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Twin Rivers Unified School District's focus remains on supporting students and keeping families informed. Photo by Max Fischer via Pexels

Twin Rivers Unified School District News Release

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The ongoing labor situation has created uncertainty and disruption for many students and families. Many of you are arranging last-minute childcare, adjusting work schedules and answering difficult questions from your children about why their teachers aren't at school. That disruption is real, and we don't take it lightly.

We want you to know that our focus

remains on supporting students and keeping families informed. Below are subject area updates on where negotiations currently stand.

Following months of negotiations, both parties participated in the state's independent fact-finding process, where a neutral panel reviewed evidence and facts presented. The panel issued an advisory report with recommended terms for settlement. The District adopted those recommendations as the basis for its most recent offer.

Salary

The District recommended a 2.5% on-schedule salary increase in 2025-26 and a 2.21% on-schedule salary increase in 2026-27. These figures do not include the yearly increases many earn for years of service (step) and education level (column).

Health

Under the District's proposal, teachers who choose the Kaiser HMO plan

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February a Solid Month for New Home Sales



Sales were up 4 percent from February 2025 and 7 percent above the historical average for the month. Photo courtesy Freepik

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The first quarter of the year generally sees the greatest number of new home sales in the greater Sacramento region, and 2026 is no exception, as 542 sales were reported by North State Building Industry Association members in February.

Sales were down 10 percent from January, but because there were five weeks in January and four in February, the weekly totals were up 12 percent month over month. Sales were up 4 percent from February 2025 and 7 percent above the historical average for the month.

Tim Murphy, North State's president & CEO, said the sales reflected the continued demand for new homes in the region.

"Despite affordability headwinds, new homes in the region continue to sell at above-average levels thanks to incentives being offered by homebuilders and the fact that mortgage interest rates dropped at the end of February to just under 6 percent for the first time since 2022," Murphy said.

"While March historically marks the peak of sales in our area, the outlook for the immediate future is uncertain due to the current unrest in the Middle East and its potential for far-reaching impacts. But builders are continuing to work with buyers to make purchases possible, and the advantages new homes offer continue to make buying new a great option."

Rancho Cordova took the top spot in February with 112 sales, followed by Roseville close behind with 100. Sacramento saw 66 sales, Elk Grove had 53 and Plumas Lake rounded out the top five with 43.

There were 194 active communities at the end of the month in the region, which includes Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

The North State BIA is the leading advocate for the home building industry in the greater Sacramento region. For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org. ★

Well, Well, Well



VIPs hail activation of three new groundwater wells in Antelope. Toasting the project are Congressman Ami Bera (left), Regional Water Authority CEO Jim Peifer, Senator Roger Niello, Sacramento Suburban Water District General Manager Dan York and Supervisor Rich Desmond.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

ANTELOPE, CA (MPG) - Glasses of chilled groundwater and a ribbon-cutting recently marked the activation of three new groundwater wells in Antelope.

The installations improve water reliability for Sacramento Suburban Water District's northern service communities. These

include Antelope, McClellan, North Highlands, Foothill Farms and parts of Carmichael and Citrus Heights.

The cost of the triple-well project – and an additional fourth installation nearby – was supported by ratepayers and a grant of \$18.84 million from the California Department of Water Resources. Total project cost was more than \$38 million. The new units replace aging area infrastructure.

Adjacent facilities allow water

storage. This provision, explained Sacramento Suburban Water District representative Greg Bundesen, will help maintain supply when American River supplies are curbed by drought or by flow requirements for fish spawning.

"This storage will hopefully keep water more affordable," Bundesen told ribbon-cutting attendees. "These wells allow us to serve 33,500 homes. Their

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SacRT Hosts Transit Ambassador Recruitment Events

SacRT News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is hosting two special in person recruitment events to hire additional Transit Ambassadors – customer focused team members who help ensure riders feel safe, supported and welcomed on light rail trains. This is the first time SacRT has offered recruitment events dedicated exclusively to a single position, giving prospective applicants a hands-on opportunity to explore the role and meet the team.

The events will be held from 10 a.m. to noon March 20 and 3 to 5 p.m. April 8 at SacRT’s Midtown Auditorium, located at 1400 29th Street in Sacramento, near the 29th Street Station. The site is accessible via the Gold Line and bus routes 38, 67 and 68, and neighborhood street parking is available.

Online recruitment is now open with applications being accepted through April 13.

“These recruitment events offer a unique, firsthand look at what it means to serve as a Transit Ambassador,” said Henry Li, SacRT General Manager/CEO. “Safety is our top priority, and expanding our Transit Ambassador team is a key part of our commitment to ensuring riders feel supported on every train, every day.”

What Applicants Will Experience

Event attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with



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SacRT hiring managers, Human Resources staff, and Safety and Security team leads; learn about day-to-day responsibilities and expectations of the Transit Ambassador role; receive details about the three-month Transit Ambassador Training Academy, including scenario-based instruction led by former law enforcement professionals; and get on-site help creating an account and beginning the online application process.

Why SacRT Is Hiring
SacRT is hiring 10 to 20 additional Transit

Ambassadors, with a goal of building a team of 55. Alongside security guards and the contracted Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, these new positions support SacRT’s vision of having a safety staff member on every train and enhancing the overall customer experience.

“Transit Ambassadors play an essential role in creating a safe, welcoming environment for our riders,” said SacRT Board Chair and Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen. “These events

allow applicants to understand the importance of the position, the training and support they receive, and the meaningful impact they can have on our transit community.”

Benefits

Transit Ambassadors receive a comprehensive and competitive benefits package designed to support their health, financial stability, and work-life balance. SacRT provides medical, dental, and vision coverage, access to flexible spending accounts, vacation and sick leave,

paid holidays, and a free SacRT transit pass for employees and eligible dependents. Retirement benefits include either a defined benefit pension plan or a 401(a) defined contribution plan depending on bargaining unit, with the option to participate in a voluntary 457(b) savings plan.

