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Should Rio Linda Be Its Own City?



The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District currently services the unincorporated area along with Sacramento County, of which Rio Linda falls into District 4. Photo courtesy of Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District

By MPG Staff

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Since the inception of Rio Linda and neighboring Elverta, the rural, sub-urban community has been part of the greater Sacramento County. Over the years, the idea of establishing Rio Linda as its own city has been a conversation among its residents, mostly with the motivation of preventing “predatory annexation” by the City of Sacramento. Currently, Sacramento County services the area along with the Rio

Linda Elverta Parks and Recreation District. The conversation is resurfacing with the announcement of a meeting by District 4 Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez titled, “What Would Incorporation mean for Rio Linda Elverta?” set to take place from 5 to 6 p.m. April 9 at the Rio Linda Teen Center, 627 L St. The event encourages public input on whether Rio Linda should remain an unincorporated part of Sacramento County, or

if steps should be taken for Rio Linda and neighboring Elverta to become their own city. Discussion topics will include local representation and public resources, questions from residents and what city formation would involve, according to a flyer from the office of Rosario Rodriguez. The journey to cityhood would be an extensive process, and now is residents’ time to weigh in on if they believe it would be worth it. Pros of becoming a city might include

having more direct access to state and federal funding, having a more localized government and not relying on Sacramento County for decision making, maintenance and code enforcement. However, some residents may feel hesitant to incorporate due to the potential increase in local taxes and fees. Residents are encouraged to explore these possible benefits and downsides, and to ask questions at the community event. All voices are welcome and encouraged. ★

Shine
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Invests
in Local
Nonprofits

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - SMUD has awarded twenty-five local nonprofits with more than \$524,000 in funding from its annual Shine program. The Shine program, now in its 9th year, is supporting nonprofit programs that engage communities across SMUD’s service area in an equitable transition to a clean energy future. This year’s cohort of Shine awardees will deliver community driven projects that expand access to energy and STEM education, strengthen zero carbon workforce pathways, support economic development and improve the health and resilience of neighborhoods across SMUD’s service area. “At SMUD, investing in our communities and the nonprofits that serve them is at the heart of what we do,” said SMUD CEO and General Manager Paul Lau. “Our Shine program helps nonprofits create lasting change that builds a healthier, stronger and more equitable community for generations to come.”

Out of the 104 organizations that submitted applications, 25 were selected for their vision which aligns with SMUD’s 2030 Zero Carbon goal. SMUD’s investments are matched by the recipient for maximum impact. The 25 selected nonprofits include: A Seat at the Table Community Initiative, AcademySTAY, Act on Kindness, Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley, Inc., Assist Academy, CALSTART, 4 Hood Edu, Dr. Ephraim Williams Family Life Center, E Train Talks, Inc., Friends of Sacramento Public Library, Japanese American Citizens League, Sacramento Chapter, Mending of Mothers Inc., Midtown Association, Mother Natives, One Community Health, Pathways to Possibilities, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates, Sacramento Comedy Spot, Sacramento Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Sacramento Police Foundation, Sierra 2 Center for the Arts & Community, Starting Point for Refugee Children, International Foundation, Voice of the Youth, Zion Girls Leadership and

Waymo Begins Autonomous Vehicle Testing
Self-Driving Rideshare Services Coming to Sacramento



The 5th-generation all-electric Jaguar I-PACE. Photo courtesy of Waymo

By Khushi Salgia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The streets of Sacramento are becoming a testing ground for the future of transportation. Waymo, formerly the Google Self-Driving Car Project, has officially begun mapping and initial testing of its self-driving Jaguar I-PACE vehicles across the capital city, signaling a major shift in the local transit landscape. Sacramento is the third California city to introduce autonomous vehicles,

following San Francisco and Los Angeles. While the sight of white SUVs topped with spinning sensors is becoming more common from the Downtown Grid to the suburbs of Rancho Cordova, the rollout is sparking a complex conversation about safety, labor and AI technology. “Our expansion aligns with Sacramento’s ambitious Vision Zero goals to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries,” Waymo said in a press release on Feb. 5.

Sacramento has the highest number of traffic fatalities in California, with 11.61 deaths per 100,000 people from 2018 to 2022 – higher than the statewide average. Waymo hopes to reduce this number, and in its testing so far, has proven to be safer than a human driver. “Regardless of fault, the Waymo Driver was involved in 92% fewer crashes that cause serious or fatal injuries than human drivers in the same driving conditions,” the Waymo Team said on March 19.

According to the California DMV, Waymo’s current permits allow for testing with a safety driver behind the wheel. This “mapping phase” is a critical precursor to fully driverless operations, allowing the vehicle’s artificial intelligence to learn the nuances of Sacramento’s geography – from the one-way streets of Midtown to the high-traffic corridors near the Golden 1 Center. While Waymo is currently in their testing

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Stew, Sweets and Service

Lions Club Holds 44th Annual Beef Stew and Pie

Spring Programs Announced for Youth



Lions Club members enjoy food and community at the 44th annual beef stew and pie event on March 21. Photo courtesy of the Rio Linda Lions Club

By Abbey Wicks

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Rio Linda Lions Club held their 44th annual beef stew and pie on March 21 at the Rio Linda Grange, 1315 G St. According to Gene Kypke, member of the Rio Linda Lions Club, the event went very well. Vice President Bill Higgins served as chairman and head cook for the event. Rio Linda Elverta Country Lions Club Leos worked in the kitchen and as servers at the event, which drew nearly 80 attendees. The annual event was originally called Buck

Stew, when a member named Buck gave his recipe to the club. In 2005, the event name was changed to Buck Stew to attract a wider audience, and a pie auction was also introduced at this time. According to Kypke, there were 24 pies donated to the raffle, including one pie from an affluent Colfax bakery which has sold for up to \$200 in previous years. The event included raffle prizes, a door prize, and of course, lots of eating. Members of the Lion Club spent much of the evening taking care of attendees, keeping the event running

smoothly and staying to clean up-post event. The Rio Linda Lions Club is an active non-profit seeking to serve the community through service events and partnering with other non-profit organizations. Kypke said he hopes to get the word out about future events and bring community awareness to the club. The club’s annual family-friendly duck derby returns April 26 and will be held at Roy E. Hayer Park, 847 G St., Rio Linda. For more information, visit the Rio Linda Lions Club Facebook page. ★



