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Fan-Favorite Events Return this Spring

Country Craft Faire, Tractor Days and Duck Derby



A well-attended event each year presented by the Rio Linda Lions Club, the 7th Annual Duck Derby returns April 26 and will be held at Roy E. Hayer Park, 847 G St., Rio Linda. Photo courtesy of the Lions Club of Rio Linda

By MPG Staff

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Some of Rio Linda/Elverta’s most beloved community events will make their return this spring, with dates set for the Country Craft Faire, Farm & Tractor Days and the annual Duck Derby.

The 5th Annual RLE Country Craft Faire is set to take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 23 at the Dry Creek Ranch House, 6852 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda. The event offers a day of shopping from a variety of local vendors selling jewelry, candles, kitchen utensils, soap, birdhouses, art, rocks and crystals and more. Vendors and food trucks are currently being sought for the event. To request a vendor or food truck application, contact cherylsmail47@yahoo.com. For more information about the

event, visit RLECF.com.

A Dinner at the Diner Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 18 to raise funds for the faire. Tickets are \$25 per plate, and food will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at Creekside Diner, 950 Oak Lane, Rio Linda. Everyone who purchases a ticket will be placed in a drawing to win a door prize.

To purchase tickets, contact the RLE Country Faire at 916-468-8338, cherylsmail47@yahoo.com or Venmo @rlefaire. Payments may also be mailed to RLE Country Faire PO Box 448, Rio Linda CA 95673.

The 31st Annual Farm & Tractor Days presented by the Rio Linda/Elverta Historical Society will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 16 and 17 at the Dry Creek Ranch House. Antique tractors, cars and fire

trucks will be shown at the event. There will also be children’s activities including hayrides, farm animals, pinewood derby and tractor parades. There is also a tractor parts swap meet as part of the event. For more information, visit the Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society Facebook page.

A well-attended event each year presented by the Rio Linda Lions Club, the 7th Annual Duck Derby returns April 26 and will be held at Roy E. Hayer Park, 847 G St., Rio Linda. Costs are \$5 per duck, \$25 for a quack pack of six and \$100 for a grand 25-pack. The event takes place from noon to 3 p.m. with food, games and cash prizes for first, second and third place winners. For more information, contact Alex Rathbun at 279-246-0460. ★

Delta Counties Urge Stewardship Council to Reject DWR Delta Tunnel

**Delta Counties
Coalition
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Pat Hume, member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, recently issued the following statement on behalf of the Delta Counties of Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo regarding the Delta Stewardship Council’s hearing on appeals of the Department of Water Resources’ (DWR) consistency certification for the Delta Conveyance Project (Delta Tunnel):

We strongly urge the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to closely and impartially examine the evidence presented during the Delta Tunnel consistency appeals hearing and reject any determination that relies on incomplete, unsupported or false conclusions, or interpretations of the Council’s regulations that would undermine the Delta Reform Act’s coequal goals.

There is substantial evidence that the Delta Tunnel, according to the Department of Water Resources’ administrative record, is not supported by the Delta Reform Act or Delta Plan policies, and there are significant failures to address impacts to Delta communities, agriculture, recreation and cultural resources. Critically, the Delta Tunnel disregards local land uses and does not reduce reliance on the Delta through improved regional self-reliance, as required by the Legislature and the Council’s Delta Plan.

Appellants demonstrated that key mitigation measures remain undefined and that critical findings are not supported by the best available science — requirements that are central to both the Delta Plan and the Delta Reform Act. Without clear, enforceable mitigation and reliable data, the Council cannot reasonably conclude that a project of this magnitude would protect the Delta’s cultural heritage, agricultural economy, and recreational resources — all central components of the Delta Reform Act.

The Delta Counties urge Council members to carefully consider the testimony, appeals and supporting evidence presented in this proceeding to make a thorough and independent determination. When exercising its discretion and interpreting ★

Elverta Author Releases Third Book

By MPG Staff

ELVERTA, CA (MPG) - Nature is often presented as tranquil sunsets, graceful animals and postcard-worthy moments. But beneath that polished surface lives a stranger, messier and far more fascinating reality. In “Behind the Binoculars,” wildlife biologist and photographer Rawge Jones invites readers into the parts of the natural world that tour guides rarely mention: the embarrassing, the gross and the wildly unforgettable.

Drawing on more than 35 years of field experience, Jones blends science, storytelling and striking photography to reveal nature as it truly is. From awkward mating behaviors to unsettling survival strategies, “Behind the Binoculars” explores the moments that make people laugh, cringe and reconsider what “beautiful” really means in the wild.

“Nature isn’t always polite,” said Jones. “Sometimes it’s uncomfortable. Sometimes it’s embarrassing. But it’s always fascinating.”

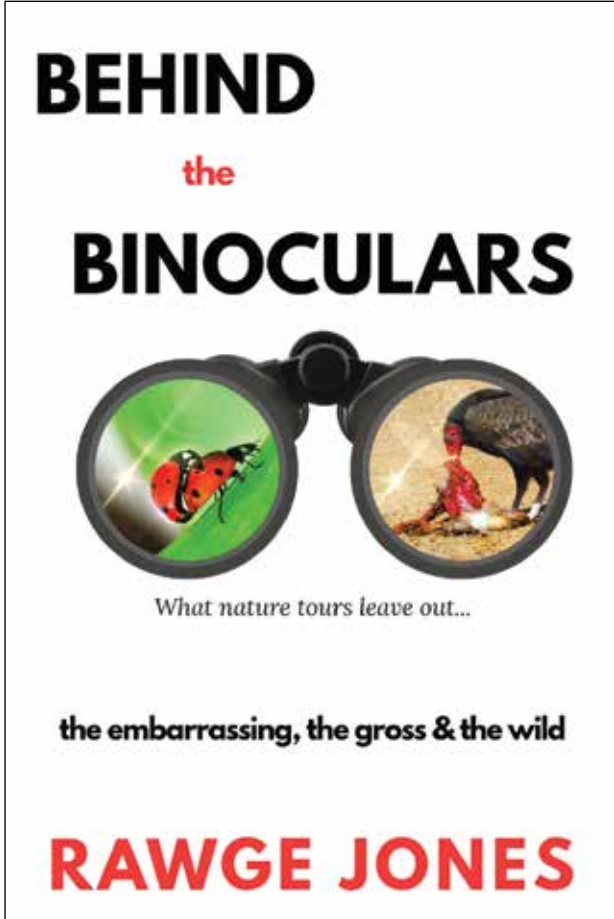


Rawge Jones, a longtime Elverta resident, is a certified wildlife biologist with more than three decades of hands-on experience managing a wildlife refuge and studying hundreds of species in their natural habitats. Photo courtesy of Rawge Jones

The book takes readers beyond the rehearsed narratives of guided tours and into raw encounters that unfold when curiosity refuses to look away. With humor, honesty and scientific insight, Jones shares stories that rarely make it into a tour guide’s speech yet define the authentic animal world.

