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Dan Russell of the California Raptor Center on Old Davis Road, UC Davis, showing a red-tailed hawk at the 2025 UC Davis Biodiversity Museum Day. Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

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

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The 15th Annual UC Davis Biodiversity Museum Day, set Saturday, Feb. 21 and featuring 12 museums or collections across campus, is a "Super Science Day" where you can watch a carnivorous plant eat a fly, pet a stick insect, photograph a bald eagle, time-travel two billion

years, stare down a T. rex, learn how to plant a pollinator garden, try your hand at flintknapping, laugh at yeast jokes and take home seed cookies for the pollinators.

The event, free and family-friendly, and within a time frame of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is a place where visitors can engage one-on-one with scientists. It is a day to discover, explore and connect, said committee chair Tabatha Yang, education and outreach

coordinator for the Bohart Museum of Entomology. Participating museums are as follows.

The Anthropology Museum, open noon to 4 p.m., is temporarily housed in Wickson Hall, West Entrance, while Young Hall is undergoing renovations.

Arboretum and Public Garden, open noon to 4 p.m. is located at Habitat Gardens in the Environmental

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Jobseekers Invited to Countywide Job Fair

Yolo County News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Yolo County jobseekers are invited to an in-person Job Fair taking place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23 at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 East 14th St. in Davis.

This event will bring together more than 30 employers recruiting to fill full-time, part-time and seasonal positions in industries including banking, customer service, IT, healthcare, sales, food service, manufacturing, trucking, warehouse and hospitality.

The job fair is a collaborative effort by YoloWorks!, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) and the Yolo County Workforce Innovation Board, in partnership with the City of Davis and Davis Chamber of Commerce.

Jobseekers can expect to meet with hiring managers from a wide range of industries, providing opportunities to network and explore available positions. Attendees are encouraged to bring their resumes and engage with employers who have immediate openings.

Employers participating in the Job Fair include: Advance Kids; Allied Universal; Alta California Regional Center; Best Version Media; BMO bank; California Department of Developmental Services; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE); California Department of Housing and Community Development; California Department of Public Health; California Department of Water Resources; Center for Workers' Rights; ChildCare Careers; Davis Joint Unified School District; Employment Development Department - Workforce Services Branch; Estes Express Lines; Franchise Tax Board; Full Steam Staffing; Gold Star Foods; Goodwill Industries of Sacramento Valley and Northern Nevada; Holt of California; Medical

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Vegan Outreach Presents: Mac Down Davis

The Ultimate Mac & Cheese Showdown

Vegan Outreach News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Get ready for the cheesiest event of the year! Vegan Outreach is thrilled to present Mac Down Davis, a fun, family-friendly competition where local chefs go head-to-head to create the most delicious vegan mac and cheese in town.

The event will take place on March 1 from noon to 2 p.m. at Davis Community Church Fellowship Hall, 421 D Street. Tickets are \$15 per person available now on Eventbrite, Not Vegan? No problem! Use code "TRYVEGAN" for \$3 off your ticket. You get to be the judge!



Don't miss your chance to discover new favorite dishes and help crown the best vegan mac and cheese in Davis. Photo courtesy of Vegan Outreach

Attendees will have the chance to sample each mac and vote for their favorite

creation. In addition to sampling irresistible mac and cheese,

guests can explore a variety of plant-based treats

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Vegan Outreach Presents: Mac Down Davis

Art Show Celebrates Women's History Month



Vegan Outreach is thrilled to present Mac Down Davis, a fun, family-friendly competition. Photo courtesy of Vegan Outreach

Continued from page 1 from local vendors and connect with other community organizations. Don't miss your chance to discover new favorite dishes and help crown the best vegan mac and cheese in Davis! The six competing chefs include: Chef Delaney from The Caring Kitchen, Chef Miya from Taste and See Desserts, Chef Rachel, Sanctuary Mixtape, Davis Food Co-op, and

Kids Club Veg. For event inquiries, or to learn about vendor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Jackie at JackieV@VeganOutreach.org. For more information visit tinyurl.com/davismac. The Vegan Chef Challenge invites diners to experience the many benefits of a plant-based diet by signing up for the free 10 Weeks to Vegan program. This guided challenge gives participants

everything they need to get started with eating vegan. Each week, participants receive nutritional tips, product recommendations, and recipes. To learn more, visit: 10weeks.org. *Vegan Outreach is an international, nonprofit organization aiming to reduce animal suffering by promoting a vegan lifestyle through education and making vegan options more accessible.* ★



The Women's History Month exhibition will be on display through Tuesday, March 31, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

By MPG Staff
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gallery 1075 is holding their annual Women's History Month Art Show from 6 to 8 p.m. March 12 at the West Sacramento Community Center Thursday. The event offers an evening filled with culture, insight and artistry. The event is free to attend and all ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. The Women's History Month exhibition will be on display through Tuesday, March 31, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibition's reception will be held Thursday, March 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. There is limited street parking along West Capitol Ave. According to the city, visitors may use the City Hall and Community Center parking lots. Visitors will enter on the south side of the building next to the Community Center Parking lot. For Community Center Parking: Turn

onto Merkley Ave and use the parking lot entrance at the Arthur F. Turner Yolo County Library. Continue through the parking lot. The Community Center parking lot will be on the right. If you are a person with a disability and need an accommodation to participate in the city's programs, services, activities and meetings, email ada@cityofwestsacramento.org at least 72 hours in advance to request an auxiliary aid or accommodation. Learn more about Gallery 1075 and future exhibitions at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/community-center/gallery-1075>. This event is organized and implemented by the City of West Sacramento Parks & Recreation Department. For more information about Gallery 1075 events contact Evan Harté Lead Recreation Leader / Gallery 1075 Curator at evanh@cityofwestsacramento.org or 916-617-5150. ★

\$2 Million in Air District Grants Now Available

Applications open for emissions reduction projects

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release
DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is now accepting applications for more than \$2 million in grant funding to support projects that reduce air pollution and improve public health across the region. Through the District's Clean Air Funds program and its 2026 Solicitation for Grant Funding, financial assistance is available for projects focused on clean vehicle technology, alternative transportation, transit services and public education. "These grant programs are a critical investment in cleaner air and healthier communities," Executive Director Gretchen Bennett said. "By supporting

innovative projects across our region, we're helping local agencies, businesses, and organizations reduce emissions, improve transportation options, and expand public awareness about the importance of clean air." New this year, all applications will be submitted entirely online, streamlining the process and improving efficiency. Applicants may save their progress and return later to complete and submit their applications. **Clean Air Funds Program** The Clean Air Funds program encourages private businesses, nonprofit organizations and public agencies to implement cost-effective projects that reduce mobile-source emissions within the

district. There are four eligible project categories: Clean Vehicle Technology, Alternative Transportation, Transit Services and Public Education. Previously funded projects include bike racks at the City of Woodland's new aquatic center, an electric van and charging station for the Vacaville Boys and Girls Club and the integration of new air quality curriculum into Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano's disaster preparedness outreach efforts in vulnerable communities. For the District's 2026 Clean Air Funds Grant Program, \$470,000 is available: \$120,000 for Yolo County projects and \$350,000 for Solano County projects. Funding is awarded competitively by the District's Board of Directors. The application



In 2025, Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano received a \$25,000 Clean Air Funds grant to integrate air quality curriculum into its disaster preparedness outreach efforts across the two counties. Photo courtesy of Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano

deadline is 5 p.m. on April 10. To apply, visit ysaqmd.org/CAF. **2026 Solicitation for Grant Funding** The district also has \$1.6 million available through the Carl Moyer, Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives, Targeted Airshed Grant (TAG) and AB 923 Programs. These grants support projects such as replacing heavy-duty diesel-powered fleet and off-road vehicles and installing charging infrastructure. Eligible entities must operate within the district's jurisdiction. If demand exceeds available funding, a random drawing will be held to select recipients. The application deadline for the 2026 Solicitation is 5 p.m. on May 1. To apply, visit ysaqmd.org/solicitation. To assist potential applicants, the district will host an informational webinar at 10 a.m. on March 11 via Zoom. The session will provide an overview of funding opportunities, eligibility requirements, and the application process. Advance registration is required. New this year, district staff will also host weekly grant office hours to provide technical assistance and answer questions. Office hours begin Monday, Feb. 23, and will be held Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the district office, located at 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103, in Davis, or virtually via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87072325372#success>. The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the district is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties. For more information, visit ysaqmd.org. Connect with the Air District via Facebook, X, LinkedIn and Nextdoor. ★

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Science Day Spectacular



The UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden will be among the 12 museums or collections featured at the 15th annual UC Davis Biodiversity Museum Day on Saturday, Feb. 21. This is an activity from last year's Biodiv Day. Photo courtesy of Arboretum and Public Garden

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GATEway.