Additional benefits include company-paid life insurance, optional supplemental life insurance, an Employee Assistance Program, education reimbursement, and discounted theme park tickets. SacRT

also provides all required uniforms and safety boots at no cost to Transit Ambassadors.

Apply Online

All SacRT positions, including Transit Ambassador, are posted on SacRT’s online career portal at sacrt.com/careers. Applicants may attend a recruitment event for support; however, attendance at an event is not required to apply for the position.

Learn more about these events at sacrt.com/Recruit. ★

Shake Off the Winter Blues with \$8 A’s Tickets



The A’s are welcoming fans back to the ballpark this season with \$8 tickets for select April and May games at Sutter Health Park, giving families and friends the opportunity to enjoy America’s favorite pastime together with some affordable family fun. Photo courtesy of the A’s

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The A’s are welcoming fans back to the ballpark this season with \$8 tickets for select April and May games at Sutter Health Park, giving families and friends the opportunity to enjoy America’s favorite pastime together with some affordable family fun.

“We are thrilled to kick off our second season in Sacramento and can’t wait to see families, friends, co-workers and community groups filling Sutter Health Park for a fun experience at the ballpark,” said Catherine Aker, senior vice president, marketing and communications, with the A’s. “With \$8 tickets available for many games in April and May, fans can plan a family outing, a date night or a group get-together, all while enjoying competitive matchups in Sacramento’s beautiful spring weather.”

Springtime promises to be loaded with Major League fun at the ballpark. From must-have collectibles to meaningful celebrations, April and May give fans of all ages the chance to be part of unforgettable moments.

In addition to the \$8 tickets for select

games, fans can also take advantage of several special promotions and celebrations, including: Sacramento Saturdays with a Sacramento focused promotion every Saturday home game throughout the season and giveaways for kids every Sunday home game throughout the season.

Season events also include the Fireworks Show at the home opener vs. Houston Astros on April 3, Sacramento Baseball Jersey Giveaway vs. Houston Astros on April 4, Jackie Robinson Day vs. Texas Rangers on April 15, A’s Basketball Jersey Giveaway vs. Cleveland Guardians on May 2 and Postgame Fireworks Show vs. San Francisco Giants on May 15.

“With so many special promotions and celebrations, great ticket prices, and an always exhilarating gameday experience, we couldn’t be more excited for A’s fans and the Sacramento region this season,” Aker added.

Fans can secure their seats and view the full promotional schedule at: www.mlb.com/athletics/tickets/single-game-tickets?partnerId=it-20260217-16900609-ath-1-A&utm_id=it-20260217-16900609-ath-1-A#series=6 ★

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construction reflects careful planning, investment and partnerships. Water infrastructure might not be visible, but it’s essential.”

Located on Antelope North Road, the wells can supply up to 7500 gallons of water per minute. During future deluges, the facility can return surface water to replenish natural underground reservoirs (aquifers). Like water from the American River, groundwater is treated to meet state and Federal drinking standards. County Supervisor Rich Desmond sipped his sample and noted “Not only do the new SSWD wells ensure safe and reliable water, it also tastes great.”

Congressman Ami Bera underscored the challenges of water supply. “It’s such a precious commodity,” he said. “For a long time, we took its abundance for granted. Over the last few decades, we’ve learned we can’t count on that.”

“In Northern California, we have the second-highest flood risk in the country,” continued Bera. “We’re



Cheers. Quaffed from champagne glasses, freshly pumped ground water toasts celebrate three new wells Antelope wells.

also living through drought years. With the growth of our area and all the new homes, this kind of groundwater project – and the

ability to store water – is super important.”

Learn about groundwater storage at www.sacwaterbank.com. ★



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-- or any plan equal to or below that cost -- would pay nothing out of pocket for single, two-party, or family coverage. The District would also increase its contribution in 2026-27 to keep pace with any Kaiser premium increases, and the contribution paid in 2026-27 will be the new contribution cap and may be negotiated at that time.

Total Compensation Impact

Over the two-year period, the proposal represents a 9.36% increase in total compensation for employees who receive health benefits. This follows 18% in compensation increases over the previous three years, bringing the total compensation increase for teachers to more than 27% over five years.

The current proposal represents over \$20 million in new ongoing funding allocated to the teachers bargaining unit.

Over the course of negotiations, the District has increased its salary proposals, expanded health benefit contributions beyond what was initially offered, and ultimately adopted the full recommendations of the independent fact-finding panel.

We understand that our teachers feel strongly about compensation and benefits, and we respect their right to advocate for what they believe is fair.

After the District presented its fact-finding-based proposal, the union chose to begin a strike.

Despite the strike, the District kept negotiations open and invited the union to return to the bargaining table.

The parties met again last week, and some progress was made on contract language. However, negotiations broke down again when the District asked whether 100% employer-paid health benefits for all health plans — permanently written into the contract — was a non-negotiable demand. The union confirmed that it was.

At that point, the negotiation session ended, and multiple compromise options related to health benefits were rejected. We continue to hope the union will also be willing to move toward compromise so an agreement can be reached.

The Current Gap

As of press time, there remains approximately a \$22 million gap between the District’s proposal and the union’s proposal. To help put that number into perspective, \$22 million is roughly what the District spends each year on many student support programs, including counseling services, academic intervention and tutoring, mental health supports and after-school programs and enrichment opportunities.

Closing that gap would not be as simple as finding unused funds. Like most school districts, the majority of Twin Rivers’ budget is already committed to salaries and benefits, and our funding is determined by state formulas and student attendance.

Why the District Is Concerned

Meeting the union’s full proposal would require the District to make significant reductions in other parts of the budget. Those reductions could directly affect students through larger class sizes, fewer counselors and mental health supports, reductions in electives and enrichment programs, and potential staff layoffs. Under California law, layoffs are based on seniority. That means newer teachers, who are often working in some of the hardest-to-staff classrooms, would be the first affected.

