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## State Museum Inducts Hall of Famers



The family of former state legislator John L. Burton, an inductee into the California Hall of Fame 19th Class, is pictured at the red-carpet event prior to the March 19 induction ceremony at the California Museum.

Story and photos by George H. Young

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Founded in 2006, the California Hall of Fame is the California Museum's signature annual program. Every year, the governor and first partner select inductees to honor for outstanding achievement in the arts, business and labor, entertainment, food and wine, literature, music, public service, science and sports.

The program recognizes the leaders and pioneers in California whose dreams and deeds have reached beyond state borders, positively impacting the world.

The museum honored members of its 18th and 19th classes at a red-carpet event and induction ceremony on Thursday, March 19. The 18th Class included posthumous inductees, honored after death, and marked the first time in California Hall of Fame history that the list of inductees was composed entirely of women.

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## Avoid Risk, Penalties by Clearing Overgrown Weeds



The city is reminding property owners to clear tall weeds or face code violations, as dry, overgrown vegetation can pose a significant fire hazard and impact neighborhoods. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

City of Sacramento News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The recent warmer weather and rain are helping weeds to grow fast in Sacramento, but soon they will dry out, causing them to be a fire hazard. The city is reminding property owners to eliminate tall weeds or face City Code violations.

There are currently over 3,000 weed abatement cases open in the city. If lots become overgrown with dry weeds, it can pose a significant fire hazard. Grass fires can spread quickly from a vacant lot or property to an adjacent residential neighborhood.

City Code Enforcement will begin inspections of overgrown parcels after the April 15 deadline to comply. All known vacant lot parcels have been mailed a courtesy reminder notice.

"It is a property owner's responsibility to maintain their parcel of land throughout the year, especially during fire season, which is April through October," said Supervising Code Enforcement Officer John Sorrels. "We encourage property owners to be good neighbors and follow suggested maintenance to avoid dangers and penalty fees."

If you own vacant, undeveloped property, then it is your responsibility to maintain the condition of that property. The deadline for mowing, disking, and/or clearing vacant lots is April 15. The city requires the same deadline every year.

For more information, call 916-808-2633 or visit the weed abatement web page at bit.ly/4sWVom8 (case sensitive). ★

## Sunday Farmers Market Opens Season

By Stephen B. Clazie

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - About six years ago, retired Judge Rudolph "Barry" Loncke, a resident of Sacramento's Pocket neighborhood, had the idea to introduce his good friend Vic Cima, a Land Park resident, to city Councilmember Richard "Rick" Jennings II, who has represented both neighborhoods since 2014.

In addition to his service on the city council, Jennings has served for 25 years as chief executive officer of the Center for Fathers and Families (CFF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families and building stronger communities. Loncke knew that both Cima and Jennings shared a vision of bringing a farmers' market to District 7, where residents could purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables directly from farmers at reasonable prices.

Cima, a retired Sacramento entrepreneur, researched how to start and operate a farmers' market. He learned that experts estimate it can take



Famallama returns for a second year of high-energy performances, kicking off the season at the opening of the GreenHaven Pocket Farmers Market at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 12. The dynamic three-generation band pictured from left are Steve "Dad" Anglin, Henry Ray and Michael "G-pa" Anglin, brings a vibrant mix of music and family spirit to the stage. Courtesy photo

up to five years for a market to become successful, and that startup funding is essential. This Sunday, April 12, the GreenHaven Pocket (GHP) Farmers Market will mark the beginning of its fifth year with a grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring Councilmember Jennings at 9:30 a.m.

Looking ahead to the new season, Cima, the market's general manager,

said he is proud that three local farmers will offer a wide variety of high-quality fresh fruits and vegetables.

Reflecting on the market's early days, Cima expressed appreciation for the support provided from the start by Councilmember Jennings and his chief of staff, Dennis Rogers.

"We truly appreciate their help in securing the

funding needed to launch the GreenHaven Pocket Farmers Market," Cima said.

Jennings previously played for the Oakland Raiders when they won their first Super Bowl.

To this day, Jennings "bleeds Silver and Black" and wears his Super Bowl ring proudly. Last year, he even let Elk 6 President Rob Moore's son try it on.

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# Sunday Farmers Market Opens Season

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The market opens to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cima said, “It will feature fresh produce, a craft fair, live music, food trucks, a face painter and much more.”

Cima also noted, “Terry Catron has been an Elks 6 member since 2007, but this is her first year volunteering as the GHP’s event coordinator. She is doing a wonderful job.”

The opening ceremony will feature a performance of “God Bless America” by Musical Mayhem Productions (MMP), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Elk Grove that provides quality theater education for children through rehearsals and workshops.