Bee Haven, 1 Bee Biology Road, off Hutchison, then Hopkins Road is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bohart Museum of Entomology, Room 1124, Academic Surge Building, and hallway, 455 Crocker Lane is open noon to 4 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, Kleiber Hall Drive, is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

California Raptor Center, 1340 Equine Lane, off Old Davis Road, is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Center for Plant Diversity, 1026 Katherine Esau Science Hall, is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Design Museum, 124 Cruess Hall, 375 California Ave. is open noon to 4 p.m.

Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology, Academic Surge Building, 455 Crocker Lane is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nematode Collection, 1026 Katherine Esau Science Hall is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Paleontology Collection, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Room 1309, Crocker Lane is open noon to 4 p.m.

Phaff Yeast Culture Collection, Robert Mondavi Institute Brewery and Food Processing Facility is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Special Attraction: Speakers' Series

There will be a speakers' series from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Silverado Vineyards'

Sensory Theatre of the Sensory Building, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, 392 Old Davis Road. The schedule:

4 p.m.: Pallavi Shakya, doctoral candidate, lab of nematologist Shahid Siddique, "Into the Nematode World."

4:15 p.m.: Samantha "Sam" Murray, education and garden coordinator of The Bee Haven and member of the bee lab of Elina Niño, who will present "Creating Your Own Pollinator Haven"

4:30 p.m.: Tracy Thomson, UC Davis Earth and Planetary Sciences, research assistant, "Hobnobbing in the Cretaceous: What's Up With Dinosaur Forelimbs?" He will present a new hypothesis about the function of alvarezsaurid or long-legged dinosaurs.

4:45 p.m.: Kyria Boundy-Mills, collection curator and research microbiologist, Phaff Yeast Collection. "Creative Uses of Yeasts."

More than 300 faculty, students and staff will be staffing the displays. Maps can be downloaded on the website at <https://biodiversitymuseumday.ucdavis.edu/> and will be available onsite. Food vendor trucks will be parked by the Katherine Esau Science Hall.

For a summary of the events, see the UC Davis Entomology and Nematology website at <https://tinyurl.com/y8a9wf2s>

For those who wish to donate funds to support this free and family friendly event, the donation page is at <https://give.ucdavis.edu/CAES/BIOFUND>. ★

Green and Gold Kick off 2026 with Community Spirit



On Sunday, Jan. 18, the Athletics sponsored a free community skate day at the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink. Photo courtesy of the Athletics

Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The new year is here, and so is a fresh chapter for the Green & Gold. With our sights set on 2026, January was all about continuing our commitment to the Sacramento community. Here's how the Athletics kicked off the year.

Nick Kurtz, Brent Rooker, Tyler Soderstrom and Jacob Wilson joined an exclusive Season Ticket Member bowling event at Red Hawk Casino on Saturday, Jan. 17.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, the Athletics sponsored a free community skate day at the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink.

Later that same day, our players cheered on the Sacramento Kings as they took on the Portland Trail

Blazers. The group also spent time with A's Season Ticket members during the game.

The following day, Monday, Jan. 19, we honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In recognition of his enduring call to service, Kurtz, Rooker, Soderstrom, Wilson and members of the Athletics front office joined local residents for a community clean-up at Valley High School in Sacramento, sponsored by EcoPress Sacramento.

The fun continued on Tuesday, Jan. 20, with a school visit to Westfield Village Elementary in West Sacramento. The group stopped by several first-third grade classrooms to read books and sign autographs for the students. Each student at the school received a Brent Rooker Bobblehead and each



Wilson and members of the Athletics front office joined local residents for a community clean-up at Valley High School in Sacramento, sponsored by EcoPress Sacramento. Photo courtesy of the Athletics

school staff member was given two tickets to a 2026 A's home game.

Later that day, West Sacramento Mayor Guerrero recognized Kurtz with a proclamation celebrating his Rookie of the Year Award and declaring Jan. 20 Nick Kurtz Day. ★

United Way to Hold Fourth Annual United in Purpose Gala



Dr. Dawnté Early of United Way California Capital Region celebrates with program participants at the end of the 2025 United in Purpose Gala. Tickets are on sale now for the 2026 Gala. Photo courtesy of United Way California Capital Region

United Way California Capital Region News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Community members are invited to United Way California Capital Region's fourth annual United in Purpose Gala on March 28 at 5 p.m. The event, which will take place at Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, will raise funds for the local United Way's work to ensure all families in the community can thrive.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, dinner, inspirational program, fund a need, live auction, golden ticket raffle and more. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities visit UWCCR.org/Gala.

"Each year, this gala reminds us of what's possible when a community chooses hope over hesitation and purpose over inaction,"

said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "The generosity from this event fuels real change. Change that helps our children dream bigger, helps our families find stability and helps our region grow stronger. When we come together with intention and compassion, we create a future where every child and every family has the opportunity to thrive."

The last three galas raised funds toward United Way's 100th anniversary goal of raising \$3 million to help 10,000 local children excel in school by the end of 2025, which met its goal. United Way will announce a new goal at this year's gala.

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 YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

Learn about the Criminal Justice System at the Yolo County District Attorney's Citizens Academy

Applications Now Being Accepted

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Applications are now being accepted for the annual Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy. The academy is sponsored by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office in cooperation with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol, the Davis Police Department, the UC Davis Police Department, the West Sacramento Police Department, the Winters Police Department, the Woodland Police Department and the Yolo County Probation Department.

The Citizen's Academy is an eight-week journey designed to involve diverse communities in participating in mutual learning about the criminal

justice system. The goal is to educate the public and improve relationships and communication between the many different communities in Yolo County and the criminal justice system. The academy is scheduled to be held in person at the Woodland Police Department in Woodland.

Topics this year will include: the role of the District Attorney; the role of law enforcement; victim services; gangs; restorative justice practices and collaborative courts addressing mental illness and addiction. In past years, participants observed a DUI trial and K-9 officer presentations. Participants will also learn about the innovative programs implemented at the District Attorneys' Office aimed at addressing racial inequity and increasing transparency.

Yolo County District

Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that "The Academy provides a comprehensive look at the criminal justice system in Yolo County. Together we will explore how the system interplays with our communities from West Sacramento to the rural areas. I think participants will be educated, enlightened and entertained."

The Academy will meet every Thursday for eight weeks, from April 23 to June 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. To enroll contact Wendy Wilcox by email at wendy.wilcox@yolocounty.org, by phone at: 530-666-8356, or you can log on to www.yoloda.org for more information. Class space is limited. Applicants must be 18 years of age and be connected to Yolo County through residence, work or education. Application deadline is April 3. ★

Jobseekers Invited to Countywide Job Fair

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Career College of Northern California; Natomas Charter School; Nordstrom Rack - The Davis Collection; Nugget Market, Inc.; Patelco Credit Union; U.S. Army and Army Reserves; UC Davis Temporary

Employment Services; US Postal Service; Washington Unified School District; Yolo 911; Yolo County Human Resources Department; Yolo County IHSS Public Authority - Registry; Yolo Employment Services and YoloWorks!.

