maintaining an impressive 86 percent passing accuracy. Last year, he joined Nashville SC's reserve side Huntsville City FC and played over 2,000 minutes to help the team reach

the postseason for the first time. He closed out the season with a stellar 91 percent pass success rate.

Sacramento Republic FC will open the 2026 season at home on March 7 when the Indomitable Club hosts Western Conference Champion FC Tulsa. Kickoff for the 13th season is set for 7 p.m. at Heart Health Park. Fans secure their seat for the entire 2026 season by becoming a member today and lock in the lowest prices of the year. Group tickets are on sale now and single match tickets will be available beginning Feb. 5 at [SacRepublicFC.com](http://SacRepublicFC.com). ★

## Men's Tennis Wins the 2025 CCCAA Team GPA Award



### American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For the second consecutive season, and the third in four years, the ARC men's tennis team won the CCCAA Team GPA Award. The honor goes to the men's tennis team that

had the highest cumulative team GPA in the state of California. The Beavers also won the award in three consecutive seasons from 2008-2010. In 2025 the program posted its highest team GPA in their history, with an overall GPA of 3.89, far surpassing their previous record of 3.53 set in 2024. ★

For the second consecutive season, and the third in four years, the ARC men's tennis team won the CCCAA Team GPA Award. Photo courtesy American River College

# Art, Activism and Ink

*Jos Sances to Lead Screen-Printing Workshop at UC Davis*

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

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - The UC Davis Art/Science Fusion Program is sponsoring a series of five hands-on screen-printing workshops taught by celebrated artist, muralist, printmaker and activist Jos Sances of Berkeley.

Sances, an internationally renowned artist, will teach the screen-printing workshops from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 28, March 1, March 7-8 and March 15 in the Labudio, located in Rooms 126-142 of the Environmental Horticulture Building, UC Davis campus. (The word, "Labudio," is coined from laboratory and studio.)

The fee for the entire series is \$200, with all materials provided, said UC Davis Distinguished Professor Emerita Diane Ullman, director emerita of the Art/Science Fusion Program.

Participants will leave with the ability to create art and print it independently, Ullman said.

Participants will learn to create and prepare images for screen-printing (drawings, paintings, photographs and scratchboards); prepare screens, clean screens and burn images; print on paper, fabric and clay; print in multiple colors; and use diverse inks and emulsions.

To register or to learn more information, contact Professor Ullman at [deullman@ucdavis.edu](mailto:deullman@ucdavis.edu).

Sances maintains a website, "The Art of Jos Sances," at <https://www.josart.net/>. His art can be found in numerous public museum collections, including the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Birmingham Museum



**Internationally celebrated artist Jos Sances of Berkeley at work in his screen-printing studio. Sances will be teaching a series of five workshops sponsored by the UC Davis Art/Science Fusion Program. Photo courtesy of Kathy Keatley Garvey**

of Art, American Labor Museum (Haledon, N.J.), Oakland Museum of California and Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, among others.

Born John Joseph Sances in Boston in 1952 to Sicilian parents, Jos studied at Montserrat School of Visual Arts (now Montserrat College of Art), Beverly, Mass. In 1976, he moved to California, where he became active in art and politics. In 1980, he co-founded Mission Grafica, the printmaking studio at the Mission Cultural Center, San Francisco, where he worked until 1988.

Sances is the founder (1989) and director of Alliance Graphics, a Berkeley-based unionized screenprint shop serving the

artistic and activist communities. He is also a founding member of the Great Tortilla Conspiracy, "a satirical performance collective that screenprints images – often political and irreverent – onto tortillas using chocolate, creating edible works of art that blur the boundaries between performance, humor and activism," according to the Warnock Fine Arts website.

"In 2010 and 2016, the Library of Congress acquired nearly 500 of his prints, creating a significant record of his career output," relates Warnock Fine Arts.

"His work has been exhibited widely, including in "Committed to Print" at New York's Museum of Modern Art, at La Sorbonne in Paris (2022), and in "Printing

the Revolution!: The Rise and Impact of Chicano Graphics 1965 to Now" at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, where Sances was one of the few non-Chicano artists featured.

He has completed murals at the Oakland Coliseum, tile installations at BART and AMTRAK stations and collaborative projects with Art Hazelwood at the Castro Valley Library and San Francisco's Arnett Watson Apartments. His international projects include tile mural workshops in Todos Santos, Mexico and Dheisheh Refugee Camp in Palestine.

Sances created the monumental scratchboard masterpiece "Or, The Whale," which was displayed in the 2019

exhibition "Here Is the Sea" at the Richmond Art Center. The sperm whale drawing, depicted in 119 panels, measures 51 inches long by 14 feet wide and details the history and cost of American capitalism. "Or, The Whale" is now on view at the Mystic Seaport Museum in Stonington, Conn., through Jan. 21, 2027.

Ullman, an internationally recognized entomologist, professor and artist, co-founded the UC Davis Art/Science Fusion Program with artist Donna Billick in 1997 and both co-directed the program. Since then, it has been "a hot bed of innovation, bridging art and science with diverse undergraduate courses, exhibitions, performances and colloquia with collaboration among design faculty, science faculty, museum educators, professors, artists and UC Davis students," Ullman said.

The program's large scale, ceramic-mosaic projects range from "Nature's Gallery" (wall sculpture of plants and insects) in the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, to "A Bird's Eye View" (raptors and the insects they eat) on an outer wall of the visitors' center at the California Raptor Center on Old Davis Road, UC Davis campus.

Today, as the director emerita of the UC Davis Art/Science Fusion Program, Ullman works closely with her colleague, urban landscape entomologist Emily Meineke, assistant professor, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, and the new director of the Art/Science Fusion Program. Meineke is leading a ceramic-mosaic mural project by the Arboretum plant nursery. ★

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