Although it is spring

break for some of the children, 18 performers will still be in attendance.

Sade Browne, a reporter and producer from KMAX 31’s “Good Day Sacramento” (CBS13), will broadcast live from the grand opening.

In an email to Browne, event coordinator Catron added, “There will be pets attending the market with their human companions, perfect interview material!”

The market is known for its dog-friendly environment and annual dog contests. Catron also noted, “We have planned a red ribbon-cutting ceremony with balloons and banners for the farmers market.”

Elks Lodge No. 6 President Carol Mitchell said, “As the new Exalted

Ruler, I am excited about the continued commitment to support our community.”

Mitchell, who is following Rob Moore as Elk 6’s president, added, “When I travel, one of the first things I seek out is a local farmers’ market. They offer a direct connection to the heartbeat of a community, its growers, makers and emerging artists. It’s where you experience a place not as a visitor, but as a participant.”

Mitchell, who will emcee the ceremony, will also welcome River’s Edge Church Pastor Dave Johnson to deliver the opening invocation. In an email, she wrote, “Your presence and blessing over our event would help set a meaningful and welcoming tone as we gather

with community members, local leaders, families, parishioners and supporters to celebrate this special occasion.”

River’s Edge Church, located across the street from the Elks Lodge, shares that mission.

Pastor Johnson said, “At River’s Edge Church, we are committed to making a meaningful impact on our community.”

Cima, who is a lifetime Elks member, said he is especially proud that the GreenHaven Pocket Farmers Market has become a successful weekly community event that helps to build a better place to live for Land Park and Greenhaven/Pocket residents. He noted that last summer he particularly enjoyed supporting MomCo, a community group that connects mothers of children ages 0-18 and meets at River’s Edge

Church.

Art Ballard, president of the 95831 Community Association, said, “I love being near the river and think we have one of the most beautiful and well-maintained neighborhoods in the region.”

Pam Zanze, Elks 6 third vice president, announced, “The grand opening will also include an outdoor craft fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.”

She has chaired all Elk 6 craft fairs for the past eight years. “This one will feature 20 local artisans.”

Jay Riddell, known to vendors and customers as the “Market Host,” can often be found strolling through the market, greeting visitors and helping them to find just the right item.

He will also assist with setting up Famallama, which will perform for shoppers and vendors. Vic

and Terry agreed that Jay is an outstanding volunteer, an amazing asset.

Famallama is a multigenerational family band based in Northern California. The group features three generations of musicians, blending rock, Latin rock, blues, funk, and soul into a distinctive sound.

Band members include Henry Ray, teen guitarist and composer of the band’s original music; Michael “G-pa” Anglin, bassist, contributing to the band’s signature funk sound; and Steve “Dad” Anglin, drummer, providing rhythm and energy.

The band is known for its engaging shows and original compositions, including “Famallama Funk,” as well as lively covers that bring a warm, family-oriented vibe to its performances. ★



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# Museum Honors Hall of Fame's 19th Class

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As introduced by First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the 18th Class inductees honored were: Julia Child, the world-renowned French chef; Ina Coolbrith, California's first poet laureate; Vicki Manalo Draves, the first Asian-American woman to win an Olympic gold medal; Mitsuye Endo, a Sacramento native whose family was placed in a Japanese internment camp and later challenged the incarceration in court, helping to secure the right of Japanese Americans to return home; Dian Fossey, author of "Gorillas in the Mist"; Alice Piper, a Native American pioneer; and Tina Turner, a legendary rock icon.

Jennifer Siebel Newsom then introduced the 19th Class. Her first introduction was of legendary legislator John L. Burton, represented by his daughter, Komiko Burton.

Burton dove into local politics after earning his law degree at San Francisco University. He served in the California State Assembly and went on to become Senate president pro tempore, moving on to the U.S. Congress.

Burton was a champion for the poor, the overlooked and the underserved. He advocated for housing and education for former foster youths and expanded their opportunities for care.

Komiko Burton felt honored to speak for her dad, who had passed only six months ago. She spoke about how proud she and her family were of being Northern Californians. Komiko Burton also shared stories about how Burton had befriended and worked closely with many California governors, especially Arnold Schwarzenegger and Gavin Newsom.

The first partner then honored Olympic gold medalist Janet Evans.

Evans, who grew up in Fullerton, won three gold medals at the Seoul Summer Olympics at age 16, including a record for the 400-meter freestyle. In 1992, Evans made Olympic history again by becoming the first woman to defend her 800-meter freestyle title. She is currently the chief athlete officer of the 2028 Summer Olympics, preparing young American athletes for the return of the games to California.