Jobseekers are encouraged to register in advance at www.YoloWorks.org. For more information, contact Faisal Alfaty, HHSA Program Coordinator at Faisal.Alfaty@YoloCounty.gov or by phone at (530) 431-6022. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Break the Losing Streak

Well, Kings fans, your hometown team is setting records, albeit not the ones anyone wants.

After leading every team in the NBA in scoring and making the playoffs just 3 short years ago the Sacramento Kings currently own the worst record in the league. Just 12 wins and 44 losses set a Sacramento franchise record entering the all-star break for most anemic effort since the franchise arrived over 40 years ago.

If that sounds bad, it's potentially not the worst news. In all my years of following the NBA never have I so brazenly heard the word tanking bandied about.

Radio hosts and columnists use this word with no apprehension, and many are posing tanking as a form of strategy. Nothing could be more abominable or thoroughly nauseating.

As much as I admire the fan base of the Kings, at no time have I ever considered that this fan base would trade losing games with purpose to potentially acquire a better draft pick.

The day that Doug Christie intentionally tries to lose a basketball game, is the day that I turn in my season tickets and find another organization to support.

Tanking is a dirty word, and it sends a message to the youth of our fan base that no one should want to consider.

The Sacramento Kings have made blatant mistakes to be sure, and injuries have contributed greatly to a paltry 12 wins thus far this season, but at no time have I believed that the owner or the coaching staff of this team is intentionally trying to lose a game.

Hefty fines were recently handed out to the Utah Jazz and Indiana Pacers for intentionally trying to throw basketball games. Yes, tanking is a real thing, and anyone associated with it should be ashamed.

When Adam Silver had the Herculean mountain to climb taking over as commissioner for David Stern, he had no illusions as to what lay ahead and the difficulty of the task. Since 2014 Silver has put into practice all that David Stern tried to teach him, but perhaps his most daunting task is yet before him. It is unlikely that tanking can be stopped 100% of the time, but getting this

dirty word out of our everyday vocabulary is something Adam Silver must conquer.

Don't ever let this nasty concept get watered down Kings fans, because once you open Pandora's box it's ever so hard to put the lid back on.

So, what should the Kings do?

Find the Lion on the team, the very heart of the team, and build around that player! Someone with a heart for winning and an engine that never stops.

Yes, he's here, and his name is Domantas Sabonis! His name is synonymous with winning, and he was the center piece of the team that led the NBA in scoring, while he single-handedly led the NBA in rebounding.

It was a glorious year that saw the Kings finally taste the playoffs and came within a gnat's eyelash of knocking off the Golden State Warriors in the first round of the playoffs.

This was just 3 short years ago, and although the Kings have made monumental missteps such as trading away DeAaron Fox, there remains more than a remnant of talent on this team.

What the Kings need is a steady hand, and someone to bring this talent together.

The upcoming draft looms large, and GM Scott Perry will be tested to see if he can double down on Nique Clifford and Max Raynaud who have acquitted themselves admirably thus far in their rookie debut.

Please Kings fans, don't ever buy into tanking and give it the cold shoulder it deserves. Let's continue in the Sacramento tradition of never giving up and striving to win every game.

We may not have an NBA championship, but don't let anyone say we don't have honor.

The recent acquisition of DeAndre Hunter has yet to make his presence felt but let's welcome him with open arms and see how he can play alongside Keegan Murray who is slated to return soon from injury.

Winning games Kings fans! That's who we are and who we should be.

Get out to a game and let's light the beam together!

All the best!

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Newsom's Spending Binge Outstripped Revenues, Creating California's Chronic Deficit



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

An array of charts buried in the fine print of the state budget, unknown to all but a few fiscal nerds, details what California has collected in revenues and spent over the last half-century.

The current charts in Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed 2026-27 budget reveal how spending has exploded during his governorship, far outstripping stagnant population growth, inflation and even a hefty increase in revenues.

The result, according to both Newsom's Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst Office, is a multibillion-dollar "structural deficit," meaning that revenues cannot cover spending that Newsom and the Legislature have enacted.

"Both our office and the administration expect the state to face multiyear deficits, with estimates ranging from \$20 billion to \$35 billion annually," Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek says in his overview of the proposed budget.

"These deficits are concerning for three reasons. First, after four years of projected deficits and a cumulative total of \$125 billion in budget problems solved so far, the state's negative fiscal situation is now chronic.

"Second, structural deficits have grown — our November outlook is the most negative forecast of the budget's position since the pandemic.

Finally, deficits have persisted even as the state's economy and revenues have grown, underscoring that the problem is structural rather than cyclical. Taken together, these trends raise serious concerns about the state's fiscal sustainability."

The budget's historic charts are important because they support Petek's deficit warning and undercut politicians' temptation to shift the blame to economic conditions, emergencies such as the Los Angeles wildfires or reductions in federal aid by President Donald Trump.

Here's what one chart reveals:

In the seven budgets Newsom has signed, beginning with 2019-20, and the eighth one he has proposed, revenues have increased by 60%, mostly from taxes that tapped into a 48% increase in Californians' personal income during the period. Total spending, however, jumped 72%, from \$203 billion to \$349 billion.

During that same period, the state's population has been stagnant at 39.6 million while inflation at the national level has been 29%, averaging 3.4% a year, with California's inflation slightly lower at about 3%.

In other words, revenues have increased at roughly twice the rate of inflation while spending has jumped even higher.

Those numbers are reflected in a nearly 28% increase in the state's workforce, from 376,990 to 481,850, as the budget expanded programs that were in place when Newsom became governor and added new categories. Spending on health care, especially for low-income Californians, has been one major driver, while constitutional formulas for financing public schools have been another.

Another chart provides a clue to the massive error in revenue projections by Newsom's budget staff in 2022 which sparked the spending surge.

In 2021, as the state's economy began recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown and as billions of dollars in federal relief flooded the state, general fund revenues jumped 53% above the pre-pandemic 2019 level, topping \$200 billion for the first time in history.

For reasons known only to themselves, Newsom and his aides assumed that the new revenues figure would be at least semi-permanent. It fueled Newsom's claim, as the 2022-23 budget was being finalized, that the state enjoyed a \$97.5 billion surplus, and his bragging that "no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this."

Newsom's declaration fueled an immediate spending increase that carried into the following years. But the projected revenue increase turned out to be an illusion, and subsequently the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion over four years.

The structural deficit has been with us ever since, totaling \$125 billion so far, as Petek describes. Newsom clearly envisions a presidential campaign after his governorship ends, but the self-inflicted budget mess may haunt him.

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

Social Security Matters

I'm Still Working; Why Didn't my Benefit Amount Increase



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have been working somewhat consistently since commencing my Social Security benefit income. I've been collecting since my full benefit age of 66, approximately. I'm now 81, and customarily, in about October of each calendar year, Social Security notifies me of additional benefits from my additional work. Not this year.

I earned some \$18,000-\$19,000 in 2025. SS advised I did not meet some 35-year formula. I thought that formula just applied to the original benefit calculation. Otherwise, one seems cheated given the SS taxes paid on income received after applying for benefits without any consideration for that income. Please advise me. **Signed: Feeling Cheated**

Dear Feeling Cheated: FYI, your Social Security benefit is always based on the highest 35 years of your lifetime earnings (with your early years' earnings automatically adjusted for inflation). And that

formula continues even after you start receiving benefits. Social Security will look at your earnings each year to see if your recent earnings are among your highest. If so, they will automatically recalculate your benefit to give you a higher amount (and pay you retroactively to the first of that year). Apparently, in past years, your more recent earnings were among the highest over your lifetime, which is why you received those notifications in the fall of each previous year saying your benefit was adjusted based upon recent earnings. That you didn't get a similar notification this year, means that your earnings in 2024 were not among the highest over your lifetime, so no adjustment to your monthly benefit was appropriate.