Our goal is not to create fear, but to be transparent about the financial realities school districts must consider when making long-term commitments. Several districts that recently agreed to compensation packages beyond what their budgets could sustain are now facing structural deficits, layoffs and program cuts.

Our responsibility is to make sure that any agreement we reach can be sustained over time without reducing services for students.

There is an important statewide conversation happening about how California funds its public schools. The California Teachers Association has been advancing a coordinated campaign known as “We Can’t Wait,” which aims to build political momentum for a potential statewide revenue measure related to school funding. Many of the financial pressures our district faces are shared across the state, and the policy debate



about school funding is real and important.

However, our obligation is to make decisions based on Twin Rivers’ specific financial situation and our students’ needs. While that statewide debate continues, the impacts of these negotiations are felt locally -- by students, teachers and families.

Some families have asked why the District has not released additional budget projections.

The District’s financial information is public and reviewed annually by the Sacramento County Office of Education, which independently monitors the District’s fiscal health. The fiscal concerns we have raised are also consistent with the findings of the independent fact-finding panel.

There is a false narrative that the District is hoarding money in its budget. That simply is not true. As of the last official reporting period ending January 31, 2026, the District projects an unrestricted ending fund balance in the General Fund of 10.46% of expenditures. Compare that to the State average of unified districts, which is 24.36%, and the District has less than half the average reserve for school districts. Further, Fund 40 is not being used to hoard money. The District received hundreds of millions during the pandemic and spent, not saved, most of that money for

construction projects, which are evident by the improvements you see in schools districtwide. Any claim we do not spend our money on students is patently false.

Families who wish to review the District’s annual budget reports (District’s adopted budget, interim financial reports, and multi-year projections) can access them here: <https://www.trusd.net/Departments/Administrative-Services/Fiscal-Services/>.

Our Commitment

We want our teachers back in their classrooms. They are an essential part of our school community, and we value the work they do for students every day.

The District has put forward a compensation package that we believe recognizes teachers’ contributions while protecting the programs and services students depend on. The decisions being made right now will shape Twin Rivers schools for years to come, and we take that responsibility seriously.

We know this has been a difficult time. We share your desire to see this resolved and to have our teachers back in every classroom. Until then, we will continue to keep you informed, and we encourage you to reach out with questions. We’re in this together.

For further information and updates, visit: www.trusd.net/. ★

Koi Club Hosts Self-Guided Pond Tour

Camellia Koi Club News Release

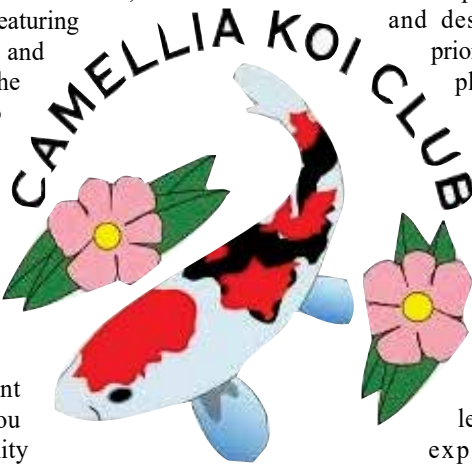
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Discover a hidden world of beauty and tranquility right here in the Sacramento area. The Camellia Koi Club is holding a one-of-a-kind, self-guided pond tour featuring stunning private ponds and koi collections across the region from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 25.

Explore at your own pace, choose which locations to visit and enjoy an up-close look at breathtaking water features, lush landscapes and magnificent koi. Along the way, you will have the opportunity to meet fellow koi enthusiasts, connect with experienced hobbyists and speak with koi experts, breeders, suppliers and pond designers. Whether you are a seasoned pond keeper, dreaming of building your first

koi pond or simply curious about the hobby, this tour offers inspiration, education and plenty of eye-catching scenery.

Register now at www.camelliakoi.org. Once registered, a detailed map will be available with specific pond locations and descriptions one week prior to the tour so you can plan your perfect day.

“The Camellia Koi Club’s pond tour is more than a showcase of stunning koi ponds. It’s a chance to connect with fellow koi enthusiasts, spark ideas for your own pond and learn directly from koi experts,” said Susan Reyes, Camellia Koi Club president. “Participants will meet club members at each stop, discover what the club offers, and have the opportunity to join our welcoming koi community.” ★



California Farm Bureau Celebrates Passage of Farm Bill

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass commented today on the House Agriculture Committee’s bipartisan passage of H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. She said:

“California Farm Bureau applauds the House Agriculture Committee’s bipartisan passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. We greatly appreciate Chairman G.T. Thompson’s ongoing dedication to advancing the farm bill process and including key provisions that will modernize farm policy, increase certainty and enhance the competitiveness of California farms and ranches. We especially thank California Reps. Jim Costa and Adam Gray for their support of the bill and their ongoing support for California

farmers and ranchers. “Farmers and ranchers have been without certainty of a new farm bill since it first expired in 2023, and have been grappling with low commodity prices, rising supply costs, inflation and uncertain international trade dynamics. While there is still more work to be done, passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act would provide California producers with assurance of a full five-year farm bill, thus strengthening America’s rural communities. We urge House leaders to move swiftly and bring H.R. 7567 to a vote on the floor.”
The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★

Sacramento County Invites Residents to Celebrate National Day of Play

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Regional Parks is inviting residents to step outside, unplug and enjoy the outdoors in celebration of National Day of Play, observed this year on Saturday, March 21.

National Day of Play is a community-driven effort that encourages people of all ages to put down their devices and spend time outside being active and connecting with others. The day highlights the importance of recreation, fresh air and shared outdoor experiences for both physical and mental well-being.