About the Author

Rawge Jones, a longtime Elverta resident, is a certified wildlife biologist with more than three decades of hands-on experience managing a wildlife refuge and studying hundreds of species



“Behind the Binoculars” front cover. Photo courtesy of Rawge Jones

in their natural habitats. Known for his patience and uncanny ability to get close without disturbing his subjects, Jones has captured rare, once-in-a-lifetime images featured in magazines, interpretive

displays and private collections across the country.

“Behind the Binoculars” releases on March 24. For additional information, images or interview requests, visit rawge.com. ★

National Grange Marks Passage of the MCED Act

A Major Milestone in Closing Rural Cancer Health Disparities

National Grange News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The National Grange recently issued the following statement celebrating the passage of the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (H.R. 842/S. 339) – landmark legislation that expands access to innovative cancer screening technologies for Medicare beneficiaries.

“This is exactly the kind of policy that has the power to change outcomes for rural America,” said Christine Hamp, President of the National Grange. “For far too many rural patients, cancer is detected later – not because it is more aggressive, but because access to screening is more limited. Distance, workforce shortages, and cost all create barriers that delay diagnosis and narrow treatment options.

The passage of the MCED Act is an important step toward changing that reality.

By expanding coverage for multi-cancer early detection technologies, this law helps bring lifesaving innovation closer to home. It strengthens the chance that rural patients will have cancer detected earlier – when treatment is more effective, and survival rates are higher. Geography should never determine whether someone has



By expanding coverage for multi-cancer early detection technologies, this law helps bring lifesaving innovation closer to home. Photo courtesy of National Grange

access to early detection, and this legislation moves us closer to that goal.”

“Cancer has touched nearly every rural family in some way. We see firsthand the emotional, physical, and economic toll it takes on communities where healthcare access is already fragile. That is why the National Grange has long advocated for policies to close screening gaps and improve early diagnosis, said Burton Eller, the National Grange's legislative director. “Multicancer early detection tests represent a promising advancement – using a simple blood test to screen for multiple cancers at once. Expanding Medicare coverage for these tools opens the door to earlier intervention and better outcomes, particularly in areas where traditional screening access may be limited.”

We are proud to see this bipartisan effort become law and grateful to the policymakers, advocates and partners who worked to make it possible. Progress

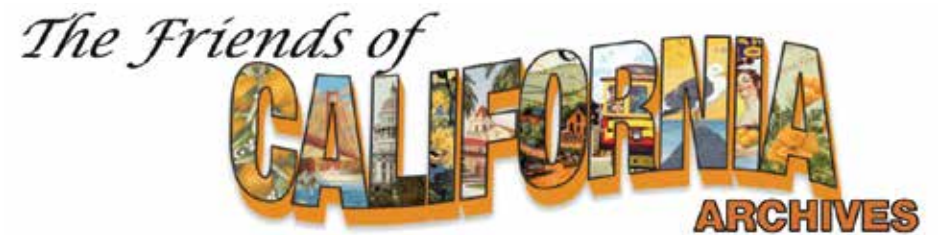
in rural health happens when innovation, access, and public policy align – and today's action reflects that alignment.

The National Grange will continue to advocate for solutions that ensure rural Americans have access to the care, technologies, and resources they need to live longer, healthier lives.

The passage of the MCED Act marks meaningful progress in addressing longstanding disparities in cancer detection. For many rural communities, routine screenings remain difficult to access. Expanding coverage for emerging early detection tools provides an additional pathway to diagnosis and treatment at earlier, more treatable stages.”

Learn more about the National Grange's work to address cancer health disparities in rural communities at www.nationalgrange.org/2025/08/06/the-disproportionate-impact-of-cancer-on-rural-communities/.★

The Friends of California Archives Celebrates Women's History Month



The Friends of California Archives News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The Friends of California Archives joins in the March celebration of Women's History Month, paying tribute to the contributions of California women – from the famous to the forgotten.

According to the 1850 U.S. Census, at the height of the Gold Rush, 6927 “white” women and 90 “free colored” women were living in California.

“Our new state constitution was a mixed bag for women,” said Caren Daniels Lagomarsino, president of The Friends of California Archives. “It prohibited women from voting, but it allowed them to retain property acquired prior to marriage as well as property acquired independently after marriage. For many years, certain occupations, such as the practice of law, were off-limits to women. In the subsequent 175 years, and facing long odds, California women have shattered gender barriers in every phase of life – from politics and the workplace to popular culture.”

Notable Figures
In 1866, Mary Ellen Pleasant, an African American, sued a San Francisco transportation company after she was refused admittance on a streetcar, prompting the company to change its policy.

In 1878, Clara Foltz, a single mother with five small children, wrote and successfully lobbied the State Legislature to allow women to practice law in California. She became the state's first female attorney and forced the Hastings College of Law to admit women.

In the early 20th century, activist women's clubs ran successful campaigns to save large groves of ancient redwoods in the North Coast, Sierra foothills and Santa Cruz Mountains. In 1911, after an intense and innovative statewide campaign, California women won the right to vote – narrowly prevailing by a scant 3,587

votes. The first four women were elected to the State Assembly in 1918.

In 1976, the first woman – Rose Ann Vuich – was elected to the State Senate. After the 2024 elections, females represented a majority of the upper house, although California remains one of 17 states that has never elected a woman governor.

The nation's first Women's History celebration was a week-long local event in Santa Rosa in 1978, sponsored by Sonoma County's Commission on the Status of Women. The event gained national attention, and in 1987 Congress passed a law designating March as Women's History Month.

We invite you to visit the following California State Library research guide on California women's history and voting rights: www.library.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/WomenResearch.pdf

An online exhibit about women's suffrage from the California State Archives can be found at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/women-get-right-vote/history/womens-suffrage-california>

We also invite you to visit <https://thefriendsofcaarchives.org/> for stories on California trailblazers, links to oral histories, and information about our book on pioneering women in politics and public policy (The Time Travelers), which is designed for middle school students and has been honored as recommended reading by the California State Library.

The Friends of California Archives is a 501 (c) (3) organization that promotes the Golden State's history by encouraging the preservation of archival materials and supporting their use through publications, lectures, grants, scholarships, exhibits, oral histories and research. For the first time, this year The Friends of California Archives will be part of the Big Day of Giving on May 7 at bigdayofgiving.org/organization/The-Friends-Of-California-Archives.★

Kids Like Me Are Proving Democracy Isn't Just for Adults

By Emily Brubaker

On Veterans' Day, middle schoolers from 39 states competed to be crowned the next champion of the National Civics Bee.