Now, to clarify, those annual notices you received in the past always referred to the preceding year — that is, if you received a notice in October 2024 of a higher SS benefit, that was a result of your 2023 earnings. If you got no such notice in October of 2025, that means that your 2024 income was not among the highest over your lifetime. And your 2025 earnings of \$18,000 - \$19,000 will likely not be among your lifetime highest either, so you probably won't get a notice next year either.

It's important to understand that your

contributions to Social Security (i.e., the SS payroll taxes you pay while working) are not put into a separate account for you — rather, they are used to help pay benefits to all beneficiaries. In other words, just contributing to SS with payroll tax from your work earnings doesn't necessarily mean you get a higher benefit. Your SS benefit is always based upon the 35 years in which you earned the most, including recent years if you continue to work. So, you weren't "cheated" — that is simply how the program works — your SS benefit is always based on your highest 35 years of work earnings, including recent years, with earnings from the early years adjusted for inflation.

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Virginia's Clownish Redistricting Scheme

ity -- that votes Republican will be almost completely shut out of congressional seats. And, of course, this is being done in the name of "democracy."

Virginia's move, which still needs to clear hurdles, is a salvo in the mid-decade redistricting wars set off by President Trump and the GOP, beginning in Texas. It was foolhardy of the GOP to go down this road, but now Democrats in a relatively moderate state are creating a new standard for audacity.

Buoyed by their election victory last year -- led at the top of the ticket by Gov. Abigail Spanberger, who is supposed to be a centrist -- Democrats have tortured the map to produce the 10 presumptively Democratic seats.

One of their methods is to tap into populous, deep blue Northern Virginia to scoop up heavily Democratic voters, and then draw districts extending into less populated, Republican areas. The idea is that the Northern Virginia contingent will overwhelm the more rural voters, ensuring that they have little chance of electing a member of Congress who reflects their priorities.

In this sense, the map is not just a partisan power play, but a means of giving Northern Virginia hugely disproportionate sway over the state's congressional delegation.

One district will reach from the inner suburb of Arlington, Virginia, all the way down to York County in the Tidewater area of Virginia, a roughly three-hour drive. For all that these areas have in com-

mon, the district might as well stretch all the way to Erie, Pennsylvania. To try to force through their map, Virginia Democrats need to maneuver around a constitutional amendment passed by voters in 2020 to create a nonpartisan districting commission, exactly to avoid the kind of outrage Democrats are now proposing. The amendment passed with 66% of the vote, a strong message from the public that it didn't want gerrymandered districts.

Democrats have now blown past procedural requirements for re-amending the Constitution to allow for their plan, and may yet get blocked by the state's Supreme Court. The measure also has to pass in a referendum, and there's a chance voters will reject it, although Democrats have scheduled the vote for April, when turnout is low.

TITLE: None of this is worthy of a state with one of the finest political traditions in America. Virginia Democrats tell themselves they are just responding to Texas, but Democratic states like Illinois and California were already heavily gerrymandered prior to the Lone Star state redrawing its map, and Virginia is going above and beyond in its rank partisan grubbiness.

Democratic state senator Louise Lucas crowed after Democrats produced their maps, "We said 10-1, and we meant it." Yes, indeed, they are determined to protect democracy -- Virginia voters be damned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Food & Farm NEWS

Grape Glut Lessens as Growers Scrap Vines

After a yearslong glut, the market for California winegrapes could reach equilibrium in the near future. The state saw “an explosion” of vineyard removals during the past two years, Jeff Bitter, president of the grower-owned marketing group Allied Grape Growers, said last month at the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium in Sacramento. Between October 2024 and August 2025, winegrape growers removed more than 38,000 acres across California—roughly 7% of the state’s acreage—leaving about 477,000 acres. Experts projected there will be future demand for around 410,000 acres of winegrapes in the state. “We haven’t got to where we need to be yet in order to balance supply and demand,” Bitter said. But he added that ongoing removals and an unknown amount of abandoned acreage due to financial stress could bring production close to the industry target as early as this year.

Bill Brings Back Overtime Tax Credit Proposal

A bipartisan bill introduced last month by California state legislators would create a tax credit to offset the cost to farmers of paying overtime wages. Senate Bill 921, authored by state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, and state Sen. Melissa Hurtado, D-Sanger, aims to mitigate the impact that California’s agricultural overtime law has had on work opportunities for farmworkers. In 2016, the state adopted Assembly Bill 1066, which beginning in 2019 phased in a requirement that

farmworkers—like workers in most sectors—be paid time and a half when they work more than 40 hours a week or eight hours a day. The law was intended to boost earnings for farmworkers. But research indicates it reduced farmworker income as employers cut hours to avoid paying overtime. “Behind every meal is a story of love, sacrifice and hard work in the fields,” Hurtado said in a statement. “SB 921 honors the sweat and sacrifice behind our food with a modern, fair approach to wages.”

Solving Veterinary Shortage is Crucial For Agriculture

California’s agriculture sector leads the nation due in part to the state’s thriving dairy, cattle and poultry sectors, all of which rely on veterinarians. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture last year identified 243 rural veterinary shortage areas across the country—an all-time high—including in counties across California. “We currently face a critical shortage of food-animal veterinarians nationwide,” Gary S. May, chancellor of the University of California, Davis, said in an Ag Alert® commentary. “That’s why UC Davis is expanding its capacity to train future generations of veterinarians who will return to their communities and serve the state.” The campus’ veterinary school recently received a \$120 million gift from philanthropists Joan and Sanford I. Weill. May said the funding will be used to “expand its impact by training these future doctors, advancing large-animal care and strengthening California’s health and agricultural future at an unprecedented scale.” ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Julia Maurine Taylor, 54, was cited Friday, Jan. 16 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Rodney Leon Aubrey, 45, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 17 at Pine Street and Greenmeadow Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed a driver who failed to stop at a stop sign and attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop. The driver failed to yield for the officer and a pursuit ensued until the driver stopped the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. The officer was able to detain the driver, later identified as Aubrey, and noticed objective signs of alcohol influence. After being advised of his Miranda rights, Aubrey admitted to drinking prior to driving and admitted seeing the officer try to stop him. Aubrey was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign, resisting and evading a peace officer, DUI and driving with a license suspended for DUI.

Jose Antonio Rivera, 39, was cited Sunday, Jan. 18 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Andrew Raye Negrete, 29, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 24 at West Capitol Avenue and Glide Avenue by West Sacramento Police on an outstanding felony warrant. Officer observed a subject, later identified as Negrete, littering as he walked along, and stopped him. A records check found the warrant and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Rhonda Raquel Bean, 40, was cited Saturday, Jan. 24 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Alonzo Cazar Glenn, 51, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 24 at C Street and 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed a vehicle with the reflective coating partially removed from the license plate, which is a violation of California Vehicle Code. Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop and informed the two occupants why they had been stopped. Both occupants initially refused to identify themselves and were verbally uncooperative. After identifying the driver, a records check revealed a driver’s license that expired in 2004. As the officer turned to their vehicle to issue a citation, the passenger, later identified as Glenn, opened the passenger door. A second officer, standing at the driver’s side door, instructed Glenn to stay in the vehicle. Glenn exited the vehicle and both officers grabbed Glenn’s arms to place him in handcuffs. Glenn pulled away and curled his arms up in front of his body. He was given multiple commands to relax his arms and place them behind his back. He continued to resist even when placed on the ground and officers were eventually able to place him in handcuffs. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with resisting a peace officer and the original vehicle code violation. The driver was cited and released to her daughter, who had a valid license to drive the vehicle from the scene.