With more than 15,000 acres of parks, trails and open space throughout the region, Sacramento County Regional Parks offers countless opportunities for residents to take part. Whether it’s biking or walking along the American River Parkway, exploring nature trails, picnicking with family or simply relaxing outdoors,



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the park system provides spaces where the community can gather, play and recharge. “National Day of Play is a wonderful reminder that some of the most meaningful moments happen when we step away from our screens and spend time outdoors,” said Liz Bellas, Director of Sacramento County Regional Parks. “Our parks are here for everyone—from families looking for a place to play to individuals seeking fresh air and quiet time in nature. We encourage

everyone to take advantage of the incredible outdoor spaces we have right here in Sacramento County.” Celebrating Community at Sailor Bar
As part of the celebration, community members are invited to visit Sailor Bar along the American River Parkway, where the nonprofit Friends of Sailor Bar will host a special event recognizing recent park improvements. The gathering will celebrate the dedication of twelve new benches and seven new picnic tables

installed throughout the park area. Many of the benches and tables feature commemorative inscriptions honoring community members and supporters who have contributed to the preservation and enjoyment of the parkway. The event will include a short presentation with remarks from local elected officials, followed by an interactive nature tour highlighting the wildlife along the American River Parkway. Participants will also be able to take part in a

scavenger hunt to discover the inscriptions located on the benches and tables throughout the area. “This iconic event will celebrate the collaboration inspired by our government leaders and the community that made the American River Parkway at Sailor Bar significantly more accessible with the installation of 12 benches and 7 tables along the pathways,” said Jodi King with Friends of Sailor Bar. Located along the scenic American River Parkway, Sailor Bar offers

visitors access to trails, river views and open space that make it an ideal destination for a day outdoors. Sacramento County Regional Parks encourages residents to celebrate National Day of Play by visiting their favorite park, exploring a new trail or simply taking time to enjoy nature with family and friends. To learn more about Sacramento County Regional Parks and find places to play, visit regionalparks.saccounty.gov. ★

Local Women Business Owners Honored at NAWBO Gala

Celebrating Three Decades of Women’s Leadership Excellence in Sacramento Valley

NAWBO Sacramento Valley Chapter News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Valley Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) hosted the 30th Annual Outstanding Women Leaders (OWL) Awards Gala on March 7 at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Sacramento.

For three decades, the OWL Gala has honored and celebrated the top achievers among women entrepreneurs, along with corporate, government and community leaders who have advanced the status of women in our region.

“The OWL Gala represents what NAWBO stands for – celebrating achievement, fostering connection and empowering the next generation of women leaders,” said Christina Dixon, board president of NAWBO Sacramento Valley. "Our 30th anniversary event is a powerful reminder of how far we've come and the limitless potential ahead.”

KFBK news anchor Kitty O’Neal returned for her 30th time as host of this elegant evening, designed to support women business leaders past, present and future.

2026 Outstanding Women Leader (OWL) Categories and Finalists:

Leslie Bosseman,

co-founder/owner/preschool director, The Makers Place/Lead with Intention took home the Woman Innovator Award, which recognizes a trailblazer in her field in innovation and industry advancement.

The Woman in Public Service Award, which Honors a woman serving in a government or public service role (elected or appointed) who demonstrates exemplary leadership and advocates for positive change for women in business went to Senator Anquelique Ashby, who was not present at the gala.

The Executive Woman Award which honors an executive-level professional with no ownership interest who demonstrates exceptional leadership and community involvement went to American River College President Dr. Lisa Cardoza.

Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment took home the Impact Award, which celebrates a woman leader who has made a demonstrated impact on the economic advancement of women in the region.

The Woman on the Way Award, which honors a businesswoman in operation for less than five years showing strong potential for sustained growth and leadership



The Rising Star Award which recognizes an outstanding young woman in high school or college who demonstrates leadership, initiative and potential to make a lasting impact in business, community or public service went to Lyrik Robinson, Visions in Educations Charter School. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell



The Wise Woman Award, which acknowledges a woman business owner with 10-plus years of success and leadership in her industry went to Allison Otto, president and CEO, Otto Construction. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell

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From left: Incoming NAWBO Board President Nicole Townsend, event MC, Kitty O’Neal, KFBK and current Board President Christine Dixon. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell

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About NAWBO Founded in 1975, the National Association



Leslie Bosseman, co-founder/owner/preschool director, The Makers Place/Lead with Intention took home the Woman Innovator Award, which recognizes a trailblazer in her field in innovation and industry advancement. Giving the award to Leslie was Dave Tamayo, SMUD Board, Ward 6. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell



Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment took home the Impact Award, which celebrates a woman leader who has made a demonstrated impact on the economic advancement of women in the region. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell



SMUD held a live auction at the NAWGO Gala on March 7. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell

of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) is the unified voice of over 12 million women-owned businesses in the United States representing the fastest growing segment of the economy. To learn more about NAWBO Sacramento Valley Chapter visit www.NAWBO-Sac.org. ★



Lydia Belaski, Woman on the Way award recipient pictured with husband Jeff Belaski. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Approves Gift to Animal Care

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has formally approved a generous \$359,823.44 donation to Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter from the Estate of Robert W. Steger. This transformative gift will directly support lifesaving care for animals in our community.

With the Board’s approval, Animal Care Services is authorized to accept and utilize the full \$359,823.44.

Robert W. Steger was a devoted cat and dog lover whose generosity reflected his deep compassion for animals. Through this extraordinary bequest, his legacy will continue to make a lasting difference for thousands of pets and the families who love them.

“This gift is more than a donation, it is a legacy of compassion,” said Annette Bedsworth, Director of Animal Care Services. “His contribution is truly a testament to his kindness and unwavering support for our mission. Because of Mr. Steger’s belief in giving animals a second chance, we will be able to expand programs like our MASH



Animal Care Services will use these funds to expand critical programs like MASH, increasing access to spay and neuter services across Sacramento County. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

clinics and provide more spay and neuter services to Sacramento County residents. That investment in prevention saves lives and strengthens our community.”