I was fortunate enough to emerge as the champion of 2024's inaugural edition of the Bee. As I walked off the stage then, it hit me that I, an eighth grader from Alaska, had just shown the country that young people can and should shape our democracy.

My journey into civics started with something deeply personal. I was born with a congenital condition that requires costly dental procedures. Too often, insurance companies refuse to cover them.

Instead of just accepting that reality, my family and I began working to pass the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act in Congress. I told my story to lawmakers, explained why the bill mattered and asked them to act. Now, the bill has bipartisan sponsors in the House and Senate.

Civics isn't just about textbooks or history tests. And it's not something we have to wait until we're adults to do.

The National Civics Bee brought together students from across the country to test our belief in our own power to make a difference. The chance to win a \$100,000 scholarship called the Bill Daniels National Civics Award was certainly a draw, too.

During the competition, I loved seeing young people care about how our government truly works.

Sometimes, my classmates ask, "Why should we learn civics if we can't even vote yet?" My answer is simple. Civics is the toolkit for shaping our communities and our country.

Anyone can learn the basics: how a bill becomes law, or what local municipal bodies or school boards have the power to do in their communities. Anyone can speak up by writing to their lawmakers or sharing their ideas with elected officials. Anyone can get involved by helping at polling places on Election Day or volunteering in their community. Anyone can inspire others to become civically active and help friends, family and other community members understand why self-government matters.

Civics is the tool that lets us build the future we want.

Too many students never get a front-row seat to our democracy in action. Civics education often gets squeezed, buried between test prep and other subjects. The National Civics Bee was launched by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Daniels Fund to change that.

Adults have an important role to play. They can make civics a real priority in classrooms, support programs like the Civics Bee, and listen when young people speak up.

For me, the Civics Bee is just the beginning. I'll keep working to pass the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act and encouraging my peers to step into civic life now, not later.

Democracy isn't a spectator sport. Young people don't have to wait until adulthood to bring about change. We can start right now. And our country will be stronger for it.

Emily Brubaker is a ninth grader from Anchorage, Alaska, and the 2024 National Civics Bee champion. Applications for the 2026 National Civics Bee are open until February 3. For more information, visit NationalCivicsBee.org. This piece first ran in Newsweek.★

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Native Garden Tour Blooms Across Sacramento



The Gardens Got Natives tour is a free self-guided event featuring forty plus California native plant gardens in the Sacramento Area. Photo courtesy of the California Native Plant Society

California Native Plant Society News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Taking place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 18 and 19, the Gardens Got Natives tour is a free self-guided event featuring forty plus California native plant home, business and school gardens in the Sacramento region.

Not only does the event have a new name this year but the tour has been increased to two days. The tour brochure will be color coded to help navigate the new two-day format.

The tour gardens are comprised predominantly of California native plants in the urban landscape. These gardens feature a variety of ways in which native plants can flourish in a garden. Some are professionally designed while others are more functional and are a mix use of natives, food production and living spaces.

You will find delightful and sustainable gardens that harness water, create habitats and add a sense of place. All native



Tours will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 18 and 19. Photo courtesy of the California Native Plant Society



plants in the gardens will be labeled with a plant list available in the tour brochure. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask garden hosts about their choices and challenges. This event is open and free to all. After registration you will receive the map and tour brochure information the week before the tour begins.

California Native Plant Society Sacramento Chapter will again have several vendors out at the gardens selling plants including Mother Natives, Find Out Farms, Miridae Mobile Nursery and a discount available at The Plant Foundry. Details of locations will be posted as that information becomes available.

To register, visit: <https://www.sacvalleycnps.org/gardens-gone-native-tour/> or contact gardensgonenative@gmail.com. Follow the Gardens Got Natives on Facebook and Instagram @gardensgotnatives.

For more information, visit: <https://www.sacvalleycnps.org/gardens-gone-native-tour/>. ★

Defendant Convicted of Shooting Murder in Del Paso Heights

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Feb. 25, Guadalupe Valencia was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder and felon in possession of a firearm. The jury also found true the allegation that Valencia personally discharged a firearm causing death.

On Nov. 21, 2025, Valencia and the victim, Steve Guy, had a verbal altercation at the Stop-N-Save Mart in Del Paso Heights. Shortly after the altercation, the victim left the store and walked down the road away from Valencia. Valencia remained in the store and called his wife to bring him a gun. Valencia then got into a car with the gun and followed the victim. When he caught up to the victim, Valencia challenged him to a gun fight. When the victim produced his own firearm, Valencia opened fire, striking the victim in the back. The victim was killed from a single gunshot to the torso. After the shooting,



Valencia fled Sacramento. When local news stations reported that the victim had succumbed to his injuries, Valencia fled to Olivehurst. Law enforcement was able to locate and arrest Valencia the next day.

Valencia faces a maximum sentence of 43 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for March 25 at 9 a.m. in Department 24 before the Honorable Kenneth Brody. ★

American River Flood Control District Names Officers

American River Flood Control District News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The American River Flood Control District elected officers to its Board of Directors and made appointments to represent the district at local flood control committees at its recent organizational meeting.

The officers elected for 2026 are: Rae Vander Werf, President; Steven Maviglio, Vice President; Tim Crush, Treasurer, and Brian Holloway, Secretary. The Board also made appointments to its committees on Personnel and Benefits, Policy/Government Affairs, Finance, Public

Engagement and an ad hoc committee on encampments.

In addition, Brian Holloway and Steve Johns were named as representatives of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA).

The American River Flood Control District has been providing flood protection to the citizens of the Sacramento community for over 75 years. Formed by an act of the State Legislature in 1927, its mission is to protect the citizens in our District by maintaining the 40 miles of levees along the American River and portions of Steelhead, Arcade, Dry and Magpie Creeks. ★

Fool's Gold?

California has waged a quiet, persistent campaign against the indispensable ingredients of a successful modern economy

By Garvin Walsh, California Globe

California has long been known as the Golden State. In 1968 the Legislature made the nickname official, capturing a a fitting label for a place associated with promise and prosperity. Yet over the past two decades, political choices have fostered habits that are steadily tarnishing that brand.