A member of the Rio Linda Lions Club is one of many who dedicated her evening to making sure the 44th annual event ran smoothly. Photo courtesy of the Rio Linda Lions Club

Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District Seeks Summer Staff

By MPG Staff

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District is now hiring seasonal employees for the upcoming summer, with positions available for recreation leaders and pool cashiers. District officials said they are looking for energetic, responsible and positive individuals to support summer programming and pool operations as the season approaches. Recreation leader positions will focus on the district’s summer camp programs. Responsibilities include leading games, crafts, sports and themed activities; supervising and engaging campers; and helping maintain a safe,



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structured and fun environment. Recreation leaders are also expected to serve as positive role models for youth participants. Pool cashiers will assist with daily operations during the summer pool season. Duties include greeting and checking in guests, handling admissions and transactions, providing customer service, and supporting the high volume of visitors

typical during peak swim months. According to the District the positions offer valuable work experience, a team-oriented environment and flexible seasonal schedules, along with the opportunity to contribute to the local community. Applications are currently being accepted online through the district’s website at <https://rleparks.specialdistrict.org/job-opportunities>. ★

Shine Program Invests in Local Nonprofits

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Collegiate Preparatory Academy. Shine awards range from \$1,000 to \$100,000. Any nonprofit organization within SMUD’s service area is eligible to apply. Shine awards are available at three funding levels:



Spark (up to \$10,000), Amplifier (up to \$50,000) and Transformer (up to \$100,000).

For more information about the SMUD Shine program, visit smud.org/Shine. ★

By MPG Staff

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District is offering two upcoming community programs this spring, including a youth soccer skills session and a supervised evening event for children. A four-week Soccer Skills program will be held in April for children ages 4 to 14. Designed for beginners, the program focuses on building fundamental skills, confidence and physical activity in a group setting. Sessions are scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 4 to 7 and from 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 8 to 14. Families may choose to attend either Monday

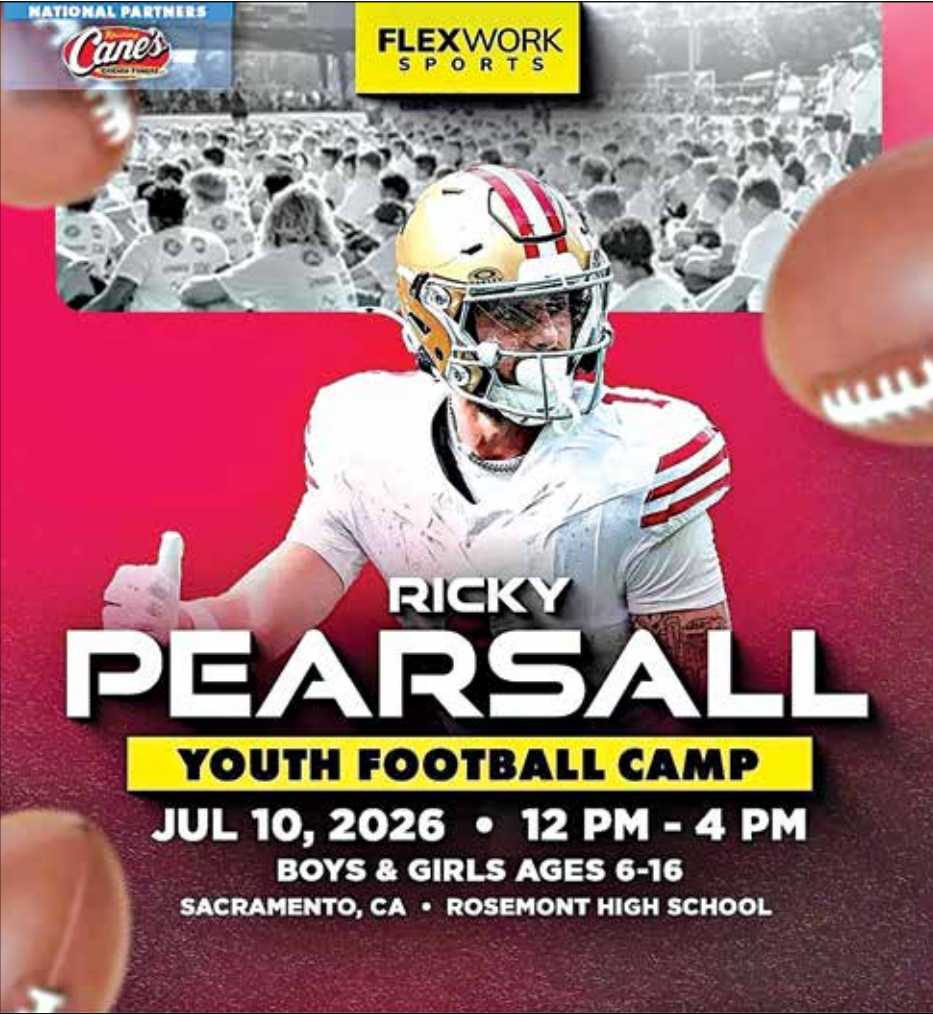


A four-week Soccer Skills program will be held in April for children ages 4 to 14. Photo courtesy Freepik

or Wednesday sessions. Registration is available online at www.rleparks.com, and space is limited. In addition, the district will host a “Kids Night Out” event from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Rio Linda Elverta Community Center. The event is open to children ages 5 and older and will

include crafts, games, a movie and pizza. The cost is \$5 per child, and participants must be potty trained. Registration for both programs is required and can be completed through the district’s website at www.rleparks.com. Officials said space is limited for each event. ★

49ers Receiver to Host Local Youth Football Camp



Taking place on Friday, July 10, at Rosemont High School in Sacramento from noon to 4 p.m., Pearsall will be on hand for the first annual Ricky Pearsall Youth Football Camp on behalf of FlexWork Sports Management. Photo courtesy of FlexWork Sports Management