Evans, who attended the event, spoke during the ceremony and said how amazed she was to be recognized among fellow inductees celebrating our state. Evans remarked that she attended the University of Southern California, where she trained by swimming and running and often passed the colosseum, where the Olympic Games are traditionally held.

Drawing on that connection, Evans noted the significance of bringing the games back for the third time.

"There is no better place for the Olympic Games than the state of California," Evans said.

Jennifer Siebel Newsom then introduced inductee Terry McMillan, an inspirational author.

McMillan moved from Michigan to Los Angeles, where she attended high school and Los Angeles City College. She began her writing at Greer and later transferred to UC Berkeley. A regular contributor to The Daily Californian, the school newspaper, she was encouraged to "tell the truth" and tell stories that African American readers could relate to.

McMillan's third novel, "Waiting to Exhale," remained on the New York Times bestseller list for many months and contributed to a shift away from the stereotypes of black women professionals. That novel, and her next book, "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," were made into popular films, earning Grammys, MTV Movie Awards and popular acclaim.

The first partner then honored Riane Eisler, a groundbreaking systems scientist, cultural historian and futurist.

Eisler and her parents escaped Nazi tyranny in 1939, losing many members of her extended family during the Holocaust. She has made a life-long commitment to understanding the roots of violence and inequity.

Eisler's work has offered new perspectives and practical tools for building a more equitable gender balance and sustainable society. She has addressed the United Nations and inspired countless leaders worldwide.

At the age of 94 (almost 95), Eisler addressed the audience and remarked that surviving the Nazis and seeing her mother's courage and ingenuity is what saved their lives, as well as inspired her. She said that the central question of her life's work is whether humanity is either innately violent and selfish or capable of much better. She has pushed for constructive partnerships between groups and individuals, countries and earth.

Eisler added that she sees California as a "wonderful place where bold ideas can take root and grow."

Jennifer Siebel Newsom next introduced nine-time Olympic gold medal winner Carl Lewis.

Trained at an early age by his parents, two track and field stars, Lewis grew up under their keen professional tutelage, winning NCAA championship titles. In 1984, he debuted at the Los Angeles Olympics, winning the long jump, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the 4 by 100-meter relay. Lewis ended up winning nine Olympic gold medals across four Olympic Games, along with eight world championship titles and multiple world records.

Lewis spoke at the ceremony of growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, watching his parents work actively in the Civil Rights movement. He said that his mother knew both Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King.

After moving to California at age 14, Lewis noted how California provided so many opportunities for him to grow as an athlete.

"California will always be a very, very special part of my life; the most important times of life happened in this state... so this is such an honor," Lewis said.

The First Partner next introduced Nobu Matsuhisa, known around the world as Chef Nobu.

Chef Nobu's culinary journey began in Tokyo, Japan, then continued to Peru, Argentina, back to Japan, Alaska, and finally Los Angeles. It was there that he developed the unique culinary styles known as Nobu style, blending elements from all the places he worked to gather inspiration. He formed a lasting partnership with actor and activist Robert De Niro and currently has 69 restaurants and locations across five continents.

Among other awards, Nobu has won Michelin stars, James Beard honors and international awards from Japan to Peru.

Nobu expressed that he was deeply honored to be inducted into the California Hall of Fame. He noted that he came to California from Japan over 40 years ago, and he found people who believed in him, opportunities and a place to call home.

Jennifer Siebel Newsom then introduced Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, America's first all-women mariachi ensemble.

Mariachi Reyna made history as the first all-woman mariachi group signed to a major record label. It was nominated for both Grammy and Latin Grammys, and has expanded what excellence in the genre looks and sounds like.



California native and Hollywood actor Jamie Lee Curtis is pictured at the California Hall of Fame 19th Class red carpet event ahead of the ceremony, where she was honored as an inductee.



Pictured is Gov. Gavin Newsom at the California Hall of Fame 19th Class red-carpet event on March 19.

Mariachi Reyna's work has reached a vast audience from school classrooms to Disney soundtracks to the Smithsonian. The first partner honored the group for helping to redefine who leads and who belongs, especially in the arts.

Mariachi Reyna thanked the governor and first partner for the amazing recognition. They also spoke about what an honor it was to be there, representing women all around the world, especially women in mariachi music. They were proud to be representing their culture and Los Angeles, where the dream and the group originated.

The first partner then introduced Jamie Lee Curtis, Academy Award-winning actor and humanitarian. Born in Los Angeles to Hollywood legends Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh, she attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton (following in her mother's footsteps) and has become a role model for generations.

Curtis has been honored with an Academy Award, a SAG Award, a British Academy Film Award (BAFTA), an Emmy and multiple Golden Globe nominations. She's starred in and been forever memorable in films ranging from horror films including "Halloween" to comedies like "A Fish Called Wanda" to action dramas such as "True Lies."