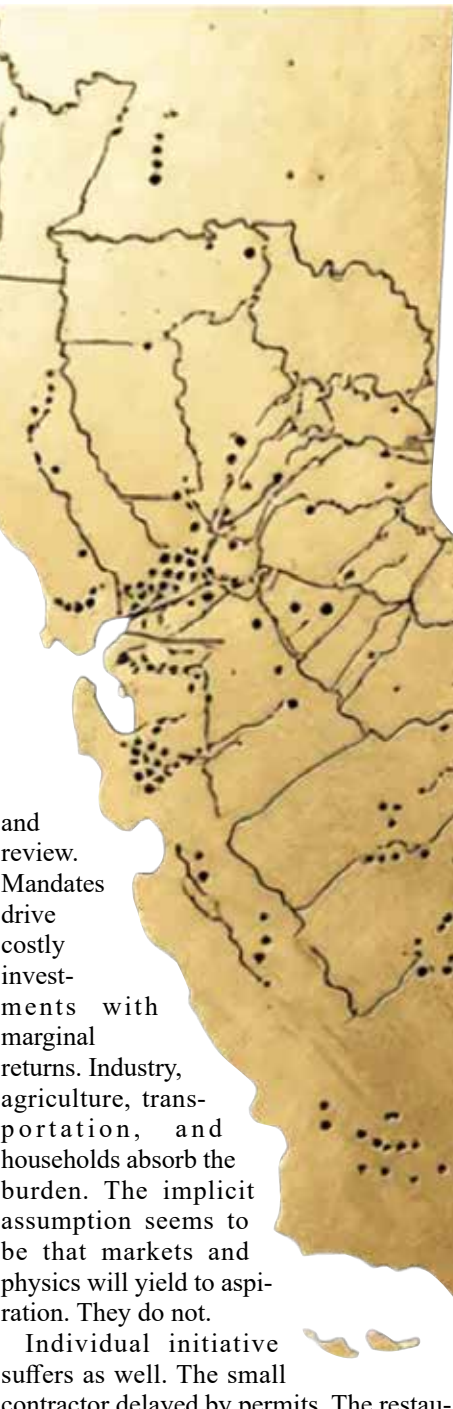
California entered the United States in 1848 after the Mexican-American War. The Gold Rush brought explosive population growth, and by 1850 California was admitted as the 31st state. What followed was a remarkable modern era marked by sustained population increases and world-leading economic expansion. Natural resources, agriculture, industry, tourism and technological innovation powered the rise. For generations, Californians shared a broad optimism grounded in individual enterprise and upward mobility.

Those days are gone. For years the state has waged a quiet but persistent campaign against the three indispensable ingredients of any successful modern economy: capital, energy, and individual initiative.

The pattern is clear. Capital is treated with hostility rather than respect. Investors and employers operate within an intensifying regulatory thicket – layered mandates, expanding compliance regimes, and punitive taxation. Starting or expanding a business in California requires navigating a complex maze that deters many would-be builders. When companies relocate, shelve projects, or choose not to launch here at all, our California dreams are stifled. Capital is mobile. It flows toward stability and predictability and away from hostility.

Energy policy reflects the same mindset. Affordable, reliable power is the lifeblood of a sophisticated economy. California is rich in energy resources, yet policy has inhibited their development in favor of ideological signaling. The result is paradoxical: a resource-rich state that

imports much of its energy, burdening residents with the highest costs in the nation. Infrastructure projects stall under litigation



and review. Mandates drive costly investments with marginal returns. Industry, agriculture, transportation, and households absorb the burden. The implicit assumption seems to be that markets and physics will yield to aspiration. They do not. Individual initiative suffers as well. The small contractor delayed by permits. The restaurateur juggling wage mandates, benefit requirements, and inspection rules. The

entrepreneur deciding where to incorporate and hire. The cumulative message is unmistakable: ambition is narrowly constrained by distant regulators. Over time, that message dulls the instinct to build. Families and businesses vote with their feet.

This trajectory is especially short-sighted because California's expansive public sector depends entirely on private enterprise. Government does not generate wealth; it redistributes what the private sector produces. Tax revenue arises from payrolls, profits, property values, and capital gains.

Schools, infrastructure, social services, and environmental programs rest on taxable economic activity. Even nonprofits and advocacy organizations rely on private wealth. Philanthropy presupposes profit. Grants presuppose tax receipts. Redistribution presupposes production.

Eroding the base while enlarging the superstructure defies economic arithmetic.

For much of the past twenty years, one party has held overwhelming control in Sacramento. The Democratic supermajority has shaped the current policy framework and

therefore owns its outcomes: rising living costs, chronic

housing shortages, business outmigration, and budget volatility tied to a narrow band of high earners.

This is not a claim that Republicans would govern without fault. Concentrated power tempts any party. A Republican supermajority would display its own excesses. The structural problem is dominance itself. When competition fades, correction slows. Insulation breeds certainty and corruption, and invites overreach.

California's identity was forged not by bureaucratic choreography but by the confidence that individuals, given room to act, would generate prosperity sufficient to support both private ambition and public goods. That confidence has been replaced by suspicion of the very mechanisms that built the state. The opportunity culture of the Golden State has morphed into a system of constraint.

Extending the metaphor, the old fable of the golden goose endures because it captures a timeless truth. A productive economy yields steady returns when allowed to function. Overburden it, squeeze it, or treat it as an adversary, and output declines. Destroy it, and the stream of benefits ends.

California earned its golden reputation because millions mined, farmed, engineered, manufactured, financed, coded, and invented. They converted natural advantage into sustained growth. If leadership continues to treat capital, energy, and initiative as liabilities rather than assets, the shine will continue to fade.

Rotation in power would not solve every problem. It would, however, restore accountability. And accountability – more than rhetoric – is what keeps a golden state from becoming fool's gold. ★

California has long been known as the Golden State. For generations, Californians shared a broad optimism grounded in individual enterprise and upward mobility. Photo courtesy of Grolk/California Globe

Celebrating Two Years of PAWS: Keeping Pets and People Together



PAWS, which stands for Pets Aid & Wellness Services, was created to remove barriers to veterinary care. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Two years ago, PAWS started with a simple but powerful belief: loving your pet should not depend on your housing situation or your income. What began as an idea has grown into something Sacramento County truly depends on. We are now celebrating two years of PAWS and the real impact it has made on pets and the people who love them.

PAWS, which stands for Pets Aid & Wellness Services, was created to remove barriers to veterinary care. Instead of expecting people to come to us, this mobile veterinary program brings care directly into the community. It meets people where they are, offering compassion, respect and real solutions.

Access to veterinary care can be the difference between keeping a beloved pet or facing an impossible decision. PAWS focuses on prevention, basic medical treatment, vaccinations, microchipping and wellness support so pets can stay healthy and at home. In just two years, it has become a trusted and essential resource for families who may not otherwise have access to care and the growth has been undeniable.

In 2023, PAWS provided 158 total exams and spay and neuter procedures. In 2024, that number surged to 1,573. In 2025, PAWS delivered 1,506 services, sustaining the significant growth achieved in year two.

Wellness services increased from just 67 visits in the first year to more than 1,000 annually. What once averaged 17 wellness visits per month

now averages more than 90 per month.