By James Darnell

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Calling all youth football players! Current San Francisco 49ers wide receiver and 2024 NFL Draft first round pick Ricky Pearsall is coming to Sacramento this summer to take part in a local football camp for children ages 6-16. Taking place on Friday, July 10, at Rosemont High School in Sacramento from noon to 4 p.m., Pearsall will be on hand for the first annual Ricky Pearsall Youth Football Camp on behalf of FlexWork Sports Management. Pearsall and other coaches will guide campers through a fun-filled day that will include interactive sessions, skill stations/events and other various opportunities to interact with the athletes. All campers in attendance will be grouped by age in order to

enjoy the day at the correct pace and skill level. Campers are being asked to come dressed in athletic attire (gym shorts, cleats or sneakers) and ready to participate in various activities. The camp is set up to engage with children of all skill levels and experience in order to bring excitement and help create lasting memories. Each camp participant will receive a camp team photo with Pearsall which will be emailed after the completion of the event, along with a limited-edition Ricky Pearsall FlexWork Football Camp T-shirt. Additional take-home items from event sponsors may be available as well. Visit <https://www.flexworksports.com/camps/ricky-pearsall-jul-2026-youth-football-camp-sacramento> for details and the ability to purchase tickets. ★

Waymo Begins Autonomous Vehicle Testing

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phase, they hope to launch their rideshare service later this year. “Waymo has indicated that it does not intend to begin operating commercially in the expanded areas before May 1,” the California DMV said in an email statement. “Prior to beginning commercial passenger service in the new areas, Waymo must receive additional approval from the California Public Utilities Commission.” Once they begin commercial operations, riders will be able to hail a ride

through an app, similar to the way other rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft work. While some people might prefer self-driving rides due to the lower cost – especially considering there is no tipping – some drivers do have concerns about this new technology. “A lot of the streets aren’t well marked or lit, even driver assist services struggle,” an Uber driver from Rancho Cordova who asked to remain anonymous said. Despite this, he believes that “most [people] will use the cheaper option.”

For now, Waymo’s presence in Sacramento remains in the data collection phase. The company has not yet announced a formal date for when residents can begin hailing a driverless ride through an app, but the Jaguar sightings serve as a daily reminder that the autonomous era has arrived. As the mapping continues, the city council and the DMV will face ongoing pressure to ensure transparency regarding safety data and to protect the human workers currently fueling the city’s rideshare economy. ★

Queens in Action

Purple Pageant marks a decade of empowering young women on and off stage

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For a decade, the Purple Pageant has been more than crowns and sashes; it has been a launching pad for leadership, confidence and community service. Since its debut in 2016, the Greater Sacramento-based pageant has nurtured young women and girls to become not just queens on stage, but leaders in their communities.

Lisa D. Taylor, the visionary behind the Purple Pageant, said the inspiration came from her own pageant journey.

“I have run in 13 pageants and won 12 titles, but I didn’t see very many young girls or women that looked like me,” Taylor said. That absence motivated her to create a space where multiculturalism, mentorship and service could shine alongside talent and grace.

With more than 30 years of community involvement in the Sacramento area, Taylor has built a system where giving back is key.

“What you put into the community is what you get out. You can’t build an empire alone,” Taylor said.

The pageant emphasizes leadership, confidence and service, and Taylor sees those qualities grow in participants over time. Mentors work closely with each contestant to identify goals, create career development plans and offer constructive guidance.

“The Purple Pageant has been a transformational force in my life, shaping me as a woman, mother, and entrepreneur,” said Queen Tamara Johnson. “Through this experience, I found my voice and gained the confidence to step into rooms of influence I once felt unqualified for. The pageant helped me



The pageant emphasizes leadership, confidence and service, and Lisa D. Taylor sees those qualities grow in participants over time. Photo courtesy of Lisa D. Taylor, Purple Pageant

recognize my gifts and turn them into action. It didn't just change my life, it expanded it, positioning me to lead, build and give back in ways I never imagined.”

The Purple Pageant’s programs start early. Princess and Ambassador programs lay the foundation for participants to develop leadership and community skills before vying for the title of Queen. Beyond stage presence, the pageant incorporates life skills, etiquette and mental health awareness into every aspect of its programming. Contestants attend galas, parades, fashion shows and even golf tournaments, learning to navigate a variety of social and professional settings.

Taylor calls mentorship “a trusted, experienced guide who facilitates personal, professional and emotional growth.” She



Purple Pageant, the Greater Sacramento-based pageant, has nurtured young women and girls to become not just queens on stage, but leaders in their communities. Photo courtesy of Lisa D. Taylor, Purple Pageant

says one of the most rewarding moments since launching the pageant has been witnessing her own growth in giving back to others.

“Seeing the growth within myself to give back, that’s priceless,” Taylor said.

Over the last 10 years, the pageant has helped teens graduate with honors, attend college and

even launch businesses. Adult participants have pursued careers in nursing, the military and writing, often fueled by the skills and confidence gained through the program. Internationally, the Purple Pageant now has queens in Kenya and Nigeria, with plans to expand further.

The pageant’s mission is clear: to empower young women

through community service, etiquette, life skills and leadership, all while fostering inclusivity. Taylor hopes the next generation will carry this mission forward by starting new chapters and mentoring future queens.

“Join the Purple Pageant and gain the skills to open a chapter in your own community,” Taylor advises aspiring participants.

The 10-year anniversary event is set for April 26 at Granite Bay Country Club, starting at 3 p.m., promising surprises for guests while celebrating a decade of achievements. Those interested in supporting the pageant as volunteers, sponsors or mentors can contact Taylor at 916-856-4536.

As Taylor puts it, the Purple Pageant is not just about who wears the crown, it’s about preparing young women to wear it well, on and off the stage. ★

April Service Adjustments to Improve On-Time Performance



The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) will implement adjustments on seven bus routes effective April 6 to enhance on-time performance and maintain reliable connections across the system. Photo courtesy of SacRT

SacRT News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) will implement adjustments on seven bus routes effective April 6 to enhance on-time performance and maintain reliable connections across the system.