Frankie Lee Estrada, 28, was cited Sunday, Jan. 25 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for tampering with a vehicle.

James Hailey, 39, and **Mwikali Maithya**, 25 were cited Thursday, Jan. 29 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Maithya was detained at the location and a probation search found four stolen access cards belonging to a victim in Elk Grove. Maithya claimed Hailey gave her the cards. Hailey admitted the access cards were in his motel room upon move-in and he gave them to Maithya in an attempt to dispose of them. The victim wants to press charges, so both were charged with receiving access cards with the intent of fraud.

Elizabeth Jeanette Fuentes, 29, was cited Friday, Jan. 30 by West Sacramento Police for a DUI drug incident on West Capitol Avenue.

Lida Nicole Highhorse, 35, was cited Monday, Feb. 2 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for driving without a license, no evidence of current vehicle registration, false proof of insurance and possessing a controlled substance.

Joseph Ruiz, 29, was arrested Monday, Feb. 2 on Rice Avenue by West Sacramento Police. A retail store on Riverpoint Court called to report a subject just ran out of the store with items not purchased. Officers saw a subject matching the description walking at the arrest location and detained him, identifying him as Ruiz. A records check revealed the warrants, and the store employee confirmed Ruiz as the thief during an in-field show-up. Ruiz was transported to Yolo County, additionally charged with petty theft of retail merchandise.

Christopher Joseph Echols, 38, was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 3 on Stillwater Road by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of trespassing. Officer arrived on scene and found a male,

later identified as Echols, standing inside the first set of doors in the corridor of the main entrance of the business. Officer spoke with the reporting party, who stated Echols was refusing to leave the property after being asked to do so. The reporting party wanted to press charges and signed a citizen arrest form. Echols was taken into custody without further incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Marie Melvin Spirit, 20, was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 4 on Ikea Court by West Sacramento Police. Officers responded to a nearby location regarding a possible vehicle burglary. Officers contacted the victim, who stated someone, later determined to be Spirit, had entered her unlocked vehicle, stole her purse, and attempted to use her bank card three different times at different stores within the shopping center. Victim went to those stores and obtained a description of Spirit. Victim located Spirit at a gas station and confronted him with the purse in his possession. Spirit returned the purse and items of value to victim, then walked away. Victim asked officers to locate Spirit to press charges. The gas station employees showed officers still photos of Spirit and officers detained him nearby without incident. Victim responded to the location and positively identified Spirit as the man in possession of the purse, ID and bank card, signing a citizen arrest form. Spirit was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with petty theft and theft by use of access card information.

Ivan Salas, 30, was arrested Thursday, Feb. 5 on Ikea Court by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a DUI driver. Bystanders advised a male was dancing in the parking lot. The same male then proceeded to drive circles in the parking lot without headlights after dark. Officer contacted the male, later identified as Salas, who displayed objective signs of alcohol intoxication. Surveillance footage from the building showed Salas driving and exiting the driver’s side of the vehicle. Salas was administered standardized field sobriety tests, confirming signs of intoxication. He was transported to Yolo County Jail after a confirmed blood alcohol concentration >.08.

Juan Carlos Lara, 43, was arrested Thursday, Feb. 5 on Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police for DUI, any drug. Officer responded to a welfare check at the location where the West Sacramento Fire Department was already on scene with a male, identified as Lara, who was heavily perspiring in the driver’s seat of a vehicle. Officer observed a piece of tinfoil with a dark brown residue next to Lara. Lara stated he had been driving and only stopped for a rest. He consented to standardized field sobriety tests, which he performed poorly. Lara admitted to smoking methamphetamine earlier in the day prior to driving. He was placed under arrest, the paraphernalia collected, and Lara was transported to Yolo County Jail.

INCIDENTS / CRIME REPORTS

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025 – victim reports an unknown person broke into a mailbox near G Street and West Capitol Avenue and stole, then cashed, a \$5,000 check that belonged to the victim.

Friday, Jan. 23 – victim reports mail theft from their community mailbox. There is no suspect information, and the mailbox was not damaged. No estimated value of loss.

Saturday, Jan. 24 – a restaurant reports they were vandalized by an unknown suspect, damage valued at \$1,000. The video provided was very grainy.

Sunday, Jan. 25 – a business reports an unknown suspect entered their truck in a parking lot and took gaming cards worth approximately \$13,000.

Sunday, Jan. 25 – a retail store at Town Center Plaza reports a known suspect took Yu-Gi-Oh cards valued at \$500 from the store. The suspect pushed the reporting party after leaving the store.

Monday, Jan. 26 – victim reports their bicycle, valued at \$500, was stolen from a parking lot near Jefferson Boulevard by an unknown suspect.

Monday, Jan. 26 – a business near Harbor Boulevard reports a known suspect embezzled a vehicle valued at \$42,000 from the business.

Monday, Jan. 26 – victim reports an unknown suspect took their vehicle, valued at \$5,000.

Monday, Jan. 26 – a public building near El Rancho Court reports a known suspect moved their donation box from their gated area to the parking lot. Cost estimated at \$200 to return the donation box to its original location.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 – victim reports their equipment trailer was broken into sometime overnight by an unknown subject. Power tools valued at \$230 were taken.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 – victim reports their vehicle was tampered with at a parking lot on Duluth Street by an unknown suspect. The gas tank had a drilled hole, and the gas was removed from the tank. Damage and loss estimated at \$2,000.



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Felony Charges Filed for Theft of Beehives

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On Feb. 12 the Yolo County District Attorney has filed charges against 46-year-old Sacramento resident, Leonid Terzi, for the theft of a large number of beehives that had been reported stolen from the central valley of California.

Terzi has been charged with one count of Grand Theft when value exceeds \$950, and one count of Receiving Stolen Property, with an enhancement that the crime involved planning, sophistication and professionalism, and that crime also involved the taking or damage of great monetary value. He was arraigned on Feb. 13, at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. 1 of the Yolo County Superior Court. ★

Woman Convicted in Death of Her Infant Son Denied Parole

Samantha Green was convicted in death of Baby Justice in 2016

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Samantha Green, now 33 years old, who was convicted in the death of her infant son in 2016, was denied parole at her first parole hearing on Feb. 12, by a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings. Green is currently serving her prison sentence at the California Institute for Women in Chino, California. The hearing was conducted remotely by video. Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven represented the Yolo County District Attorney's Office at the hearing.

On Feb. 23, 2015, while high on methamphetamine, Green swam across a Knights Landing slough with her 19-day-old baby and passed out on the other side. She claimed she had gone there in search of her finance, and father of Baby Justice, Frank Rees, whom she suspected of cheating on her with another woman. At trial, evidence was presented that Rees

was her drug dealer and that day had injected her with multiple doses of methamphetamine.

Baby Justice, dressed in just a cotton onesie, died of exposure to the elements. Green found him dead next to her when she woke up the next morning at the slough. A jury convicted Green of 2nd degree murder, and on Dec. 10, 2016, she was sentenced to 15-years-to-life in state prison. Rees was later convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter, Abusing or Endangering Health of a Child and Administering Controlled Substance, and was sentenced to a six-year prison term as part of a plea deal in December, 2017. He was paroled in 2019.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Commissioner Julie Garland and Deputy Commissioner Cristina Guerrero both agreed that Green still posed "an unreasonable risk to public safety" should she be released from prison. During the hearing, evidence was presented from a 15-page Comprehensive

Risk Assessment from November 2025, prepared by a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation forensic psychologist.