These are not just numbers. They represent pets vaccinated against preventable disease. Animals treated before minor conditions become emergencies. Litters that will never be born into homelessness. Families who did not have to choose between surrendering a beloved companion or going without care.

For someone living without stable housing, a pet is often their closest source of comfort, safety and emotional stability. When that pet becomes sick or injured, the fear is overwhelming. PAWS reduces that fear. It provides reassurance. It preserves dignity.

For the shelter, every spay and neuter surgery prevents future intake. Every vaccination reduces disease risk. Every wellness visit strengthens

community trust. PAWS is not just a mobile clinic. It is prevention in motion.

This anniversary is not just about looking back. It is about building what comes next.

PAWS has already raised \$200,000 toward a new medical trailer and needs \$100,000 more to make it a reality. That trailer will allow the team to travel farther, reach more neighborhoods, and serve even more pets in need.

There is also a goal to raise \$20,000 for expanded spay and neuter support. Preventing unwanted litters reduces shelter intake and helps families avoid unexpected medical costs. It is one of the most effective ways to create lasting change.

An additional \$50,000 will go toward lifesaving dental care. Dental disease is painful and often overlooked, yet it affects a pet's entire quality of life. Funding

these procedures means more pets can eat comfortably, live without chronic pain, and stay with the people who love them.

In just 24 months, PAWS has grown from a vision into a lifeline. It has strengthened families, supported responsible pet ownership, and created measurable impact across Sacramento County. The progress is real, and the need continues.

As we celebrate two years, we are focused on ensuring PAWS can keep moving forward. With continued community support, the next chapter can reach even more pets and people.

Ready to make an impact? Help us continue this lifesaving work by supporting PAWS today. Every dollar helps us reach more pets and people across Sacramento County.

To donate visit LicensePet.com/SacramentoDonation. ★

Sacramento County OES Supports Youth Leadership Conference



The YMCA Youth & Government Conference gives young people the opportunity to step into the roles of legislators, judges and civic leaders while learning how state government works. Photo courtesy of YMCA of Superior CA

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In February, approximately 2,500 middle and high school students from across California gathered in Sacramento for the annual YMCA Youth & Government Conference. The event gave young people the opportunity to step into the roles of legislators, judges and civic leaders while learning how state government works.

While students focused on debates, mock trials and policy discussions, Sacramento County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) worked behind the scenes.

The Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps (SMRC), a volunteer program managed by Sacramento County OES, provided first aid coverage throughout the event. SMRC medical professionals — including EMTs and registered nurses — partnered with local Search and Rescue teams to staff a 24-hour, in-person first aid station and doctors and nurses were on call to provide medical advice via phone. Through

this partnership, it also gave students the chance to see how local government supports the community during events. Volunteers provided medical assistance to more than 100 students during the four-day event.

“Our skilled and caring volunteer medical professionals strengthen Sacramento County departments and the community in times of emergency, staff first aid stations and provide emergency preparedness outreach in blue skies,” says Sacramento County Volunteer Program Specialist Lynn Pesley.

Large-scale events like this one require careful planning and strong coordination among partners. Sacramento County OES is proud to be one of the partners supporting and encouraging California's future government workers and leaders.

If you are interested in volunteering with SMRC, would like to make a donation, request our services, or want to learn more, go to the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps webpage. ★

Sacramento County Public Defender Awarded for Innovation

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) awarded the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office with a 2025 Challenge Award for its innovative Juvenile Pre-Trial Program on Feb. 11.

CSAC's Challenge Awards highlight County programs from across the state that help solve complex issues.

“This award reflects our belief that when we invest in young people early — by understanding their trauma, supporting their families, and connecting them to services — we can change life trajectories and strengthen our community,” said Chief Public Defender Amanda Benson.

“I am incredibly proud of our team and our justice partners for embracing a model that prioritizes care, accountability, and opportunity for youth.”

The Juvenile Pre-Trial Program launched in 2023. The goal of the initiative is to assess youth in the juvenile justice system for trauma, mental health

needs, educational challenges, family circumstances and other underlying factors. Public defenders work alongside social workers to develop individualized release plans and connect youth and their families to community-based support.

By addressing root causes early, the program aligns with Sacramento County's broader goals of improving community well-being, advancing equitable outcomes and responsibly reducing youth detention.

Youth connected to these services are less likely to return to custody and more likely to be released sooner.

“The Juvenile Pre-Trial Program shows what's possible when we look beyond the case file and focus on the whole child,” said Assistant Public Defender Reuben Moreno. “By building trust early and connecting youth to meaningful support, we're helping them succeed while improving outcomes across the system.”

The CSAC recognition reflects Sacramento County's commitment to early, meaningful intervention. Through the Juvenile Pre-Trial Program, the Public Defender's Office will continue helping families through a difficult process. ★



Metro PAC Endorses Hoover for Reelection

Hoover for Assembly News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman Josh Hoover recently announced that he has received the endorsement of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber's Political Action Committee (Metro PAC). Metro PAC serves as the political voice for the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce and is committed to advancing electoral engagement through political action.

Established in 1895 to represent the businesses of a growing community, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is the largest organization of its kind in the region. Today, they represent businesses and their workforce in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties with more than 1,900 direct members.

Metro PAC supports candidates who understand the critical role of the business



Josh Hoover

community. This advocacy reinforces the essential role the

chamber plays in fostering a vibrant and prosperous regional economy. For more information, visit www.metrochamber.org/metro-pac/.

The endorsement is just the latest sign of Assemblyman Josh Hoover's broad support for reelection in the region. For the latest announcements visit www.HooverForAssembly.com.

“I'm honored to have the support of the area's business community,” said Hoover. “It's no secret that businesses are facing economic uncertainty

in our state and when our businesses suffer that leads to job losses, increased cost of living and results in a snowball effect of harder economic times for everyone. I'm working to be a voice for business and for economic prosperity at a time when the legislature seems to be doing everything it can to kill local businesses. I'm working to lower the cost of doing business and to unleash the economic machine that will help our community prosper.” ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Losing Streak is Over!

It may only be a footnote in the history of the Sacramento Kings, but fans are thrilled to see a record setting 16-game losing streak finally come to an end.

Rookies Precious Achiuwa and newly discovered Daequon Plowden rose to the occasion and handed the Memphis Grizzlies an unlikely loss by the score of 123-114.

A collective sigh of relief could be heard throughout Sacramento as the Kings showed their loyal fans that there is still talent and fortitude in Kings town.

Coming off the bench was Daequon Plowden, a literal afterthought in the Kings rotation, who put up 19 big points and five rebounds in just 26 minutes of action, and his contribution could not have come at a better time.