The changes will affect the following bus routes: 21, 25, 68, 81, 93, 137 and 138. Riders are encouraged to review the updated schedules online at sacrt.com/servicechanges or call 916-321-BUSS (2877) for assistance.

Key Adjustments

Route 21 Sunrise (Weekdays): Up to eight minutes of travel time will be added to certain trips.

Route 25 Marconi (Weekdays): Up to five minutes of travel time will be added

to certain trips.

Route 68 Oak Park (Weekdays): The trip that currently leaves Arden Fair at 3:56 p.m. will leave two minutes later at 3:58 p.m. All times will shift accordingly.

Route 81 Florin (Weekdays): The schedule is being adjusted along the trip to mimic actual service conditions.

Route 93 Hillsdale (Weekdays): Up to four minutes of travel time will be added on certain trips.

Route 137 (Weekdays): Up to eight minutes of travel time will be added to the morning trip. The route will also travel on Highway 99 longer and exit on Broadway instead of MLK Boulevard. In addition, service to two bus stops along MLK Boulevard will be discontinued.

Route 138 (Weekdays): Up to 10 minutes of travel time will be added to certain trips. ★

TRUSD and Teachers’ Union Reach Tentative Agreement

By MPG Staff

MCCLELLAN PARK, CA (MPG) - Twin Rivers Unified School District announced March 23 that they have reached a tentative agreement with Twin Rivers United Educators (TRUE).

“This marks an important step forward and reflects the dedication and good-faith efforts of all parties involved throughout the negotiation process,” the district wrote in a press release.

Teachers returned to classrooms Monday, March 23.

“While this agreement is not yet final and remains subject to ratification, it represents meaningful progress toward supporting our educators and maintaining a strong, stable learning environment for our students,” the statement said.

As of press time, no further details regarding the agreement have been released. For more information and updates, visit: <https://www.trusd.net/> ★

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Celebrating the First CARE Court Graduation

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - “I conclude you have completed the CARE plan and have officially graduated from the program,” said Honorable Jennifer K. Rockwell, the Collaborative Courts Supervising Judge.

An eruption of applause could be heard from the Sacramento Superior Courtroom on Tuesday morning as more than a dozen people gathered to celebrate the first Sacramento County CARE Court graduation.

Lorenzo Leon, joined by his mother and care team, marked a major milestone after a year-long journey through the program, becoming the County’s first CARE Court graduate.

CARE Court, short for Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment, is a civil court process designed to connect individuals living with untreated schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses, such as bipolar I disorder, to community-based treatment, services and housing support. Through a court-ordered care plan, the program helps ensure participants receive the services they need while creating a pathway toward long-term stability.



The celebration of Lorenzo’s graduation ended with cake, cards and yet more rounds of applause, marking not just the completion of the program, but the beginning of a new chapter. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

For Lorenzo, that pathway led to housing, consistent treatment and a renewed sense of direction. Over the past year, he worked closely with County staff, service providers and his family to stay engaged in care and build a more stable future.

His care team, including County staff, community partners and loved ones, filled the room to recognize the work he put in to reach this moment. One by one, they took turns sharing how proud they are of his progress.

Judge Lawrence Brown, who presided over Lorenzo’s case, reflected on the journey and the family’s initial hesitation.

“I can recall that the mom in particular was a bit skeptical whether or not this was going to be able to make any real difference,” Brown said. “I remember the moment I saw her shift and begin to see the fruits of everyone’s efforts, and I couldn’t be more proud or honored to have witnessed your journey. While this may be the first graduation, Lorenzo is

now setting the example for those who will follow. No pressure,” he added with a laugh.

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Director Ryan Quist encouraged Lorenzo to take in the moment and look around the room, reminding him that everyone there is part of his support system and a team he can continue to rely on moving forward.

For Lorenzo’s mother, the moment was not only a celebration, but a reflection of the persistence and care shown by the team around her son.

“May I take a moment to give a special shout out,” asked Lorenzo’s mom. “There was one County staff in particular who didn’t give up on him. Even when he would leave, she would go look for him and bring him back. I’m so thankful to the County staff and everyone who kept helping him and stayed on him, because it made all the difference.”

The celebration ended with cake, cards and yet more rounds of applause, marking not just the completion of the program, but the beginning of a new chapter.

If you or a loved one would like to file a petition to start your own CARE Court journey, visit: selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/jcc-form/CARE-100 to learn more about eligibility and the process. ★

The Roy C. Marcum Animal Care Faire Returns this Spring

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendar: The Roy C. Marcum Animal Care Faire returns on Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bradshaw Animal Shelter, and this year, we’re making it bigger, more vibrant and more fun than ever.

This free, family-friendly, pet-friendly event is one of our favorite days of the year. It’s a chance to bring the community together in celebration of animals, compassion and the life-saving work happening every day at Bradshaw Animal Shelter.

Whether you’re a longtime supporter or visiting us for the first time, this is the perfect opportunity to experience the shelter in a whole new way.

What to Expect

The Animal Care Faire is a

full afternoon of activity for all ages. This year’s event will feature adoptable dogs and cats ready to meet their forever families, local vendors and small businesses, craft breweries and wineries, food trucks serving up delicious bites, live music and entertainment, demonstrations and interactive activities and new additions for 2026 that will make this the most exciting Faire yet.

Bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring your dog on a leash (6 feet or shorter). Stay awhile and enjoy everything the day has to offer.

Honoring Roy C. Marcum

The Animal Care Faire is held in honor of Roy C. Marcum, a dedicated animal control officer who devoted his life to serving animals and the Sacramento County community. This event continues his legacy of compassion, service and advocacy for

animals in need.

Every adoption, every conversation and every smile shared that day reflects the heart of the work he believed in.

Want to Be Part of the Faire?

We are currently welcoming vendors, local craft breweries and wineries, and event sponsors who want to participate in this growing community celebration.

This event draws hundreds of animal-loving families and provides a meaningful opportunity to connect with the community while supporting a great cause. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor, we invite you to apply!

To learn more or to apply to be a vendor, visit saccounty.gov.

Join us as we celebrate animals, community and the life-saving work happening right here in Sacramento County.