The psychologist rated Green a "High Risk" for future violence and concluded that at this time Green "was not prepared to behave differently on parole." Commissioner Garland stated that Green had made "positive progress" but needed "additional programming in the areas of substance abuse, relationships, co-dependency, parenting and domestic violence."

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that he is proud of the efforts of his Lifer Parole Division.

"This case is such a tragedy," said Reisig. "We will continue to do everything we can to ensure justice is served. We also will continue to remember and honor Baby Justice and those impacted by his horrific death."

Green will be eligible for parole again in three years. ★

Yolo County Opens Candidate Nomination Period for June 2026 Primary

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Elections Office announced the candidate nomination filing period for the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election has opened as of Feb. 9.

Individuals wishing to run for eligible federal, state, legislative, county and local offices must file nomination documents during the official filing period. Candidates have until 5 p.m. on March 6 to collect nomination signatures and file their Declaration of Candidacy and candidate statement of qualifications (if applicable) with the Yolo County Elections Office, 625 Court St., Suite B05, Woodland.

Candidates who gather the required number of signatures in lieu of filing fees may not need to circulate nomination papers. Filing fees, if required, must be paid when nomination papers are obtained and are non-refundable. Candidate statements of qualification and applicable candidate

statement fees are due at the time nomination documents are filed.

Candidates are encouraged to contact the Elections Office early to review filing requirements and schedule appointments to obtain and file their nomination documents. The online scheduling appointment system is available at <https://elections.yolocounty.gov/scheduling>.

If an eligible incumbent does not file by the deadline, the filing period for that office extends from March 7 through 5 p.m. on March 11, during which candidates other than the incumbent may file.

The Yolo County Elections Office encourages residents to connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: @YoloACE, Instagram: @YoloCoACE, Threads: @YoloCoACE, YouTube: @Yolo County ACE, TikTok: @yolocoace and X: @YoloCoACE to receive the most up to date information. ★

Apply to Sell Fireworks this Summer

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Is your non-profit organization interested in selling fireworks this

season?

The seller permit lottery filing period will be open from March 3-31, 2026. The lottery will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 3 p.m.

For more information

visit <https://www.city-ofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/fire/community-risk-reduction/fireworks/> fireworks or contact Katie Dyck at (916) 617-4500. ★

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course. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 142733-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January

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California Lawmakers Strike Back at DUI Repeat Offenders

**Assemblyman Tom Lackey
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - After witnessing the devastation caused by drunk drivers firsthand, former California Highway Patrol (CHP) Sergeant Assemblyman Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale) is partnering with Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Irvine) and Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) to protect victims, and hold repeat DUI offenders accountable.

"As a CHP officer, I have stood on the side of the road with families who have just lost loved ones to drunk drivers. Those scenes will never leave me," Assemblyman Lackey said. "When you have seen what I have seen, you understand that one weak law can cost a life. We owe it to the victims to do better."

"After losing my eldest grandchild Samantha to a drunk driver, this fight is deeply personal to me," said Senator Archuleta. "It is clear to me from my time with the Montebello Police Department



"When you have seen what I have seen, you understand that one weak law can cost a life. We owe it to the victims to do better." Photo courtesy of Freepik

that these are completely preventable tragedies. California must finally step up and make real change. This isn't a partisan issue. We owe it to every family to prevent these heartbreaking

losses and save lives."

Despite the devastating and permanent consequences of drunk driving, California's laws fail to protect the public from repeat offenders and those who

kill while driving intoxicated. Victims and survivors are ignored by a system that fails to address the magnitude of their loss.

Assemblyman Lackey, Senator Archuleta, and Assemblywoman

Petrie-Norris have each introduced their own bills targeting impaired driving, working together on a coordinated package to protect California drivers and hold repeat offenders accountable.

AB 1685 increases the points assessment for a conviction of vehicular manslaughter and vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated from two points to three, bringing repeat offenders closer to license suspension or revocation.

AB 1686 will allow for a felony or misdemeanor charge for a second offense of a DUI within 10 years.

AB 1687 changes the timeframe for how long the Department of Motor Vehicles can revoke a person's license after they have been convicted of their third DUI from three years to eight years.

"This legislation isn't about retribution," Lackey said. "It's about saving lives. Every DUI death is preventable, and we owe it to families to stop repeat offenders before anyone else suffers this unimaginable loss." ★

Bill Strips Veterans of Choice, Delays Access to Earned Benefits

**Assemblyman
Jeff Gonzalez
News Release**

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Feb. 10, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 694 (Archuleta), a measure promoted as "protecting Veterans," but one that ultimately restricts their freedom to choose how they access earned disability benefits.

Despite calls for a veto, the governor chose to side with institutional interests over the lived experiences of disabled Veterans. SB 694 eliminates lawful private assistance options that many Veterans rely on after traditional systems fail them. These systems are plagued by backlogs, understaffed offices, and delays that can last months or years, often resulting in underrated claims or denials.

"There's a market for private assistance because the system doesn't work for everyone," said Josh Smith, CEO and co-founder of Veteran Benefits Guide. "Seventy percent of the 55,000 Veterans we've helped over the past decade tried free services first. They came to us because they had no other option."

Veterans did not turn to private assistance out of convenience, but out of necessity. SB 694 removes those options entirely, replacing choice with gatekeeping and delay.

The bill was advanced using procedural maneuvers that shut out meaningful Veteran input. It moved through the Assembly as a different bill before being gutted and amended in the Senate. The only Veteran serving in the



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Assembly was listed as a co-author when the measure was sent to the Governor's desk, despite requesting in writing to be removed.

In the Legislature, four out of five Veteran lawmakers voted against SB 694. Supporters framed Veteran choice as exploitation, sidelined dissenting Veteran voices, and elevated institutional stakeholders while ignoring the lived experiences of disabled Veterans who rely on these services to survive.

"As the only veteran in the Assembly, Jeff knows firsthand the needs of veterans and to take away their resources like this is unacceptable to those who served our country," said Assembly Republican Leader Heath Flora.

"Veterans know what delay costs," said Assemblyman Jeff Gonzalez (R-Indio). "When benefits are held up, it's not abstract. It means missed rent, postponed medical care, untreated PTSD, and families left without stability. As a Veteran, I find it deeply troubling that the state would take away options Veterans chose because the system was not working for them."

Industry data shows that prolonged benefit delays can cost Veterans an average of

more than \$18,000 in lost income. Surveys indicate that 95 percent of Veterans believe they should have the right to choose who helps them navigate the claims process. SB 694 ignores that reality.

Lawmakers were presented with an alternative. Assemblyman Gonzalez worked on a bipartisan proposal that would have preserved Veteran choice, established real consumer protections, cracked down on bad actors, and provided additional funding for County Veteran Service Offices. That balanced approach was rejected in favor of a blanket prohibition that limits access rather than improving outcomes.

Other states have chosen reform over restriction. California instead chose prohibition. This decision will eliminate jobs, drive legitimate Veteran serving businesses out of state, and reduce transparency for Veterans seeking help.

"This bill does not protect Veterans. It protects a broken status quo," Gonzalez added. "If we are serious about having Veterans' backs, we should be expanding access and accountability, not taking options away from the people who earned these benefits through their service." ★

California Doubles Down on Commitment to Transit

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Caltrans recently announced major steps in strengthening its commitment to public transportation by establishing a new Deputy Director for Transit and Rail Programs and restoring the Division of Mass Transportation to create a dedicated team focused on providing faster, more reliable and connected transit services statewide.

The department is also releasing its first holistic Director's Policy on Transit to support more coordinated and efficient transit and rail services along the State Highway System and ultimately improving connections for millions of California riders.

"Caltrans is taking great strides in making our transportation network safer and more efficient by prioritizing transit to improve mobility for Californians of all ages and abilities," said Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy. "These critical steps will help California achieve its progressive climate, health, equity, and environmental goals while fostering socially and economically vibrant, thriving and resilient communities."