Precious Achiuwa had his best game as a pro putting up 22 points and 12 rebounds, and combined with Russell Westbrook's 25 points and seven assists, the Kings were too much for the shorthanded Grizzlies.

Desperately shorthanded with Sabonis, Murray and Lavine sidelined with injuries, Sacramento played with energy and enthusiasm, ending once and for all a losing streak that needed to come to an end.

As veterans are sidelined, coach Christie had little choice but to turn to his bench, and his most recent addition to the floor has shown remarkable results.

Daequon Plowden is not only raising eyebrows, but he also actually helped carry the team in their second win of the week over the Dallas Mavericks. All Plowden did was hit all 10 of his shots from the field, and three being from beyond the arc. Plowden has been riding the pines all season, and his 19 points and four rebounds were a key to the victory.

Once again Precious Achiuwa made his presence felt, adding a new career high 29 points and 12 rebounds. What was even more remarkable was converting of all three of his 3-point shots, and his scoring prowess led the Kings to a 130-121 victory over Dallas.

Although taking a step back in Sunday night's loss to the L.A. Lakers, the Kings will be a welcome sight at Golden One Arena Tuesday night as they face the Phoenix Suns.

With Domantas Sabonis, Zach Lavine and De'Andre Hunter all sidelined for the remainder of the season, Kings fans will get a good opportunity to see what the youngsters on this team can contribute to real NBA action.

The entire franchise has eyes on first-round draft choice Nique Clifford as he continues to get significant playing time, and his results continue to be mixed. No question that he brings a solid defensive presence, but his night in and night out scoring has been a mixed bag. Nique's seven points per game and 40 percent shooting from the field will need to improve if he has any hope of becoming the future starting point guard for the Kings.

As for last year's second-round draft choice Maxime Raynaud, his 10 points and 55 percent from the field this season have people looking in his direction, and many are wondering how high the ceiling can be for this young 7-footer.

At 6'8" and 240 lbs. Precious Achiuwa continues to impress, and this 26-year-old big man needs to get every opportunity the Kings can give him.

Not to be ignored is the first-round draft choice of two years ago, Devin Carter, who after what seems like a season on the bench is finally getting some playing time. Carter is one of the most impressive defensive players on the Kings squad and comes with a bevy of athleticism. Devin needs to be a more consistent scorer, and the Kings will have a nightly performer to recon with.

So, pick out your favorite player who is not injured, and start rooting Kings fans. Now is your opportunity to see what the little used bench players have to offer. If there is a diamond in the rough now is the time to find it.

Hat's off to veterans to De'Mar DeRozan and Russell Westbrook that have played with quality and style, while putting up significant numbers. The young players on this team have a rare opportunity to receive some valuable schooling from future hall-of-famers!

Stay tuned Kings fans, because more wins are just around the corner!

All the best! ★

California's Reading Reforms Drive Push for Better Math Skills in Early Grades



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year, after decades of often bitter debate, California took an important step toward raising the abysmal levels of reading ability among many of its public school students.

The Legislature passed and Gov. Gavin Newsom — who struggles with dyslexia — signed legislation that encourages phonics when teaching reading to elementary school students.

It stopped short of a phonics mandate, which would have been fully justified, to temper opposition from educators still clinging to discredited methods, such as “whole language.”

Rather, Assembly Bill 1454 requires the state to provide training for teachers and instructional materials centered on phonics, or the “science of reading,” to use its current name. It would still allow local schools and their teachers to use other methods.

The Legislature and Newsom acted when the low reading skills of California's kids, as determined by nationwide testing, became too obvious to ignore.

Reading comprehension among California's fourth-graders ranked 37th among the states in the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Just 29% of the state's students showed proficiency, down two percentage points from 2022.

Raising reading achievement is vital because it is the precursor to all other forms of learning. Thus, California's low reading levels may be partially responsible for the state's equally unacceptably low ranking on mathematics; just 39% of fourth graders were proficient.

That's why a new effort to upgrade math skills via legislation is — or at least should be — high on the Capitol's must-do list. State Sen. Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson, a San Diego Democrat, introduced Senate Bill 1067, backed by education reformers who supported the phonics bill.

SB 1067 would require local school districts to screen primary school students for difficulty in math skills as a first step toward a statewide effort to upgrade instruction and comprehension.

“California is facing a real and urgent math achievement crisis, and we cannot afford to wait until students are already far behind to act,” the senator told EdSource, an education website that first revealed the new effort. “We know the achievement gap in math is evident as early as kindergarten. We also know that students who miss foundational math skills in grades K through 2 rarely catch up.”

Weber Pierson comes by her interest in improving education naturally. Her mother, Secretary of State Shirley Weber, was a persistent advocate of no-nonsense education while serving in the Legislature, often clashing with the state's entrenched education establishment — even the powerful California Teachers Association.

Weber grew up as a sharecropper's daughter in rigidly segregated Arkansas but moved to California with her family in 1951, earned a doctorate and was a college teacher before running for the Legislature.

“I don't fear that I'm going to get lynched at night or that someone is going to bomb my house. I don't fear that,” Weber told CalMatters in a 2017 profile. “What my predecessors stood for and fought for was a whole lot harder than what I'm fighting for today.”

Oddly, Southern states have lately been the most active in owning up to their educational deficiencies. Mississippi's success in improving reading skills inspired other states to improve reading. Alabama, meanwhile, has done the same vis-à-vis math skills, beginning with screening students to spot those in danger of failing, as EdSource notes.

Weber Pierson's bill would confront math in the same way. The state Board of Education would appoint a panel to develop a list of screening instruments, leading to statewide adoption of screening.

“Screening is the right first step because you cannot effectively address a problem you have not identified,” Weber Pierson told EdSource.

It's a process that California should adopt for all of its persistent issues, rather than the scattergun approach officialdom tends to take.

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 Lost Money as a Widow and Ex-spouse by Not Knowing the Rules



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I just found out, as someone who was collecting widow's benefits on my second husband (a very small amount) for some time, that I was, all along, entitled to divorce benefits from my first husband which are much more. I thought I had to wait until my first husband passed before I could collect anything from him. Now I learned I have the right to collect as a divorcee. All of these years I have been missing out on a bigger benefit because I didn't know this. Please make this clear and stress it for others in my position.

Signed: Lost Benefits

Dear Lost Benefits: I am truly saddened that you lost out on benefits from your first husband for such a long time. Although you could not collect an ex-spouse benefit from Husband #1 while you were married to Husband #2, as soon as your current husband died you again became eligible for ex-spouse benefits from Husband #1. Basically, the rules say you cannot collect benefits from an ex-spouse if you have remarried and remain married. In other words, you cannot be “currently married” to collect benefits from an ex-spouse.