We can’t wait to see you there. ★



The Roy C. Marcum Animal Care Faire will feature adoptable dogs and cats ready to meet their forever families. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County



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Free Fair to Connect Families to Early Learning Options



The free Family Fun & Playfest at Fairytale Town will showcase early learning programs and community organizations, offering education, health, and wellness information to parents. Photo courtesy of SCOE

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - What a child learns in their early years is critical to building a foundation for lifelong success. High-quality preschool programs help children develop vital social skills and prepare them for academic achievement. California’s Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) initiative ensures all children have access to these opportunities before kindergarten. Through the use of a “mixed delivery system,” families get diverse choices (ranging from public schools to home-based care) to meet their specific needs.

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) invites families to explore these early learning options at its third annual Family Fun & Playfest, which will

showcase 50 early learning programs and 30 community organizations, offering education, health, and wellness information to parents.

The Family Fun & Playfest takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. April 25 at Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive. This is a free event; however, families should register online at <https://bit.ly/SacEarlyLearning>.

Sponsored by the Local Child Care and Development Planning Council (LPC) and hosted by the SCOE Early Learning Department, the annual fair helps parents navigate the early education landscape.

“The fair is so much fun because it brings the early learning system to life by showcasing a vast network of providers in one location,” said Julie Montali, Ph.D., executive director of Early Learning. “Families

are excited to discover new resources that help them make the best choices for their children.”

The event ties into one important element of the key vision, mission, and goals set forth by the Sacramento County Board of Education: to provide pathways for learners to thrive.

Flexible Options for Early Care

A key focus of the event is explaining the mixed delivery system. This approach emphasizes family choice, providing high-quality options for early care that fit specific family schedules and values. Instead of a single model, Universal Prekindergarten allows children to attend various programs, including Transitional Kindergarten at local public schools; California State Preschool Programs; Head Start; center-based care; licensed family childcare; and family, friend and neighbor care.

Sacramento County’s UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup emphasizes the critical need for options starting as early as infancy, advocating that children aged 0 to 3 be fully integrated into the mixed delivery system to support continuous development. This system empowers parents to choose the best setting for their children, whether it is on a school campus or in a home-based environment. ★

County Director of Waste Management and Recycling Appointed



Jennifer Claiborne has been appointed as the County’s new Director of Waste Management and Recycling, effective March 23, 2026. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at its Tuesday, March 10 meeting, unanimously concurred with the County Executive’s appointment of Jennifer Claiborne as the County’s new Director of Waste Management and Recycling, effective March 23, 2026.

“Jennifer’s appointment reflects exactly the kind of experienced, values-driven leadership our Department of Waste Management and Recycling needs,” said Dave Defanti, Deputy County Executive of Community Services. “Her deep knowledge of operations, her commitment to building strong teams, and her dedication to Sacramento County’s organizational

culture make her exceptionally well-suited for this role. We are confident she will continue to ensure our customers are well served and that our services are delivered with efficiency and reliability.”

Claiborne has more than 15 years of experience working in the waste management field, with eight of those years being with Sacramento County’s Department of Waste Management and Recycling. She currently serves as the Chief, Division of Solid Waste Management and has been in this position for one year and eight months. In this role, Claiborne has directed countywide waste collection and transfer operations; established division policies, safety standards and performance metrics; overseen budgets, capital projects and vendor contracts; and has expanded recycling, organics diversion and resource recovery programs in alignment with state mandates and County goals.

Prior to her current position, Claiborne was a Waste Management Superintendent over collections for one year and seven months, a Waste Management Program Manager overseeing Commercial Solid Waste for more than three years, and a Solid Waste Planner II for nearly two years with the County’s Department of Waste Management and Recycling. Before that, Claiborne held the role of Office and Project Manager for one year and six months with Peabody Civil Engineering. She was with CleanWorld for more than five years, where she held the role of Project Manager.

Some of Claiborne’s notable work includes developing strong leaders, improving communication and advancing the County’s organizational culture initiative within the Department of Waste Management and Recycling.

In addition to her professional experience, Jennifer has a Master’s Degree in Urban Land Development and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from California State University, Sacramento. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The End Is in Sight

Things are happening in Sactown and not every Kings fan is happy. Yes, even though our hometown ballers have won five out of the last eight games, there are long time Kings fans that aren’t entirely thrilled.

This is because with each win the Kings statistically have a lesser chance of garnishing the No. 1 pick, or even a top four pick in the upcoming NBA draft.

So, what’s the option. To intentionally try to lose a game. I hope our team never stoops to such measures. Tanking is a matter left better to the commissioner’s office, and I have no doubt Adam Silver has ideas to fix the problem. In the meantime, playing the youngsters and getting a look at as many players as possible, all while giving it their best effort is why fans are buying tickets.

Sunday afternoon saw a raucous Golden One Arena heartily applauding a consistent effort by the Kings as hometown favorite Malik Monk decided to put on a show, scoring 32 points and adding six assists to boot.

Devin Carter, finally getting a chance to play on a consistent basis, chipped in with 16 points, five rebounds, and three assists.

Maxime Raynaud added a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds and has been winning fans literally all season with his consistent play.

The question remains can he complement Domantas Sabonis and play alongside him, or will he become just a capable backup for Sabonis when he’s not on the floor.

Although I wish nothing but good things for Raynaud, I think the Kings have found a good backup center for years to come, but I’m not seeing the shot blocking ability that I would like to see from a 7-footer.

In the 126-122 win over the Brooklyn Nets the fans got to see newcomer Patrick Baldwin perform, and Patrick wasted no time in putting up nine points and shooting three for four from 3-point land.

Doug McDermott did the same and the Kings will be faced with some uncomfortable decisions in the off season as they make decisions on who to keep and who to let go. Sadly, McDermott’s 3-point shooting could have been used all season, but coach Christie relegated this talented sharpshooter to the bench for the majority of the season for reasons that have never been very clear.

Yes. Decisions will be made and not all Kings fans are going to like them. Names like Precious Achiuwa, Dylan Cardwell, Devin Carter and others are not promised next season, although I believe all the aforementioned need to come back next year.