The Director's Policy outlines the department's vision of delivering transit priority projects on state highways and enhancing Caltrans' role in developing transit statewide. It focuses on transit priority facilities such as dedicated bus lanes, signal priority and other infrastructure to make road-based transit service faster and more reliable on the State Highway System.

These changes will help reduce travel times, improve safety and make transit a more attractive option for Californians. The policy aims at improving air quality by reducing the number of cars on our roadways and lowering greenhouse gas emissions and prioritizes transit as a core consideration in Caltrans' decision-making

processes to ensure all communities enjoy equitable and improved access to transit.

To drive this transformation, Caltrans is aligning resources and expertise and reinforcing its commitment to public transit by establishing the Deputy Director for Transit and Rail Programs. This executive role is dedicated to overseeing transit and rail programs and accelerating the delivery of projects that make public transportation more efficient and accessible.

The Division of Mass Transportation, in partnership with the Division of Rail, will work closely with partners to integrate transit into California's transportation system and support initiatives that

make public transportation more convenient and more sustainable. It will do so in partnership with the new California Transit Advisory Committee (CALTAC), which will advise Caltrans on transit-related matters.

California Transit Advisory Committee will consist of 20 member agencies and organizations from a diverse group of transit stakeholders, such as transit agencies, state universities, disadvantaged communities and transit experts.

California Transit Advisory Committee will meet regularly to ensure that policy stays current and reflects the most innovative state of the practice. As such, California Transit Advisory Committee will position Caltrans to develop a world-class, equitable transit system.

The new executive leadership, organizational structure and coordinated transit policy will work hand-in-glove to achieve a world-class transit and rail network and cultivate a thriving and connected California.

Learn more about the Director's Policy on Transit at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/office-of-transit-planning/directors-policy-on-transit>. ★



New Home Sales in Greater Sacramento Region Climb 79%

**North State Building Industry Association
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the greater Sacramento area got off to a fast start in January, soaring 79 percent higher than December's totals, the North State Building Industry Association reported recently.

A total of 605 new home sales were reported by Building Industry Association members across the eight-county region, compared to just 338 sales in December. Traditionally, December is the slowest month for new home sales in the region while January, February and March are often the strongest.

The monthly total was up 1 percent from last January's 598 and tied August 2024 for the highest monthly sales volume since May 2024, when



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666 homes sold.

Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said several factors likely contributed to

the surge in sales.

"Mortgage rates are holding steady in the low 6% range and attractive builder incentives remain available," Murphy said. "Prospective buyers may simply be tired of sitting on the fence and are ready to take advantage of those incentives, along with the wide range of locations and floorplans currently available."

Once again, Roseville and Rancho Cordova led the region in sales, with 133 and 124 respectively. Elk Grove was third with 54, followed by Sacramento (51) and Lincoln (45). The remainder of the top 10 were Natomas (41), Plumas Lake (36), and in a three-way tie for eighth place, El Dorado Hills, Folsom and Galt with 19 each.

There were 189 active communities at the end of the month in the region, which includes Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

Baudouin's Clutch Play Nets Athletics Sign Right Hand Big Sky Weekly Honors Pitchers Barlow/Civale



The award is Baudouin's second in her career and marks the second time this season that a Hornet has been honored. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State redshirt junior Lou Baudouin came up clutch for the Hornets' women's tennis team in a split of its duals last week, finishing 3-1 overall against both Washington State and No. 11 Stanford to pick up Big Sky Conference Player of the Week laurels.

The award is Baudouin's second in her career and marks the second time this season that a Hornet has been honored after teammate Irene Riva picked up her fourth career honor back on Jan. 28.

Splitting time between the No. 2 and No. 3 spots in the lineup in doubles last week alongside partner Emilija Pranyte, Boudouin came up with a 6-1 win over the Cougars' pairing of Ava-Monet Sycamore and Martina Puvill before falling against the Cardinal's No. 2 tandem.

In singles play, Baudouin played a pair at the No. 3 spot to perfection, winning a pair of three-set marathons to bring her team back from early deficits and tie each dual at 3-3.

She began the week with a 6-2, 1-6, 7-5, win over Washington State's Yura Nakagawa to set the stage for a 4-3 team victory over the Cougars. Three days later, she rebounded from a second-set shutout to defeat the Cardinal's Tianmei Wang, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2, drawing the Hornets closer to a near-upset of Stanford before falling 4-3.



In the first meeting with the Cardinal since 2017, the three points were the most in nine all-time meetings and Sacramento State's first point against Stanford since 2009.

Baudouin's two singles victories kept her unbeaten on the year at 5-0 and extended her regular season singles winning streak to seven dating back to last year. Improving to 24-6 in her career at that spot in the lineup, her win total puts her in sole possession of second on the school's all-time list, 11 back of Roberta Fessenko (2002-05) for the top spot.

Her 38 all-time singles wins are the most among active Hornets — two ahead of teammate Irene Riva — and are just four shy of a spot in the top 15 overall in school history. ★



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Athletics News Release

LAS VEGAS, NV (MPG) - The Athletics have signed right-handed pitchers Scott Barlow and Aaron Civale to one-year deals, the club announced recently. To clear spots on the 40-man roster, the A's designated right-handed pitchers Grant Holman and Mitch Spence for assignment.

Barlow was 6-3 with a 4.21 Earned Run Average (ERA) in 75 games with Cincinnati last season before electing free agency following the season. He struck out 75 batters and walked 45 in 68.1 innings. Across eight Major League seasons with Kansas City (2018-23), San Diego (2023), Cleveland (2024) and Cincinnati (2025), the 33-year-old is 29-24 with a 3.60 ERA in 440 outings, 439 in relief.

Civale was 4-9 with a 4.85 Earned Run Average (ERA) in 23 games, 18 starts, with three teams last season. He began the season with Milwaukee, where he went 1-2 with a 4.91 ERA in 5 starts before being traded to Chicago-AL for Andrew Vaughn on June 13. The 30-year-old went 2-7 with a 5.37 ERA in 13 starts with the White Sox before being claimed off waivers by Chicago-NL on Aug. 31. He pitched in

five games with the Cubs, going 1-0 with a 2.08 ERA in the first relief appearances of his career. Overall, Civale is 43-44 with a 4.14 ERA in 140 career games across parts of seven Major League seasons with Cleveland (2019-23), Tampa Bay (2023-24), Milwaukee (2024-25), Chicago-AL (2025), and Chicago-NL (2025). He has struck out 665 batters and walked 203 for a career 3.28 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Holman began the season at Triple-A Las Vegas but appeared in 22 games for the A's last season, going 4-2 with a 5.09 ERA before being placed on the injured list with a rotator cuff injury. Overall, he was 5-3 with a 4.66 ERA in 40 appearances across two seasons with the A's.

Spence spent the majority of last season with the A's, where he was 3-6 with a save, a 5.10 ERA and a .816 opponents OPS in 32 games, including eight starts. He also had a two-month stay in Las Vegas, where he went 0-1 with a 6.21 ERA in eight games, including seven starts. A 2023 Rule-5 Draft selection, Spence made his Major League debut with the A's in 2024 and went 11-16 with a 4.77 ERA in 67 games, 32 starts, in two seasons. ★

River Cats Unveil 'Festival of Baseball'

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats recently announced the launch of the River Cats Festival of Baseball at Sutter Health Park, a season-long marketing campaign that transforms each home-stand into a uniquely curated music-festival-style experience, celebrating the spirit, culture and community that defines Sacramento.