Animal Care Services will use these funds to expand critical programs like MASH, increasing access to spay and neuter services across Sacramento County. By investing directly in prevention, this gift will help reduce unwanted

litters, ease shelter overcrowding, and keep more pets healthy and at home.

In accepting this donation, Sacramento County honors Robert W. Steger’s commitment to animal welfare and ensures his kindness will continue saving lives for years to come.

For more information about Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter or to learn how to support its mission, visit BradshawShelter.net. ★

March is National Social Work Month

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - March is National Social Work Month, a time to recognize the social workers who help families and communities across Sacramento County. First celebrated in 1963, Social Work Month is now observed nationwide by thousands of social workers and their employers each year. Sacramento County employs hundreds of social workers in different departments, including the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) and the Department of Human Assistance (DHA).

This year’s theme, “Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.”, reflects the role social workers play in our community.

Uplift: Social workers provide hope and stability during some of life’s most difficult moments – supporting children, older adults, families in crisis and individuals working

toward self-sufficiency.

Defend: They advocate for safety, dignity and access to services, ensuring residents are treated with fairness and respect.

Transform: Through collaboration and innovation, social workers connect people to critical resources and help create long-term pathways toward stability and well-being.

“Social workers exemplify professionalism, integrity and steadfast dedication in their service to children, families and adults across Sacramento County. Their commitment to upholding the well being of our community is both commendable and essential. It is a privilege to recognize and honor the meaningful contributions they make each day,” said Shelby Boston, MSW, director, Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services

The dedication of social workers extends beyond this month – they make a lasting impact in the lives of those they serve each day of the year. ★

Methodist Hospital Achieves Patient Safety Excellence Award

Dignity Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health Methodist Hospital of Sacramento announced that it has achieved the 2026 Patient Safety Excellence Award™ from Healthgrades, the No. 1 site Americans use to find a doctor or hospital. This award reflects Methodist Hospital’s commitment to safe, patient-centered care and puts the organization in the top 10 percent of hospitals nationwide for patient safety for a second year in a row.

Alongside this national recognition for patient safety, Methodist Hospital was recipient of numerous accolades based on its exceptional performance in key service areas. In cardiac care, the hospital earned Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for two years in a

row (2025-26). In critical care, it was recognized as a Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Sepsis (2026). These achievements further underscore the organization’s commitment to delivering compassionate, individualized care at every step of the patient journey.

“We are immensely proud of these significant Healthgrades achievements, including our ongoing national recognition for patient safety, Five-Star ratings for Heart Failure and Sepsis, and the 2025 Patient Safety Excellence Award,” said Phyllis Baltz, President and CEO of Dignity Health Methodist Hospital of Sacramento. “These honors signify our team’s steadfast focus on delivering outstanding outcomes and an exceptional care experience. It’s truly a testament to the dedication of our entire staff in making

patient safety and quality our top priorities.”

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento’s achievement is based solely on what matters most: patient outcomes. To determine the national leaders in patient safety, Healthgrades evaluated risk-adjusted complication and mortality rates from approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide across 13 patient safety indicators (PSIs), with each PSI representing a serious, preventable complication.

Healthgrades’ annual analysis revealed significant performance gaps between the nation’s highest-and lowest-achieving facilities, making it increasingly important for consumers to seek care at a hospital with top safety ratings. During the 2022-24 study period, 167,228 preventable safety events occurred among Medicare patients at U.S.

hospitals, with four PSIs accounting for nearly 78 percent of all incidents.

Patients treated at Methodist Hospital and other award-winning facilities had a profoundly lower risk of experiencing an in-hospital fall resulting in fracture (52.4 percent less likely); collapsed lung due to a procedure in or around the chest (57.5 percent less likely); catheter-related bloodstream infections acquired in the hospital (67.8 percent less likely); and pressure sores or bed sores acquired in the hospital (71.9 percent less likely).

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15. Part of a whole

16. Like certain suspects

17. Rainbow, e.g.

18. Not mainstream, as in art

19. "Coast ____ , world's tallest tree"

21. "Vanilla-producing plant"

23. Classic film production company, acr.

24. ____ in the neck

25. ____ the season!

28. Ready and eager

30. "Reader's ____" magazine

35. "Do ____ others..."

37. Rubber bulb on an old bike

39. "Lord of the Flies" shell

40. Bear's den

41. "Colorful daisy-like bloom"

43. "The corpse flower emits a foul one"

44. Spouse's parent

46. EU money

47. Unadulterated

48. Fish food unit

50. Karl of politics

52. Between NE and E

53. Fat Man or Little Boy

55. Major time period

57. "Fastest-growing plant"

60. "Coffee ____ a.k.a. coffee plant"

64. Dam

65. Slovenly abode

67. More painful

68. Change the Constitution

69. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway

70. Black tie one

71. Shakespeare, a.k.a. ____ of Avon

72. Kum Ba follower

73. What defense does, after presenting

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1. India's wild ox

2. Something ____

3. Poker variety

4. Medieval oboe

5. Study of bird eggs

6. Armor- ____

7. Distant

8. Cold-weather drink

9. Hyperbolic sine

10. Ghana money

11. Battery fluid, e.g.

12. "Wow!"

15. Alfresco meal

20. Nebraska's largest city

22. Antonym of keep

24. Throw out of kilter

25. "It once was more valuable than gold"

26. Absurd

27. Static picture

29. "U. S. national flower"

31. Gwyneth Paltrow's brand

32. Empower

33. Open disrespect

34. "Leaves of ____ , let them be"

36. Non-written exam

38. Infamous Roman tyrant

42. Space exploration vehicle

45. Like duck's foot

49. Likewise

51. Pencil tip

54. "Covered with spagh-num"

56. Beyond's partner

57. Pulpit predecessor

58. Affirm with confidence

59. Darn a sock, e.g.

60. Nursemaid, in India

61. Wraths

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Play to Win!