Beyond her influence on the screen, Curtis has been an advocate and philanthropist who created the charitable organization My Hand Is Yours that has raised more than \$2,000,000 to benefit children's hospitals in Los Angeles. She's also a New York Times best-selling children's author with 13 titles.

Curtis spoke emotionally about the California Dream during the induction ceremony, noting how this state gave both her parents and her the opportunity to change their lives and change the world with their art.

"I'm a Cali girl. I love California. I love



Chef Nobuyuki Matsuhisa, a 19th Class California Hall of Fame inductee, is pictured on the red carpet at the California Museum's annual program honoring state pioneers and influential individuals.



Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis poses at the California Hall of Fame 19th Class red-carpet event before being honored as an inductee at the ceremony.

my family. I love the life that we get. I love the diversity of our state. I love the creativity of our state," Curtis said.

She thanked the governor and first partner for "bringing me home" and expressed how deeply she was moved by this honor.

Gov. Gavin Newsom finally introduced the final inductee, former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who could not attend the ceremony.

Schwarzenegger was the 38th governor of California and a legendary Hollywood icon. Newsom described Schwarzenegger as a "scrawny little kid who came to America with \$20 in his pocket, an interesting accent and big dreams."

"The 38th governor of the state of California is the personification of so many respects, what is defined as California and immigration and entrepreneurialism, five decades of excellence, singular in every way, shape or form. Arnold Schwarzenegger is now one of a million," Newsom said.

"He pursued his dream to be the 'best of the best' body builder that later led to an acting career, becoming the highest-paid actor in the world. After success as an entrepreneur, he then surprised the skeptics by running for and winning the election as governor of California. It was under his leadership that AB32 was passed, allowing California to set its own environmental standards. His life is a 'remarkable career of excellence, singular in every respect,'" the governor added.

Schwarzenegger greeted the induction ceremony audience via a prerecorded segment. He thanked Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom for inducting him into the California Hall of Fame.

The California Hall of Fame exhibit will showcase the 19th Class inductees with a curated selection of personal artifacts, currently on display at the California Museum, 1020 O St. ★



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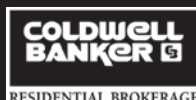


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# Making Every Step Count with Shoe-Drive Fundraising



The seven girls of Troop 3889 participated in the "Make Every Step Count" Sustainable Shoe Drive fundraiser. They are Marie, Kiley, Audrey, Aster, Greta, Julianna and Natalie. Courtesy photo



Land Park Girl Scout Troop 3889 members Kiley and Marie enter a living room filled with shoes to help Julianna and Greta sort them. Courtesy photo

By Stephen B. Clazie

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A shoe-drive fundraiser goes beyond raising money for a cause or community. After the shoes are collected, they are sent to families in developing countries, where they help to create job opportunities. Shoe drives provide inventory to more than 4,000 micro-entrepreneurs in the reuse economy, giving people a hand up, not a handout.

Girl Scout Troop 3889, consisting of seven seventh-grade Cadettes, worked for more than two months to collect lightly used shoes. The girls are part of the Land Park Service Unit which includes the Greenhaven/Pocket neighborhood.

This has been a major fundraiser for the troop, with 1,325 pairs of shoes collected. The girls sorted the shoes, secured them in pairs with rubber bands, and packed 25 pairs into each bag, ultimately filling 53 bags for Funds2Orgs, which distributes them in developing countries.

The troop placed collection bins throughout the Land Park and Greenhaven/Pocket neighborhoods, and parents helped to spread the word online. Bins were hosted by a member of the Kiwanis Club, South Sacramento Pet Hospital, In-Shape Family Fitness at the Elk Grove Laguna Club, All Saints Episcopal Church and

Elks Lodge No. 6. Co-troop leader Amanda Jack said, "It was nice to see all the shoes come in." Their most productive site was the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 in the Greenhaven/Pocket neighborhood. The Cadettes' drive was supposed to end in mid-March, but due to its success, it ended early.

Gina D'Arcangelo, secretary of Elks Lodge No. 6, helped to coordinate communication with members. The lodge, part of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Sacramento, has a long history of community service and charitable activities.

D'Arcangelo shared the following message with lodge members: "Due to the overwhelming generosity of our members, the Land Park Girl Scout Troop 3889 is ending the shoe drive earlier than planned. Friday, March 6, is the last day to drop off shoes in the office. Thank you, everyone, for supporting this worthwhile campaign."

D'Arcangelo added, "Thanks again, and don't forget to support the Girl Scouts' cookie drive, too!"