The draft will be a mystery until the ping pong balls do their thing but just know this Kings fans. This year’s draft is deep, and whether the Kings choose #1 or #7 there is going to be a player with the talent to make the Sacramento Kings a better team.

More than anything what this franchise needs is people that can assess talent better than in the past. People that can separate the wheat from the chaff, the blue chippers from the pretenders.

Please, no more Marvin Bagleys or Thomas Robinsons. Surely, we can do better than the past has seen, and I’m convinced we will.

So, have heart Kings fans and let’s continue to put our hands together for players like Russell Westbrook that is breaking all-time records right in front of our hometown fans!

Westbrook has been a bright spot all season and has done everything asked of him.

I’m hoping the younger players have been paying attention because there is much to learn from this can’t miss future hall-of-famer.

Here’s some positive but I believe very accurate news.

The Sacramento Kings are closer to becoming a playoff team than the NBA expects.

I don’t like to dog on a coaching staff, but with the talent the Kings have and even in spite of the bad luck they’ve had with injuries, this team should have won 30 games.

Coach Christie is like a young rookie finding his way, but he has to do better than spout out that the Kings must play tough defense.

Start with being a better free-throw shooting team and take it from there.

Let’s stick together and look forward to a winning 2027!

All the best! ★

It’s Supposed to be a Race for Governor, but Candidates and Voters Seem Disengaged



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The shortage and costs of housing are, by any rational standard, one of California’s most pressing issues, which is why several thousand advocates of affordable shelter gathered in Sacramento last week to ponder potential solutions.

Housing California, the event’s sponsor, invited candidates for governor to participate in a panel discussion of how they would approach the housing crisis.

Neither of the two Republican candidates, Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco, appeared, which was not surprising given the left-leaning tenor of the event.

It was, however, odd that only four of the eight Democratic candidates showed up, since it was a terrific opportunity for them to impress a large audience of political activists, with just a few weeks remaining before voters begin marking and mailing their ballots for the June 2 primary election.

Of the four who participated in the housing panel, just one candidate, billionaire Tom Steyer, is in the top tier of candidates, as revealed in a new poll by the UC-Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies, with just barely 10% support.

The other three — state school Superintendent Tony Thurmond, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former state Controller Betty Yee — collectively garnered just 6% support among the sample of voters, with Thurmond and Yee at 1% each.

Although California is a thoroughly blue state, the two Republicans were 1 and 2 in the poll, thus feeding worries among Democratic leaders that they could wind up that way in the June 2 voting if none of the Democrats catches fire.

Among the Democrats, Congressman Eric Swalwell and former Congresswoman Katie Porter polled highest at 13% each, followed by Steyer at 10%, former Attorney General Xavier Becerra at 5%, with Villaraigosa and San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan at 4%.

Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll, told the Los Angeles Times he is stunned by how fragmented and disengaged voters are about choosing the state’s next governor.

“This is historic for me,” DiCamillo said, “and especially given that none of the candidates have really a positive image rating with voters, also startling. I mean, perhaps one of the reasons why voters are disengaged, they’re just not enthusiastic about any of the candidates. They’re kind of sleepwalking to this election.”

The lethargic nature of the contest is also demonstrated by the inability of the California Federation of Unions to settle on one Democrat, instead giving endorsements to four of the eight.

One could say, therefore, that the passive attitude of candidates vis-a-vis this week’s housing conference captures the broader lack of enthusiasm among candidates and voters.

This should be a referendum on how California deals with not only housing and homelessness but the many other issues that Gavin Newsom will leave behind when he exits the office next January, almost certainly embarking on a quest for the White House.

However, the gubernatorial campaign so far has revealed very few differences among the eight Democratic candidates on those issues, nor any truly novel proposals. In response to questions about housing, homelessness, health care and living costs, the four who did participate in Thursday’s panel generally responded that they would spend a lot more money and impose new taxes on corporations and wealthy Californians to pay for it.

Given the paucity of new ideas and the overall lethargy, one could almost hope that Hilton and Bianco do finish 1-2 and give the state a Republican governor for the first time in two decades. The Capitol conflict that would ensue as a GOP governor battles with a Legislature dominated by Democrats would at least be interesting.

It would be karmic justice for a Democratic Party that apparently is incapable of generating enough energy to power a light bulb.

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

Help! Social Security Reduced my Monthly Payment



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My last Social Security payment decreased by about \$400, so I went to my online SS account and found a November 2025 letter explaining that my 2024 tax return showed a greatly enlarged AGI (Adjusted Gross Income). Thus, SSA decided to withdraw monies, as of Jan 2026, from my bank account because I’d owed far more monies to them! The letter itemized my greatly diminished 2026 SSA monthly payment, explaining should my next tax return show a regular AGI, then SSA would return my SS income to regular amounts (and return every prior month’s deficits?). Said letter also mentioned an optional recourse, that of compiling an “Appeal” to regain my ongoing decreased income! The extra amounts now withdrawn for Medicare Parts A and D alone are outrageously high. I’m a retired senior citizen on a fixed income.

According to SSA, my having sold a piece of land in 2024 allows SSA to decrease my SS income! Has this become a common practice against USA (senior) citizens? Thank you in advance for your input! **Signed: Feeling Wronged**

Dear Feeling Wronged: From what you have shared, it appears that your SS benefit amount has been affected by a provision known as “IRMAA” (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). IRMAA isn’t really a Social Security issue, rather it is a Medicare premium thing. But when IRMAA applies, it reduces your net Social Security payment because Medicare premiums are automatically taken from your Social Security benefit, thus making your net SS payment less. If you look at your gross Social Security payment (at your online “my Social Security” account) you will see that your **gross** SS payment did not change, but your Medicare premium did, thus affecting your **net** SS payment.