The Sacramento Kings surprised fans with startling wins, no less back-to-back over the Los Angeles Clippers and Sunday night over the Utah Jazz.

Not many saw this coming, and with a road win and home win on back-to-back nights, fans were treated to two wins that saw both veterans and the youth of the team come together and prove that there is reason for optimism.

DeMar DeRozan continues to defy age as he led the Kings in scoring, putting up 27 points against the Clippers and following it up with an eye popping 41 points against the Utah Jazz. DeRozan added 11 assists to go with his 41 points, and veteran teammate Russell Westbrook once again treated fans to another triple double.

Without question the veterans came to play but the Kings youngsters are making a definite contribution. Nique Clifford continues to develop as a rookie as does Maxime Raynaud, and surprisingly newcomer Killian Hayes added 16 points and eight assists in the win over the Utah Jazz. Hayes is making people wonder if there may be room on next year’s team for him, and what the Kings garner in the upcoming draft will go a long way in determining his future.

Sadly, not all Kings fans are celebrating. Many, including several radio personalities, are actually criticizing the Kings for winning! At this point in the season everyone wants to talk about tanking, and it’s a sad state of affairs if basketball fans can’t depend on players giving it their best effort regardless of the standings.

Yes, everyone is acutely aware that the worst record has a better chance at getting the first pick in the draft, but that in no way means that players should be giving less than their best effort.

Fans buy tickets to see their champions hit the hardwood with full effort, and I’m proud that the Kings aren’t buying into this nonsense of laying down on the job.

The draft will be what the draft will be, but let the gladiators of the hardwood compete, and compete with the goal of winning. If not, what’s the point.

Season ticket holders will be in scarce

supply if teams take the low road, and it’s my hope that the Sacramento Kings will hold their heads high and play with 100 percent effort every night.

With the best players on the team sidelined with injuries, the youngsters are getting every opportunity to show what they can do, and it gives coaches and fans alike a real opportunity to see what these first- and second-year players have to offer.

One conundrum continues to be Devin Carter who has not been given the same minutes and opportunity as Nique Clifford to show what he can do. Now is the time to give Carter all the minutes he wants so this staff can fully evaluate what Devin has to offer. With just over a dozen games to go, don’t leave anything to wonder. Let the youngsters have the ball and minutes to go with it.

There is a great deal of talent on this team already, and with the development of Precious Achiuwa and Dylan Cardwell, the Kings are one noteworthy draft pick from forming a truly formidable front line.

A.J. Dybantsa from the BYU Cougars would look nice in a Kings uniform next season, and it remains a possibility that it might just happen.

So, I will continue to root for wins despite the noise in the background and know that the draft will work itself out.

Whether you’re a Russell Westbrook, DeMar DeRozan fan or you’ve found one of our many youngsters to root for, this team is not nearly as far from a playoff team as many would think.

Build around Domantas Sabonis and they will come! The King of the double-double will be back at full strength next season and we need the fans to be back with him.

Basketball pundits can’t stop talking about how deep the upcoming draft is going to be, and I can’t help thinking the Kings are due for a game-changing pick that will have fans on their feet for years to come.

Let’s keep lighting that beam, and with it smiles on the faces of Kings fans too!

All the best! ★

As Gas Prices Soar, California’s New Carbon Emission Rules Prompt a War of Words



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

This week — as the conflict between the U.S. and Iran raged and gasoline prices soared due to disruption in the global oil trade — a political war erupted in California over proposed air pollution rules that could increase fuel prices even more.

The California Air Resources Board’s new crackdown on greenhouse gas emissions, “risks driving production, and the associated emissions, out of state, ultimately undermining both California’s economic base and global climate objectives,” the California Manufacturers & Technology Association says.

Association President Lance Hastings added in a statement, “If these proposed regulations move forward, Californians should brace for higher costs across the board with no end in sight. There is still time to fix this. CARB and the Legislature must act before it’s too late.”

The proposed regulation “will cripple the survivability of the state’s remaining refineries, which will result in California losing the entire industry to this misguided program,” Andy Walz, a high-level Chevron executive, said in a statement. Two California refineries have announced plans to shut down and Chevron, which operates two of the remaining plants, has repeatedly implied

that California’s regulatory climate might force it to flee the state as well.

However as business pressured the Air Resources Board to ease the limits, a coalition of environmental groups, including the Environmental Defense Fund, complained that the proposed rules don’t go far enough.

“Last year, in the face of federal backtracking, California reinforced its leadership on fighting climate change by extending its cap-and-invest program while prioritizing reducing high electricity bills and saving households money,” their letter read. “However, CARB’s 2026 proposed C&I program amendments fall short of the near-term ambition needed for California to be on a consistent and affordable path to achieve its 2045 carbon neutrality goals.”

Meanwhile, 15 Democratic legislators released a letter expressing concern that the new rules would raise fuel and energy costs that are already among the nation’s highest.

“This crisis is not a fallacy nor a thinly veiled threat. It is a reality borne by consumers today, who are historically and empirically least able to afford it,” the legislators said, adding, “California’s climate leadership cannot come at the cost of destabilizing our energy markets and burdening those least able to bear it.”

Interestingly — or ironically — all 15 signatories voted less than a year ago for the legislation that empowered the air board to draft the revisions, which were released in January and are due to be finalized in May.

The legislation behind this flurry of warnings and laments is Assembly Bill 1207, which emerged from

backroom negotiations last September. It quickly passed and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it.

The measure renames the cap-and-trade program cap-and-invest and extends it 15 years from 2030, the current expiration date, coinciding with the state’s declared intention to make California carbon neutral by 2045. It authorizes the Air Resources Board to adjust the emission limits accordingly.

Until now, the state’s business community had fundamentally supported the auctioning of emission allowances as a market approach preferable to the direct regulation of emissions, which many environmental groups favored.