But the death of Husband #2 meant that you were now eligible to collect ex-spouse benefits from your first husband – husband #1. I hope when you later filed for your ex-spouse benefits you asked for six months of retroactive benefits.

In your situation, when your Husband #2 died, you actually had a choice – either collect your surviving spouse benefit from your recently deceased husband #2, or to collect a regular ex-spouse benefit from your first husband if that is more than your benefit as your second husband's widow. Regular ex-spouse benefits from your first husband are available even though he is still living (and, indeed, even if he remarried) because you are no longer married to husband #2.

This, however, is not always the way things work out for someone who has had multiple marriages. It all depends on the SS benefit each former spouse was entitled to. That's because your survivor benefit as your 2nd husband's widow is based on the full (100%) amount he was receiving from Social Security when he died. In contrast, your benefit as your first husband's ex-spouse while he is still living will be based upon half (50%) of his full retirement age SS entitlement. And often, 100% of a deceased person's SS benefit is more than 50% of another living person's amount. But not always.

It's important to also know that if you claim any SS benefit before reaching your personal full retirement age (FRA), the monthly

amount will be reduced. Benefits as a spouse (or a surviving spouse) do not reach maximum until the spouse reaches FRA, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67 depending on the spouse's year of birth. It's also important to know that if a surviving spouse is working, any SS benefit received will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much can be earned before SS benefits are affected. For 2026, the earnings limit for those collecting early SS benefits is \$24,480 and, if that limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits. Note that the earnings test goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

Finally, be aware that if your first husband also predeceases you, you will then become eligible for a surviving ex-spouse benefit from him, even if he has remarried.

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The Winter Olympics had its thrills and spills -- and a deep philosophical divide represented by two American, or American-born, athletes.

Jack Hughes, the gold medal-winning American hockey player for the U.S. team, gave voice to a patriotic reflex in his heartfelt expressions of love of his country. Eileen Gu, the gold medal-winning American-born freestyle skier competing for China, exemplified a cosmopolitan ideal that floats above mere nationhood.

This difference -- between the bloody-mouthed hockey player draped in his own country's flag and the exceptionally talented part-time model resistant to any questions about national loyalty -- drives many of the divisions in American society.

Is loyalty to country a matter of choice or an unalterable commitment? Do borders mean anything? Is our common culture essential or dispensable? Is the appropriate attitude toward America one of fundamental gratitude or critical distance?

These types of questions are involved in disputes over immigration policy, over American history and how to teach it in schools, over the status of the English language, and over how much we should care about so-called international opinion.

It was a subtext at the Munich Security Conference a couple of weeks ago when Marco Rubio said that we must fight for Western civilization, while Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez rendered “Western culture” in sneer quotes, as if it were a fiction or contemptible concept.

The right is naturally drawn to the patriotic or nationalistic attitude, whereas the left is more cosmopolitan, tending to believe that attachment to one's own is narrow-minded and patriotic displays are crude and simplistic.

Cosmopolitanism has a long history. As I note in my book “The Case for Nationalism,” the term “cosmopolitan” has its root in the Greek word “kosmopolites,” or citizen of the cosmos or world.

The fourth-century B.C. Cynic philosopher Diogenes is the first recorded person to use what has now become a cosmopolitan cliché: “When he was asked where he came from, he replied, ‘I am a citizen of the world.’”

That was a radical, or even senseless, statement since the Greeks considered citizenship possible only through the polis, or city. During the Enlightenment, the cosmopolitan idea was expressed in the notion of Weltburger, or world citizen.

This tendency has been given stark expression by the likes of the novelist Virginia Woolf, who urged the rejection of “pride of nationality,” and the titanic Russian writer LEO Tolstoy, who thought it “obvious that patriotism as a sentiment is bad and harmful; as a doctrine it is stupid.”

Cosmopolitanism has always been open to the charge that -- whatever its real or purported idealism -- it cultivates a disregard for what's near, immediate and tangible in favor of what's far off.

Behind cosmopolitanism is what the British writer Paul Gilroy has called “the principled and methodical cultivation of a degree of estrangement from one's own culture and history.”

The problem is that no one is really a citizen of the world, rather of particular nations that have formed us in obvious and subtle ways. Yes, people emigrate and there are literary and intellectual exiles, but most of us have an attachment to home that feels natural and important.

One reason that people were so moved by the U.S. hockey team was the palpable bonds of the players -- to one another, to their country, to the memory of their tragically deceased former fellow player Johnny Gaudreau. These weren't bonds that were chosen, so much as accepted and embraced; they were true to their teammates and nation.

In contrast, Eileen Gu claims to be true to herself. If asked if she is proud of the accomplishments of her countrymen, she might have to ask, “Which countrymen?”

It is certainly the case that the Olympics bring athletes around the world together, but the Games themselves are testament to the enduring power of patriotism. It was, after all, a unique kind of sports joy to witness the triumph of our boys in red, white and blue.

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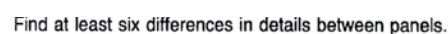
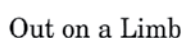
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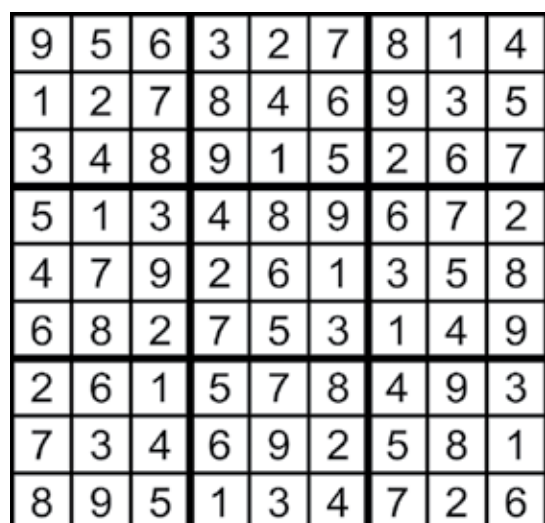
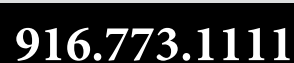
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Moneymaker Named MPSF Gymnast of the Week



Amelia Moneymaker has been named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week following a weekend where she hit the second-best floor performance in program history. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the second-straight week and third time this season, Amelia Moneymaker has been named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week following a weekend where she hit the second-best floor performance in program history while helping the Aggies battle to a dual meet win and a season-high performance on beam.

Twice Moneymaker posted over 39.000 during the weekend, taking her career total up to 22 times she has broken the 39.000 threshold in the all-around. Against William & Mary she won the event with a 39.075 and in the competitive tri-meet at San Jose State (Air Force), Moneymaker scored 39.150 to post a top three finish.