IRMAA, essentially, makes Medicare a “means tested” program, where those with a higher AGI can pay a higher Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium. However, IRMAA is usually based on AGI from two years prior to the current year (because your current AGI information isn’t available from the IRS when Medicare premiums are determined in October of each year). FYI, you may have received a notice in the mail in early December telling you what your 2026 Social Security and Medicare amounts would be. In a nutshell, the land you sold in 2024 apparently increased your AGI to exceed the base IRMAA thresholds (which are \$109,000 if you file your taxes as a single, or \$218,000 if you file your income tax as “married/jointly”). And the IRMAA supplements are “progressive” (higher if your AGI is more), so if your Medicare premiums went up by about \$400 (about twice the 2026 standard premium) it’s likely that your 2024 AGI was over \$137,000 if you filed as a single (or over \$274,000 if you filed as “married/jointly”). FYI, you can see the 2026 IRMAA brackets/

premium amounts at this link: www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html

A couple of additional points:

- Your Medicare premiums will, indeed, revert to the standard amounts for 2027, if your 2025 AGI amount is under the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status.
- There is no premium for Medicare Part A (which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization care) because you are receiving Social Security benefits. However, there is a premium for Part B of Medicare (which is coverage for outpatient medical services), and you must also separately pay a premium for Part D (which is coverage for prescription drugs offered by private insurers). And these IRMAA supplements apply even if you have a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer.

Unfortunately, your only “recourse” is, as SSA suggested, to appeal the IRMAA supplement, but that is usually successful only if you can prove you had a “life changing event” which caused (or will cause) your AGI to be less than that used to determine your IRMAA surcharge. Your best option at this point will likely be to appeal using a “Request for Reconsideration” (Form SSA-561) asking that your 2026 Medicare premium be based on a recent year’s (e.g., 2025) lower income.

Finally, IRMAA isn’t really a new thing – it was enacted in 2003, effective in 2007. But it does have a profound effect on many seniors, as I explained in this article I recently published on the topic: <https://amacfoundation.org/irmaa-a-medicare-surprise/>

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Iran is Challenging a Bedrock of American Geopolitical Power

oil, but aluminum, fertilizer and any number of other products are being affected. If shipping in the strait remains as constrained as it is now for months rather than weeks, the economic damage could become intolerable.

Iran is the equivalent of a piratical Barbary state that is managing to undermine a defining element of American geopolitical strategy, despite the beating that it is taking otherwise. We have two carrier strike groups in the region, representing alone more firepower than many nations can muster, and the Iranians have some missiles, drones and mines -- and yet, they’ve effectively closed the strait and we, for now, can’t reopen it.

This is a stark demonstration of asymmetrical power, and the longer it goes on, the more it will look like a national humiliation. There’s no one who is going to bail us out because we have a world-class navy, whereas our allies don’t -- even if they wanted to help.

Trump would like to muster an international force to reopen the strait, but Germany has rebuffed him, and the Japanese and Australians aren’t interested. France is putting together a force -- to deploy after the end of hostilities. Imagine if that had been our attitude about the Battle of Belleau Wood. The fact of the matter, though, is that allied countries aren’t going to think it’s possible to reopen the strait if we haven’t managed to do it on our own.

The reason why we have the Fifth Fleet, one of the most awesome naval forces ever assembled in the history of mankind, is to protect the sea lanes in the Middle East.

That the Strait of Hormuz is now effectively closed is not just a blow to the global economy and a key point of leverage for the Iranian regime, it is an assault against one of the foundations of American power.

Guarding the safe passage of commerce has been a core Anglo-American commitment for a couple of centuries, with the baton of naval leadership passing from the British to the United States around the time of World War II.

British naval preeminence in the 19th century contributed to the creation of the modern world by enabling relatively safe and inexpensive global commerce. We have done the same in the post-World War II era.

This has never been an entirely altruistic endeavor, since -- as two commercially oriented nations heavily involved in international trade -- the U.K. and the U.S. benefited mightily from the arrangements guaranteed by their warships. But so did everyone else.

Just consider the global pain from the current effective closure of the strait, which is being felt at the pump in the U.S. and threatens to hammer Europe and countries throughout Asia. Not just

Trump’s two basic options are to seek some unsatisfactory accommodation with the Iranians that ends in a ceasefire -- with the Iranians having demonstrated their de facto control of one of the most consequential waterways in the world -- or to break their grip on the strait by force of arms, perhaps up to and including the deployment of ground forces to secure the shores of the strait.

Trump seems inclined to bludgeon the strait free of Iranian control. U.S. officials say we could begin naval escorts in a matter of weeks, and they worked during the Tanker War between Iran and Iraq in the 1980s.

The great 19th-century naval strategist Alfred Thayer Mahan argued, “Control of the sea by maritime commerce and naval supremacy means predominant influence in the world.” This was the experience of the British, and has been ours for a long time. “The necessity of a navy,” Mahan also said, “springs from the existence of peaceful shipping and disappears with it.”

In the Strait of Hormuz right now, peaceful shipping has largely disappeared, while we are deploying a mighty navy. If our forces can’t restore free navigation, it will represent a significant failure of a traditional pillar of U.S. power.

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Management” 10078 Kern River
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Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing
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Holistic Dentistry” 5931 Stanley
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UC Davis Athletics Director Named NACDA Athletics Director Of the Year

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - University of California, Davis, Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca has been named a 2025–26 NACDA Athletics Director of the Year (ADOY), the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) announced.

DeLuca was selected as one of 28 recipients across seven divisions of college athletics and represents the Division I FCS level. The award recognizes athletics directors for their commitment to student-athletes, campuses and communities while demonstrating outstanding leadership within intercollegiate athletics.

“Rocko DeLuca and his family are important members of the Aggie community and strong representatives of UC Davis,” Chancellor Gary S. May said. “He’s had a transformative impact elevating academic achievement among our student-athletes, delivering championship performances and strategically positioning Aggie Athletics through meaningful resource enhancement. Rocko has led with integrity, vision and purpose. This recognition reflects the strong trajectory of



University of California, Davis, Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca has been recognized as the 2025–26 NACDA Athletics Director of the Year (ADOY) by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

our athletics program and we are proud of the leadership Rocko continues to provide UC Davis.”

The NACDA Athletics Director of the Year program, now in its 28th year, honors administrators who exemplify excellence in leadership, program development and service to higher education.