Capitol politicians also liked auctions because they generate large amounts of money — an estimated \$31 billion since 2013 — that are supposed to finance carbon emission reductions. One major recipient has been the state’s much-troubled bullet train project. However, when the state incurs one of its periodic budget crises, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund has also been tapped for expenses that have little, if any, connection to greenhouse gases.

The cost of living is now a top-drawer political concern, and with gasoline prices topping \$5 a gallon in many regions, anything that pushes consumer prices even higher is bound to become a political football.

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

When Will I Get Full Credit for Delaying my SS Retirement?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: The time is nearing that I want to move from my current Social Security survivor benefit to my own SS retirement benefit at 70 years of age. I have been looking more deeply into the application of Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), and I have read that DRCs accumulated in the year that I turn 70 (September 2026) will not be effective when I actually turn 70. Rather, those DRCs won’t be paid until the following year. Can you verify that this is correct? I presume that if the DRC’s are not applied at age 70, that they will be applied sometime after the first of the year and any increase will be paid retroactively.

Signed: Retiring Soon

Dear Retiring Soon: The Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) you speak of have accumulated at the rate of 8% per year (.667% per month) since you reached your SS full retirement age (FRA), which means that at age 70 your monthly SS benefit will be about 129% of the amount you were entitled to at your FRA of 66 years plus 4 months.

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For those who claim mid-year but before age 70, only DRCs earned through the end of the preceding year are initially applied, and DRCs earned during the current year are not paid until the following January. This results in a loss of some SS benefit between the

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Kristi Noem Rides Off into the Sunset

man, the border czar who supplanted her in Minneapolis, was on TV and sought to outpace him.

The Journal related that Lewandowski was desperate to get a federally issued gun and badge and exacted retribution against those who didn’t cooperate (he failed to get the gun, but apparently got the badge).

DHS officials denied much of the Journal story, but even if a fraction of it was true, it was still damning.

The two were turf, sharp-elbowed bureaucratic players, not a new or unusual offense in Washington. But their enemies tended to be people who knew what they were doing, with Tom Homan high on the list.

Noem and Lewandowski raised eyebrows by taking an unusual amount of control over the department’s spending.

Self-dealing played a direct role in Noem’s defenestration. The department approved a \$220 million contract -- funneled in part through firms run by Noem and Lewandowski allies -- for an ad campaign encouraging illegal immigrants to go home.

The ad starred -- who else? -- Kristi Noem. She was on horseback and in chaps. The implicit message was that if illegal immigrants didn’t leave on their own, she’d immediately form a posse and run them over the border. It was a production worthy of a spaghetti western, or -- more to the point, given her political ambitions -- a commercial for a 2028 presidential campaign.

Noem couldn’t defend the sketchy spending decisions, or the blatantly self-glorifying

ad, or much of anything else, in brutal back-to-back House and Senate congressional hearings that precipitated her doom. She’d already been taken down a notch after the Minneapolis ICE operation went sideways. Not working with copious supplies of credibility to begin with, she tossed away whatever she had by instantly labeling both agitators shot by DHS agents “domestic terrorists.”

All of this said, it was Trump who hired Noem despite her manifest deficiencies, including no notable experience in immigration enforcement. She was camera-ready and loyal, so why not? Her designated replacement, Oklahoma senator Markwayne Mullin, also doesn’t have a background in immigration policy. One hopes, though, that he won’t interfere with the professionals and will continue the Homan-backed approach of focusing on apprehending illegal immigrants who have committed other criminal offenses and received final orders of removal, and ramping up worksite enforcement.

The French World War I-era statesman Georges Clemenceau once said, “War is too important to be left to the generals.” By the same token, immigration enforcement is too important to be left to self-serving glory hounds who are focused more on the main chance than the underlying mission.

Trump’s first firing was the right one.

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Athletics’ Star Tyler Soderstrom Announces Inaugural Charity Poker Tournament

Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Tyler Soderstrom, a California native and rising star of the Athletics, is proud to announce his Inaugural Charity Poker Tournament, an exclusive fundraising event benefiting EASE and Keaton’s Child Care Alliance. The event will take place on Monday, May 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel, 500 J St, Sacramento.

As a lifelong Californian who has grown up within the Athletics organization, Soderstrom has embraced both the responsibility and opportunity that come with his role on and off the field. Now entering a new chapter of his career with the A’s, Tyler is committed to using his platform to make a lasting impact in the communities that helped shape him.

The inaugural tournament reflects Soderstrom’s dedication to giving back to organizations that provide life-changing support to children and families facing adversity. Both beneficiary organizations align closely with Tyler’s belief in mentorship, community and showing



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up for others when it matters most.

“Launching this event means a lot to me. Year one is always special, and I’m excited to bring people together for a night that’s fun, meaningful, and focused on giving back. Both EASE and Keaton’s have changed lives in powerful ways, and being able to support them through this event is something I’m incredibly

proud of,” said Soderstrom

The one-of-a-kind evening will bring together the community for a memorable night of poker, cocktails, local bites, prizes and unique interactions with Soderstrom and fellow athletes. Designed to blend entertainment with impact, the event offers guests and sponsors an opportunity to connect through sport while supporting

meaningful causes. For sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets, visit <http://Soderstrompoker.com>.

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$500 to \$25,000, offering brands premium visibility and engagement through event signage, gift bag inclusion, on-site recognition, and access to a high-profile audience passionate about sports and

philanthropy. Proceeds from the event will benefit EASE, which supports youth through mentorship, education and life skills development, and Keaton’s Child Care Alliance, which provides critical emotional and financial support to families navigating childhood cancer.

“EASE changed my life when I was struggling with food insecurity, low grades, and an uncertain future. When I didn’t believe in myself, they believed in me. They guided me, encouraged me, and surrounded me with mentors who felt like family. EASE gave me hope when I felt lost and opportunities I never thought I deserved. I truly don’t know where I would be without the EASE team,” said EASE Alumni Tyler Jennings.