Clayton Hablitz, Elks 6 chaplain, said, "The gently used shoes will be sorted by condition and type, and usable shoes will be donated to local charities or organizations in need." ★

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## Your Questions About Voting, Answered

By CalMatters Staff  
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**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Where do I vote? Am I registered to vote? Does everyone get a ballot in the mail? Get the answers to your election day questions ahead of California's June 2 primary election.

**How do I vote? Does everyone get a ballot in the mail?** Yes. Under state law, vote-by-mail ballots are sent to every active registered voter.

**When will I receive my mail-in-ballot?** Counties will begin mailing ballots May 4.

**How do I return my mail-in ballot?** Mail it to your county elections office; to be counted, ballots have to be postmarked on or before June 2 and received by election offices by June 9. Drop it off at a ballot drop box, vote center or polling location anywhere in the state. Ask someone you trust to do it for you, but that person can't receive payment for doing it.

**Can I vote in person? Where is my polling place or vote center?** Yes, although mailing your ballot as soon as possible is the best way to get your vote counted fast. You can find out where to vote in the following ways. Visit <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>, text "VOTE" to GOVOTE (468-8683), call the secretary of state's hotline at (800) 345-VOTE, check your county Voter Information Guide or contact your county elections office.

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**How do I register to vote? Am I registered to vote?** You can check the secretary of state's website (<https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>). You'll need to enter your name, date of birth and either your California driver license, identification card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you don't have those available, contact your county elections office or the secretary of state via email or phone at 800-345-8683.

If you've changed your name since the last time you voted, or if you moved and didn't notify the Department of Motor Vehicles or U.S. Postal Service, you may have to register again. If you haven't voted in several consecutive general elections, your registration may have been canceled.

**How do I register?** Visit <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>. You'll need the same information as above.



Where do I vote? Am I registered to vote? Does everyone get a ballot in the mail? Get the answers to your election day questions ahead of California's June 2 primary election. Photo courtesy Freepik

If the DMV has your signature on file, you'll be able to complete the process online. If not, you'll need to print, sign and mail your completed application to your county elections office. You can also pick up a paper application at elections offices, any DMV office and at many post offices, public libraries and government offices. You'll be contacted when your application is approved, or if you need to provide more information.

**What happens if I miss the voter registration deadline?** The last day to register online for the primary election is May 18. If you are registering or re-registering less than 15 days before May 18, you must complete same-day voter registration and request your ballot in person at your county elections office or polling location.

**How do I change my political party if I'm already registered?** You'll need to re-register to vote.

**What if I need help with voting? What if I need voter information in a language other than English?** The secretary of state's office has voter instructions in the following languages: Spanish, Hindi, Chinese, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese. Your county elections office may offer additional languages.

**When will I receive my voter guide?** The statewide voter

information guide will be available online by April and will be mailed to voters later that month.

**What am I voting on?** The June primary election is the first opportunity for Californians to choose which candidates will appear on the general election ballot in November. Unlike some other states, California's primaries are nonpartisan, so the top two vote-getters in each race will advance to the November election, regardless of political party.

The ballot is packed with state and federal races, most notably the race to succeed Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is term-limited and cannot run for reelection. In addition to the governor's race, voters will be asked to choose candidates for Congress, the state Legislature and a slate of statewide offices including insurance commissioner and treasurer.

**Can I leave work to vote?** Yes. California requires time off for voting if employees don't have enough time outside work hours. You can take as much time as you need, but employers are only required to pay for a maximum of two hours. Employers may require advance notice. The time off must be at the beginning or the end of your shift. Employers are required to post a notice about this 10 days before a statewide election.

**How can I track my ballot?**

Visit [california.ballottrax.net/voter/](https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/) to register for California's BallotTrax tool, where you can check your ballot status and opt in to receive email or text notifications.

**Is my ballot safe?** Yes, voting by mail or dropping your ballot in an approved drop box is a safe and efficient way to vote. Fraudulent voting is uncommon and incredibly difficult given California's strict voter verification procedures. Mail-in ballots will only be sent to voters whose address and identity have been verified by county election officials. Their vote will only be counted once those officials verify that the voter's signature on the envelope matches the one on file.

You can find more information about California's election and voting process on the secretary of state's website. The office takes any allegations of election fraud seriously. Anyone can submit a complaint using the following form [sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/voter-complaint](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/publications-and-resources/voter-complaint).

**What if I have special circumstances? What should I do if I marked my ballot wrong, or otherwise messed it up?** If you haven't turned it in yet, you can exchange your mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, ask an election official at the polling place for a new ballot, or

vote using a provisional ballot. If you have mailed or turned in your ballot, there's no way to fix it. Contact your county elections office for a new ballot.

**What if the signature on my ballot doesn't match the one on file?** County election officials check the signatures on the return envelope against signatures on your voter registration card to make sure no one tries to improperly cast your ballot. It still remains confidential; the ballot is separated from the envelope before it is counted.