In the dual meet against William & Mary, Moneymaker went off on floor, scoring 9.950 to mark the second-best performance in program history, tying her career-high, while also scoring the third-best performance on floor in MPSF history. Her huge mark helped propel the Aggies to victory in that dual meet, needing her score

along with her teammates to win the floor event and take the dual meet.

At San Jose State, Moneymaker was big on bars (9.800), beam (9.850) and floor (9.875) putting together an all-around score of 39.150. Her mark on beam, along with the rest of the Aggies, powered UC Davis to a season-high 49.025 on beam to cap off a solid Sunday tri-meet.

Moneymaker was named the MPSF Gymnast of the Week four times in 2025, and with this she can claim three weeks with the honor this season.

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. ★

Tim Holt Next President and General Manager

Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC recently announced the appointment of Tim Holt as the club’s new President & General Manager, bringing to the organization an accomplished executive with leadership experience at both the league and club levels.

As President & General Manager of Republic FC, Holt will oversee the club’s business and strategic growth initiatives, working closely with ownership and club leadership to advance long-term objectives both on and off the pitch. He will also manage the club’s sporting department to support roster development and the ongoing pursuit of silverware.



As President & General Manager of Republic FC, Holt will oversee the club’s business and strategic growth initiatives, working closely with ownership and club leadership to advance long-term objectives both on and off the pitch. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

its national footprint and competitive structure — including Sacramento Republic FC’s entry into the league.

“Tim brings proven leadership, integrity, and a deep understanding of what it takes to build a successful club in this league,” said Kevin Nagle, managing partner of Sacramento Republic FC. “He has seen the USL from the league office and from the club side, and that perspective is invaluable. We believe Tim is the right leader to help guide Republic FC into its next chapter and continue building something our community can be proud of.”

“Sacramento Republic FC is entering an exciting new era with fresh leadership and continued momentum,” said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango. “Tim understands how to honor a club’s identity while building for the future. His experience and leadership will help ensure we continue growing in a way that reflects our values and strengthens our connection to the region.”

After leading USL, Holt joined Orlando City SC during its inaugural 2015 Major League Soccer (MLS) season as Vice President of Development. In Orlando, Tim’s work included the expansion of the club with the creation and launch of two new professional soccer franchises, Orlando Pride of the NWSL & Orlando City B of the USL.

He later became Managing Director of San Antonio FC, where he led all business and sporting operations and helped elevate the club into one of the league’s benchmark franchises. During his tenure, the club won the prestigious Double – The Players’ Shield for most points and the League Title – as well as cultivated young talent development through an academy system, signed emerging players including three Young Player of the Year finalists, and brought in top-flight talent through transfers and loans accessing leagues across the Americas and Europe.

For more information, visit SacRepublicFC.com. ★

Beavers Head into Big 8 Conference Play



Luke Haney throwing a ball in the double header against Yuba College at Beaver Field Feb. 20. Photo courtesy of American River College

American River College News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In what has been an up and down non-conference slate to start the season, the American River College baseball team finished on a high note, sweeping a double-header from Yuba College at Beaver Field on Feb. 20.

The teams were supposed to play at American River College on Thursday, Feb. 19 and then at Yuba College on Friday, Feb. 20, but Thursdays rain forced the teams into a double header at Beaver Field. American River College got on the board in the first inning of game one thanks to a lead off triple by sophomore SS Bryce Sabatke (River City).

Freshman RF Brandon Pelechowicz (Yuba City) followed with a sacrifice fly and two batters in the Beavers had a 1-0 lead. Freshman RHP Ayden Dringenberg (Oakmont) held the 49ers scoreless thru the first two innings, but the visitors managed to plate a run in the 3rd to tie the game.

The tie score did not last for long however as the Beavers scored five times in the 3rd, two on a double by Pelechowicz and three on a bases loaded double by

sophomore LF Luke Haney (Oak Ridge). Haney ended with 5 RBI in the first game and three in the second for a total of 8 RBI on the day. Dringenberg lasted 5 2/3 of the scheduled 7 inning game with sophomore RHP Kaden Clive (Delta) picking up the final 4 outs.

Game 2 saw the Beavers jump out to a 4-0 lead in the first without the benefit of a hit. Yuba’s starting pitcher walked 7 while only recording two outs before giving way to a reliever who got the final out of the first. The Beavers added a pair of runs in the 2nd inning on a two run single by Haney. Sophomore CF Dylan Westbrook (Oak Ridge) singled in a run in the 3rd to put ARC up 7-0. Freshman RHP Ben Bowers (Folsom) kept the 49ers off the board for the first four innings but Yuba got on the board with a single run in the 5th. Yuba got a run in the 7th inning off of sophomore LHP Quincey Carr (Whitney) but Carr threw a three-up three-down 8th to keep the Beavers ahead. The Beavers got single runs in the 6th and 7th innings to put the game out of reach.

The Beavers evened up their non-conference record to 7-7 as they headed into Big 8 Conference play against Sierra College. ★

Walker Claims Second Career Big Sky Weekly Honor



Walker picks up the second weekly award from the conference office in her Hornet career while becoming the third Sacramento State student-athlete to be so honored by the league in the last five weeks. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A pair of impressive singles wins against the top players from a pair of nationally ranked squads on the road helped Sacramento State junior Reese Walker to Big Sky Conference player of the week honors.

Walker picks up the second weekly award from the conference office in her Hornet career while becoming the third Sacramento State student-athlete to be so honored by the league in the last five weeks along with junior Irene Riva (Jan. 28) and redshirt junior Lou Boudouin (Feb. 11).

Playing at No. 1 singles and No. 3 doubles in the Hornets’ contests against No. 52 Long Beach State and No. 22 San Diego State, Walker finished 2-0 in singles while having both of her doubles contests ended early.

She opened the week by putting an end to a two-match losing streak with a straight-set win over the Beach’s Diana De Simone, 6-4, 6-3, as the then-No. 68 ranked Hornets

upset Long Beach State, 4-3. A day later, she clinched one of her team’s points against the Aztecs by bouncing back from a first-set loss in a tiebreaker and rallying to defeat Jo-Yee Chan, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-2.

The two victories pushed Walker to 6-3 overall in singles play on the year, with five of those wins coming at the No. 1 spot in the Hornets’ lineup.

Now ranked No. 50 in the nation according to the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s poll released on Tuesday (Feb. 24), Sacramento State has faced four teams ranked in this week’s poll: No. 21 Stanford (which had been ranked No. 11 in the country at the time of the match), No. 22 San Diego State, No. 45 Hawai’i, and No. 51 Long Beach State.

This week’s No. 50 national ranking is the program’s highest since the Hornets were ranked No. 49 in the country on Feb. 25 of last year, which was also the first ranking inside the top 50 for Sacramento State since it stood No. 43 in the nation on Feb. 22, 2012. ★