Since becoming UC Davis Director of Athletics in 2021, DeLuca has guided Aggie Athletics through a period of

significant competitive, academic and strategic growth. Under his leadership, UC Davis student-athletes have achieved a program-record 93% Graduation Success Rate, ranking among the top 10 nationally, while Aggie teams have captured 13 conference championships and 29 individual conference titles.

DeLuca has also led major initiatives that position UC Davis Athletics for long-term success, including the department's

IGNITE strategic plan; Aggie Ascent, a long-term vision for the future of our facilities; and the university's upcoming transition to the Mountain West Conference beginning July 1, 2026.

“I am honored and humbled to be recognized by NACDA along with my peers, and I am grateful to those on the selection committee for the recognition,” said DeLuca. “Ultimately, this award reflects the incredible student-athletes, coaches and staff

who make Aggie Athletics what it is.” They work hard each and every day to represent UC Davis with pride, and their commitment to excellence in competition, in the classroom and in our community is what drives the success of our programs. I am fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated group who care deeply about the student-athlete experience and about doing things the right way.

“Chancellor Gary May and our campus leadership team have been incredible partners to me and to Aggie Athletics and they recognize the importance of a strong athletics program within the university community. Finally, I want to recognize our fans, alumni and donors who believe in what we're building and who continue to help us build tremendous momentum for our programs. Together, we are positioning UC Davis Athletics for an exciting future and the opportunities that lie ahead.”

Recipients of the NACDA Athletics Director of the Year award will be recognized during the 61st Annual NACDA & Affiliates Convention, held June 7-10 in Las Vegas. Award winners will be honored during the Association-Wide Featured Session on Tuesday, June 9 at Mandalay Bay Resort. ★

Beavers Shutout Porterville and Sequoias

American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - ARC men's tennis took a trip south to the central valley to take on Porterville and College of the Sequoias.

Against Porterville, Tijme Brunner stepped up to the #1 position and won in dominant fashion by the score of 6-1, 6-2 against the Porterville #1, Knautilus Vankham. Rudy Golen was even more dominating at #2 against Samuel Campos, winning without dropping a single game.

AJ Dipoeira stepped into the lineup and also earned a 6-0, 6-0 victory. On Day 2 of the trip the Beavers took on the # 7 team in NorCal, The College of the Sequoias Giants. It was another one-sided victory for ARC, winning the dual



ARC men's tennis took a trip south to the central valley to take on Porterville and College of the Sequoias. Photo courtesy of American River College Athletics

match 9-0.

The Giants competed well, pushing ARC at the #1 doubles position, with the Beaver team of Landon Arendt/Tijme Brunner closed out a 9-7 victory after a hard-fought battle. In the singles, ARC put in their best performance of the season, beating the

competitive COS players at each position without any Beaver player dropping more than 4 games.

Arendt beat a tough opponent, Robert Dan, at the #1 spot by the score of 6-0, 6-4. Carson Parent dropped the fewest amount of games at #6, winning by the score of 6-0, 6-1. ★

Riva Picks Up Second Big Sky Honor of 2026

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Junior Irene Riva capped off an unbeaten 4-0 week by earning Big Sky Conference Player of the Week laurels, helping the No. 66 Sacramento State women's tennis team to wins over Cal State Fullerton and league rival Northern Arizona last week.

The award is Riva's second of the season and the fourth by a Hornet this year along with teammates Lou Baudouin (Feb. 11) and Reese Walker (Feb. 25). The four awards are the most by any Big Sky school this season while Riva collected the fifth of her career, tying her for fifth on the program's all-time list with former teammate Mayya Gorbunova (2023-24) and Tatsiana Kapshai (2010-12). Alongside partner Palina Saulevich, Riva posted a



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pair of doubles wins to start each match, clinching the doubles point against the Titans with a 7-5 win at No. 1, then followed that up with a tiebreaker victory against the Lumberjacks to help Sacramento State sweep the doubles point for only the second time this season — the first since the regular season opener.

In singles, Riva extended her personal winning streak to five straight matches with a pair of straight set wins at the No. 3 spot in the lineup. Her win over Fullerton's Amelia Zylberman clinched the 4-2 win over the Titans and she added another straight set win over NAU's Andrea Noguera to close out the weekend. ★

Republic FC Signs Brooks Doolittle



Brooks Doolittle joins a group of six current and former Academy players on this year's first team roster. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Republic FC announced March 6 the addition of academy player Brooks Doolittle to the club's first team roster. The goalkeeper has signed a USL Academy Contract, pending league and federation approval, and will be eligible to play in first team matches in 2026.

“Bringing academy players onto the first team and introducing them to its environment prepares them for the next level,” said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins, “This is not an opportunity that everyone gets, and we’re looking forward to seeing how Brooks continues to grow from it.”

A Greenbrae, California native, Doolittle is a new addition to Republic FC's academy. Since joining the Indomitable Club just last year, he has earned seven clean sheets in 12 appearances. Prior to his appearance with SRFC, the 6'3" seventeen-year-old played for San Jose Earthquakes Academy and Bay Area Surf. He has also received invitations to both U.S. Soccer ID camps and

national training camps.

Doolittle joins a group of six current and former Academy players on this year's first team roster. 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 signed USL Academy Contracts in December. 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.

Tickets are available now at SacRepublicFC.com. ★

ARC Wins Big 8 Invite

American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Despite coming off a hard week of training, ARC delivered an impressive performance to win the Big 8 Invite. The team showed resilience and depth across both swimming and diving events.

Sasha Samoylovich stayed right on her rested times and led the team in scoring, helping set the tone for ARC's strong showing. Ella Hanson also continued her momentum from a breakout meet the previous weekend, managing to swim close

to those same fast times.

Amber Inderkum took on the 100 fly for the first time and turned in a very respectable 1:05, while Meg Gardner tackled the 200 fly and dropped an impressive eight seconds from her previous best.

The diving crew added valuable points as well. Ashley Johnson dominated the boards, winning both events, while Arie Black placed third. Bridget Adams also contributed key top-three finishes on both boards, helping secure crucial points for the team.

Overall, it was a strong team effort and a great result for ARC after a demanding week of training. ★