Voters with ballots with missing signatures or ones that don't match are notified and given an opportunity to correct the problem before the election is certified.

**What happens if I don't receive my ballot?** Contact your county elections office.

**Help! I dropped off my ballot to a drop box in the wrong county.** Don't worry – the county will pass it on to the correct elections office.

**I forgot to detach the stub from my ballot. Can I open the sealed envelope and reseal it myself?** You can, but the secretary of state's office recommends contacting your local county elections office. They'll ultimately be processing your ballot, and they can offer the best guidance on whether you should reopen it or just leave the stub attached. ★



## Election Information

### June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election

Vote Early and Vote by Mail



**May 4** Ballots begin to arrive by mail. Official Ballot Drop Boxes are now open.



**May 18** Close of registration. Register today!



**May 23** 11-Day Vote Centers open through Election Day.



**May 30** All Vote Centers open through Election Day.



**June 2** Election Day! Last day to turn in your ballot.

### Vote Early! Don't wait for Election Day.

Take advantage of early voting and avoid the lines! You can return your ballot in the mail, at any Official Ballot Drop Box, or at any Vote Center. No postage is necessary.

### Track your Ballot!

Sign up for "Where's My Ballot?" with BallotTrax, a free ballot-tracking and alert system. It is available to all voters who wish to track the status of their Vote by Mail ballot from printed to accepted. Scan the QR code or visit [www.wheresmyballot.com](http://www.wheresmyballot.com)



Vote Early! Vote by Mail.

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## The Season is Almost Over

The time has come to reflect on the 2025-26 season for the Sacramento Kings, and without a doubt it was a season of ups and downs.

Injuries are a part of the game, and every team has their fair share, but the Kings were decimated like never before and never recovered from the ubiquitous effect it had on the entire team and its fan base.

After inexplicably trading away Jonas Valanciunas, the Kings decided to roll the dice with rookie Maxime Rayaud, and gamble that he could capably hold down the fort in the event of an injury to Domantas Sabonis; a gamble that was ill conceived and was nothing more than a cost-saving measure that invariably left the Kings shorthanded.

Yes, Maxime had his bright spots, and if nothing else the organization had the opportunity to allow this 7-foot rookie to get his feet wet in the NBA. Baptism by fire it was, and in my book, Maxime proved himself a capable back-up center. As for a starting NBA center, I don't believe that's what the Kings have in their second-round draft choice of a year ago.

Their first-round draft choice Nique Clifford has been praised by many and certainly was given all the playing time he wanted, but like his counterpart, Nique had some glaring holes in his NBA game.

Appearing in 68 games, Clifford averaged nearly 25 minutes per game while scoring just 7.7 points per game. His 31 percent from 3-point land was one of the reasons the Kings rank dead last in 3-point shooting this year, and although his 41 percent from the field is not impressive, it's his 68 percent from the free throw line that is truly glaring.

I expected more from Clifford, and although I'm not giving up on him, no starting point guard in the NBA can put up such numbers and expect to play on a winning team.

So, what does that say about the role of the point guard as it relates to the Sacramento Kings? Are they still looking? I would hope so, because there is no one talking about Russell Westbrook coming back next season, and without him, that leaves Devin Carter to split time with Nique Clifford.

The Kings find themselves in the same

position they were in a year ago, when they signed Dennis Schroder to be the starting point guard for the team. It wasn't long before he was replaced by Russell Westbrook in the starting lineup and eventually traded as he never seemed to find any rhythm with the team.

So, as the Kings find themselves in a quandary with regards to their point guard, the question begs, what will they go after in what has been lauded as one of the best draft classes in many years?

Both Dylan Cardwell and Precious Achiuwa have not only acquitted themselves well this season, they have opened eyes all over the NBA. Resigning these young big men will be a source of focus during the off-season, as well as drafting someone that can give the Kings more front court depth.

Domantas Sabonis remains the foundation piece that barring injury, is the one spot on the team that can be counted on day in and day out. Consistency is his middle name, and no team needs consistency more than the Sacramento Kings.

Daequon Plowden and Killian Hayes have been late season bright spots, but both represent solid bench players and not the starters that the Kings need.

Well, Scott Perry, time to put on that GM hat and show this fan base how you can build a team capable of making the playoffs every year.

Time to become the ossified GM that the Kings need. And that doesn't extend to just the players, as the coaching staff remains a mystery.

Free throw shooting remains a source of embarrassment, and that is a direct result of coaching.

It's time to form new habits and build a culture of winning. Easier said than done and staying away from injuries will be constantly on the watch list.

Three games to go Kings fans, but it's likely your hometown ballers will secure a high round draft choice in the upcoming NBA draft.