Maricsa, mother of Abby, 15-year-old Osteosarcoma Survivor added, “In the darkest of times, you became a new member of our family—granting us emotional and financial support when we most needed it. Keaton’s is a blessing to our family. The care, family events and kindness gave us strength and hope while fighting our daughter’s cancer.” ★

ARC Women’s Swim and Dive Capture Team Title at Cuesta Super Invite

American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American River College (ARC) Women’s Swim and Dive team delivered an outstanding performance the weekend of March 7, claiming the team championship at the 20-team Cuesta Super Invite. The meet opened with an exciting sprint format, highlighted by the 50 freestyle shootout, where the American River College placed five swimmers in the top 10: Amber Inderkum, Sasha Samoylovich, Anabel Maldonado, Jackie Clouser, and Ella Hanson.

Freshman Ella Hanson had a breakout weekend, posting personal-best times in all of her events while playing a key role in the team's relay success. Her strong swims provided an important boost to the American River College’s relay squads throughout the meet. The distance group also delivered



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impressive performances, with multiple personal bests across the board.

Claire Contreras led the charge with wlifetime-best times in the 50, 200 and

500 freestyle events.

The American River College’s scoring leaders included Sasha Samoylovich and Amber Inderkum, who both finished among the meet's top five high-point scorers, contributing significantly to the team's overall victory. Following the weekend's results, all ARC relay teams are now ranked in the top eight in the state, positioning the program strongly as the season progresses.

The divers also played a crucial role in securing the team win. Sophomore Ashley Johnson earned second place on both boards, while freshman Arie Black added valuable points with a third-place finish.

With standout swims, strong relay performances and key contributions from the diving squad, the American River College showcased depth and talent across the board on its way to a dominant victory at the Cuesta Super Invite. ★

Picton Named to Big Sky All-Tournament Team



Sacramento State junior guard Natalie Picton was named to the Big Sky Conference All-Tournament Team after helping lead the Hornets to a berth in the semifinals for only the fifth time in school history. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State junior guard Natalie Picton was named to the Big Sky Conference All-Tournament Team after helping lead the Hornets to a berth in the semifinals for only the fifth time in school history.

Picton became only the seventh different Hornet to earn an all-tournament spot, joining Emily Christensen (2012), Alle Moreno (2013), Adella Randle-El (2015), Kahlaejah Dean (2023, MVP), Isnelle Natabou (2023), and two-time honoree Benthe Versteeg (2024-25).

The native of Welland, Ontario, was the only all-tournament team member not to hail from one of the two championship competitors as tournament champion Idaho

placed three and runner-up Montana State had a pair.

After helping the Hornets gain a berth into the quarterfinal round for only the second time in school history, Picton averaged 17.0 ppg and shot 42 percent from the field overall for Sacramento State, guiding the program to a win over Idaho State, 62-53, and a hard-fought loss to top-seeded Idaho, 59-51, in what was a one-point game with eight minutes remaining in regulation.

She finished with a team-high 19 points on 7-of-16 from the field in the win over the Bengals, adding three assists and a steal in 39 minutes. Twenty-four hours later, Picton shared game-high honors with 15 points against the Vandals to post her third-straight double-digit scoring game and her eighth in the last 10.

Wrapping up her first season as a Hornet, Picton finished second on the team in scoring at 13.4 ppg, while averaging 3.7 rpg and leading the team with 67 steals (2.16 spg). She shot 37 percent overall from the field and was second on the team with 66 three-pointers made while finishing in double figures 22 times.

She set a collegiate high with 27 points in a win over Simpson on Dec. 15 and added four more games with 20-or-more points. Picton also posted collegiate highs with nine made field goals (twice against Simpson and Weber State) and six three-pointers made (twice against UC Davis and Montana), while grabbing a career-high eight rebounds against the Grizzlies on Jan. 31.

Defensively, she finished with multiple steals in 21 of 31 games, including 10 games of three or more. Her 67 steals were the most by a Hornet in a single campaign since Maranne Johnson swiped 77 steals in 2017-18. ★

Montero Joins Republic FC’s First Team on USL Academy Contract



Republic FC announced March 11 the addition of academy player Jackson Montero to the club’s first team roster. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Republic FC announced March 11 the addition of academy player Jackson Montero to the club’s first team roster. The defender has signed a USL Academy Contract, pending league and federation approval, and will be eligible to play in first team matches in 2026.

“Jackson continues to put in the work to develop his game, and we’re thrilled to offer him this opportunity again this year,” said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins.

This is the second straight year that Republic FC has extended an Academy Contract to Montero. He first joined the Indomitable Club in 2017 and has featured for every age group during his youth career. In 2022, he as a member of the club’s U15 team that reached the semifinal round of the MLS NEXT Cup – the only non-MLS academy to reach the late stages of the annual national tournament. Before joining Republic FC, he featured for local clubs San Juan Soccer Club and Sacramento United.

With Montero’s signing, seven players on Sacramento’s 2026 roster come from the youth academy. Da’vian Kimbrough, Blake Willey, and Chibi Ukaegbu have risen through the ranks to sign professional contracts with their hometown team, while defenders Rohan Chivukula and Luke Strassburg and goalkeeper Brooks Doolittle signed USL Academy Contracts during the offseason. USL Academy Contracts allow academy players the chance to train and compete with the first team in professional matches while retaining their NCAA eligibility.

Since its inception in 2015, Republic FC’s Academy has created a strong, local pipeline of youth players ready for professional-level competition, with over 40 players earning the opportunity to join the first team on USL Academy contracts and over 25 going on to sign professional contracts with Republic FC or other clubs. In 2025, players from Sacramento’s youth academy combined for 80 gameday roster selections, 56 appearances, and over 3,000 minutes. ★