From Farm-to-Fork to Aftershock, Country in the Park to neighborhood markets and cultural celebrations, this city thrives on shared experiences. The River Cats Festival of Baseball builds on that legacy, reframing a traditional 75-game home schedule into 13 distinct homestands, each with its own theme, personality and vibe. Each week's experience is anchored by a Saturday night theme event, with elements woven throughout the entire homestand, including giveaways, food and beverages, in-game entertainment and fan engagement.

"Sacramento is a festival city at heart," said Sacramento River Cats President/COO Chip Maxson. "The Festival of Baseball reflects who we are as a community and how our fans live, connect and celebrate together. It's about music, food, culture and community staged around the game of baseball. Every homestand has its own energy, and we're inviting fans to experience Sutter Health Park not just as a ballpark, but as the ultimate summer festival destination."

The River Cats Festival of Baseball officially opens its gates March 27 with Opening Night. Each weekly lineup also features recurring promotions including:

Toyota Two-For-Tuesdays: Value-seekers can enjoy two-for-one concessions menu items, \$2 hot dogs and novelty ice cream, plus select two-for-one ticket offers.

Bogle Wine Wednesdays: Fans looking to mix it up



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midweek can enjoy a toast to local wine country featuring \$2 off all Bogle Wines throughout the stadium and a rotating Froze Flavor of the Month at the Bogle Family Vineyard Cart, served in a special souvenir cup.

Taps and Trivia Thursdays: Built for beer lovers, Taps and Trivia Tuesdays feature interactive in-game trivia and special pricing including \$9.16 rotating 16-ounce local taps at the Beer Garden, Sky River Casino Solon Club and Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, and \$5 16-ounce domestic draft selections at all main concession stands.

SMUD Orange Fridays: Orange Fridays celebrate the River Cats affiliation with the San Francisco Giants as the team takes the field in signature orange Sactown uniforms. Fans can enjoy an all-new happy hour and live music in the Beer Garden, from gates to first pitch, with \$3 off select pours including beer, wine, cocktails and mocktails. Also new in 2026, giveaways will be available for the first 2,500 fans every Friday, including: Dinger Building Blocks Set

(March 28), Kirk Rueter T-Shirt (April 10), River Cats Crewneck (April 24), Dinger Lafufu (May 8), Bryce Eldridge Bobblecard Presented by Toyota (May 22), River Cats Visor (June 5), Will Clark T-Shirt (June 26), Bryce Eldridge T-Shirt (July 10),



Carson Whisenhunt Bobblehead (July 24), River Cats Camo T-Shirt (Aug. 7), River Cats Lunch Box (Aug. 21), River Cats Hawaiian Shirt (Sept. 4), Victory Dinger Bobblehead (Sept. 18).

Sutter Health Fireworks Saturdays: Saturday is the main stage anchor of every homestand, perfect for all fans. The signature night features a unique theme night with elements reflected across the games' activations. Each Saturday offers a Family

Fun Pack with an exclusive River Cats theme night item, a Chef's Item of the Game served at Bridges Grille, and postgame fireworks presented by Sutter Health, set to a soundtrack that amplifies the night's theme.

Kids Rule Sundays: Designed for the next generation of fans, Sundays include Dinger's Kids Club lawn tickets, kids-focused promotions, pregame player autographs, postgame run-the bases and a Five-For-Three Kids Value Menu featuring five value priced kids items for just \$3 each at all main concession stands, or bundle them all with the \$15 Kids Box where available.

Homestand Themes: For the first time ever, the River Cats season will be framed by thirteen unique homestand themes. Each homestand presented as a "set" leaning into the main stage Saturday night theme with elements incorporated throughout the entire homestand. Themes include Dinger's House Party to kick off the season Mar 27-29, followed by Play it Again April 7-12, bringing back Giants Legend Kirk Rueter for a fan meet & greet.

Additional homestands include

Pals & Confidants highlighted by Pride Night, Golden Girls Night and Dinger's Birthday, and Wild West Aug. 4-9, featuring a country revival week with a camo t-shirt giveaway and the return of Wild West Night. The finale concludes with That's All Folks Sept. 15-20 for a week-long high-energy, cartoon-style celebration of all things River Cats and Sacramento. View the full lineup of all thirteen at rivercats.com/festivalofbaseball.

Theme Nights: Individual theme nights are back and bigger than ever, blending returning fan favorites with an exciting slate of brand-new experiences. Beloved staples include four Dorados de Sacramento games, highlighted by Hispanic Heritage Night as part of Minor League Baseball's Copa de la Diversión™, along with Asian American and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Night, Pride Night, Star Wars Night, Christmas in July, Wild West Night and Harry Potter Night. New to the lineup this season are Peanuts Night, Toy Story Jersey Night, Love Sacramento Night, Princess Night, DC Comics Night, Golden Girls Night, Summerween (Halloween in the summer), Margaritaville Night and Looney Tunes Night, giving fans of all ages even more reasons to celebrate at the ballpark.

For tickets, promotional schedules and more information on the River Cats Festival of Baseball, visit rivercats.com.

About the Sacramento River Cats

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

Museum Executive Director Amanda Meeker Set to Retire

California Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Museum Executive Director Amanda Meeker announced that she will retire in the summer of 2026, after more than a decade in the role and 28 years of service to the Museum. A respected cultural leader, Meeker has dedicated her career to advancing the Museum's mission to educate people about California's rich history, diversity and culture.

During her tenure, Meeker has played a central role in solidifying the California Museum's position as a trusted civic institution, expanding its reach, modernizing its exhibitions, strengthening its public-facing programs and deepening its commitment to inclusive, community-centered storytelling. Under her leadership, the Museum has become known for elevating underrepresented histories and tackling contemporary issues shaping California today.

"Amanda has been pivotal in establishing the Museum's identity as a center of storytelling representative of the diverse people and cultures that make up the Golden State," said Anne Marie Petrie, Chair of the California Museum Board of Trustees. "Her passion for public education and her steady leadership has advanced the Museum's ability to share knowledge, spark dialogue, and inspire civic engagement."



California Museum Executive Director Amanda Meeker announced that she will retire in the summer of 2026. Photo courtesy of the California Museum

Meeker joined the then-Golden State Museum as its first official employee ahead of its opening in 1998, after having supported its development as a student intern. From the start, she helped shape the Museum's vision, developing exhibitions and programs that reflected California's complex social, political and cultural history. Since being appointed executive director in 2015, she has guided the Museum through a period of unprecedented growth and

change, increasing its relevance to the communities it serves.

Throughout her career, Meeker has been known for her collaborative leadership style, fostering strong partnerships with educators, community organizations, artists, scholars and civic leaders across the state. Her work has reinforced the Museum's role as a place of historical storytelling and as a dynamic forum for public engagement.

"It has been a privilege to

steward the California Museum's mission over the years, working alongside dedicated staff, board members, educators and community partners who believe in the power of history to inform and inspire positive change," Meeker reflected. "The Museum's strength comes from the people whose stories it uplifts, and I'm confident it will continue to grow as a space where Californians see themselves reflected for generations to come."

The California Museum Board of Trustees has engaged executive search partner Isaacson Miller to help identify Meeker's successor, someone who will build on her legacy while leading the institution into its next chapter.

"Amanda's retirement marks the close of a remarkable career. The Board expresses its deep appreciation for her vision and integrity that helped define who we are today," Petrie remarked. "Her legacy of leadership will continue to inspire those who follow her footsteps in maintaining the museum's mission. But most of all she will be missed for her kindness and incredible capacity to care for all of us here and her community."

As she prepares for retirement, Meeker looks forward to traveling and pursuing personal projects, while remaining an advocate for museums and public history.

The California Museum - home of the California Hall of Fame—focuses on the state's rich history, its diversity and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. Through interactive experiences, the Museum inspires visitors to make a mark on history. Located at 1020 O Street in the March Fong Eu Secretary of State complex, the Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$8-\$10. Plan a visit at californiamuseum.org ★

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