Keep the faith Sacramento because even just one player can tip the scales and bring light to a team in real need.

All the best! ★

## This isn't a Race for California Governor; It's More Like a Game of Chicken



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Political media habitually use "race" to describe contests for public office. However the word implies movement and therefore would be inaccurate if applied to this year's election of a new governor.

Sixty-one names will be on the June 2 primary ballot, including 10 leaders who profess to be serious about seeking the office.

However, they aren't racing. Rather, the eight top-polling Democrats seem to be in a children's game, sitting in a circle staring at each other, waiting for someone to blink. Meanwhile, the two top Republicans are taking potshots at each other, potentially undermining the GOP's only chance to elect a governor for the first time in two decades.

For weeks voter polls have found that three Democrats are locked in a tie, albeit at a puny level, around 10%, while the other five Democrats are buried in single digits.

California's top-two primary election system has all candidates listed on the same ballot, regardless of party, with the two top finishers then advancing to the November general election.

Given the size of the field, anyone garnering around 20% in June would probably earn a place in the runoff — or about twice what the three

Democrats at the top — Katie Porter, Eric Swalwell and Tom Steyer — currently have.

With mail voting set to begin in a month, the calendar is beginning to be a factor. Every ballot that's mailed removes that voter from having his or her mind changed. One should expect, therefore, that those with even semi-realistic chances of making the cut would be waging all-out campaigns by now.

However, the only highly visible campaign is that of billionaire Steyer, who's not only hopping around the state for personal appearances but shelling out millions of his own bucks for television and internet ads.

Much of Steyer's campaign is aimed at Swalwell, who has obtained substantial union support, most prominently from the California Teachers Association. Swalwell also benefits from the threats of Donald Trump's FBI to release files from its investigation of Swalwell's relationship with a supposed Chinese spy.

Steyer and Swalwell seem to be vying for the most left-leaning bloc of Democratic voters, while Porter is coasting on the name identification gained during her losing campaign for the U.S. Senate two years ago and hoping that being the only woman in the trio will lift her into one of the top two finishes.

Democratic Party leaders are openly worried, though, that the two Republicans — Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco — could finish 1-2, thereby ensuring the election of a GOP governor. They would like the five lower-tier Democratic candidates to

publicly surrender, thereby enhancing chances that a Democrat would make it to November.

However, members of that Democratic quintet show no signs of quitting, and if they continue to soldier on, despite scant support, the possibility of a 1-2 Republican primary finish continues.

The GOP's only chance of achieving such an upset would be for Hilton and Bianco to operate as a team, pushing their support — 16% and 14% respectively in the latest poll — to the magic 20% level. However, they are campaigning as opponents, even though if just one of them makes the November ballot he would almost certainly lose to whichever Democrat survives the primary.

This static, who-will-blink-first scenario does contain one surprising aspect — the failure of San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan to unleash the blitz he needs to climb into contention, despite having apparently unlimited support from wealthy Silicon Valley figures who want a tech- and business-friendly governor.

On Wednesday, Politico reported there was a shakeup in the Mahan campaign due to what were termed differences over strategy. Maybe that explains why his campaign has been so anemic after his much-ballyhooed late entry. He hasn't been racing much either.

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

## Social Security Matters

### I'll Be 65 Soon and am Working. Must I enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 65 in October and I am working full-time. My goal is to work until age 67, which is my full retirement age, or until age 70. I heard I have to apply for Medicare Part A only. Is this true or will I be penalized? And do I have to go to the Social Security office to do this, or can I do it online? And then will they be still giving me my Medicare through the next five years of working, or do I have to pay for something? I will have my own healthcare insurance. Thank you for your help. **Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:** There are two things you should be aware of:

1. You do not need to claim Social Security benefits when you enroll in Medicare
2. You do not need to enroll in Medicare at age 65 if you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants)

Thus, it is perfectly okay for you to delay taking your Social Security benefits until age 67 (your SS full retirement age), or even until age 70 when you will get the maximum SS benefit you are entitled to. And if you now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer,

you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as your employer's healthcare coverage ends. When you stop working, you will enter a Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP), during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Whenever you decide to enroll in Medicare (or Social Security), you will not need to visit your local SSA office to do so. You can enroll in Medicare either online at [www.ssa.gov/medicare/](http://www.ssa.gov/medicare/) sign-up or you can call SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to enroll in Medicare on the telephone. Similarly, when you are ready to claim Social Security, you can do so online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply) or you can call 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to apply for SS over the phone. To apply online, however, you should first create your personal "my Social Security" online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Creating your online SS account now (at age 65) will facilitate later online enrollment and will also provide you with an estimate of your SS benefit amounts at various ages — e.g., now at age 65, at your FRA of 67, or at age 70. And that should help you decide when it is best for you to claim Social Security.

A few final points:

- You should verify with your employer's health insurance provider that they don't require you to enroll in Medicare at age 65. Most employer plans don't, but some do.
- You don't need to enroll in Medicare Part A or Part B now as long as your employer's coverage is creditable. And it's

okay to enroll in Medicare a couple of months prior to your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ending (when you stop working), requesting that your Medicare coverage starts when your employer's healthcare ends. This will ensure that there is no gap in your healthcare coverage. If your employer coverage is creditable, you will not suffer a Medicare Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling after age 65.

- If you claim Social Security benefits at any time prior to your full retirement age (FRA) and are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The AET lasts until you reach your FRA (67), after which you can earn as much as you like without your SS benefits being affected.

- Whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be required to take Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Medicare Part A is free because you are also eligible for Social Security. But you don't need to enroll in Part A at age 65 unless you also claim Social Security.

- Medicare Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is optional if you have creditable employer coverage as explained above. You do not need to enroll in Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium of \$202.90 in 2026) until your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ends, even if you claim Social Security earlier. ★



It's not just Israel.

One of the least convincing arguments of opponents of the Iran war is that it is a conflict initiated by the Jewish state for its own benefit -- the U.S. is just along for the ride.

This view not only discounts the U.S. interest in defanging Iran but also neglects that there are other countries in the region besides Israel and Iran and that they, too, have a stake in the outcome of this war.

If there's anything that Iran has succeeded in doing over the first month of battle, it is further demonstrating the intolerable threat that it represents to the region.

The so-called Gulf Cooperation Council states -- Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates -- have the misfortune of being located just across the Persian Gulf from Iran, putting them on the front line of the war.

A key element of Iran's strategy has been to impose economic pain on these states to force them to press the United States into staying its hand.

While the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz is indirectly harming the United States by driving up the global price of crude and other materials, it is a direct blow to the Gulf states, since the Saudis, Kuwaitis and Emiratis send the majority of their oil

through the waterway.

The Iranians have struck the Gulf states with missiles and drones by the thousands. The ongoing blitz is damaging energy infrastructure and destroying the reputation of the Gulf states as an oasis of calm and economic development in an otherwise turbulent region.

There's no insurance policy against having a fanatic millenarian state as a neighbor, while nothing quite concentrates the mind like an unprovoked drone attack on one of your luxury hotels -- or your airports, oil fields and data centers.

Iran likes to pretend that it is only striking at military infrastructure, but that's absurd.

As long as Iran is run on its current basis, it is a grave danger to these countries, which, prior to the war, tried to keep their heads down or even get closer to Iran as a way to mitigate the threat.

This is the approach that the Saudis tried after an Iran-backed attack hampered the country's oil production in 2019.

That experiment is now done. According to published reports, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman, privately urged Trump to launch the war even as the Saudis talked up diplomacy in public, and now MBS has been telling Trump to go all the way and topple the Iranian government.

The New York Times relates that the Saudi

leader "is concerned that if Mr. Trump pulls back now, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Middle East will be left to confront an emboldened and furious Iran on their own."

The UAE has been a particular Iranian target. Its ambassador to the U.S. wrote in The Wall Street Journal recently, "We need a conclusive outcome that addresses Iran's full range of threats: nuclear capabilities, missiles, drones, terror proxies and blockades of international sea lanes."

One is tempted to conclude that the Gulf states are "all neocons now." That would be overstating it, though. Despite getting hit by Iran, Oman is maintaining its traditional posture as a mediator and Qatar is always a bad actor.

Much depends on how the war ultimately turns out, but it is easy to see the Gulf states looking to the United States for greater security guarantees and warming up further to Israel, which is demonstrating the military might to confront an Iran that has no compunction about lashing out at states that are doing it no harm.

It may be easy for hostile U.S. observers to portray the Iran war as about Israel and only Israel, but the Gulf states unfortunately know better -- and have the battle damage to prove it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Iran's Other Enemies

# ABOUT TOWN

## Genealogical Association Meets April 15

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will have its general meeting on Wednesday April 15. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at noon. Our meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Belle Coolege Library at 5600 S. Land Park Drive, Sacramento 95822.

Our April meeting will feature speaker Lisa Gorrell, who will give us insight on "How to Leave Your Genealogy."

On May 20 for our general meeting, we will host Lisa Vogle presenting "Travel Your Tree: Voking in your Ancestor's Footsteps" (an in-person meeting with the speaker participating virtually via Zoom).

Questions: call Melanie, 916-383-1221.

## Sacramento Book Festival April 19

The California Writers Club Sacramento Branch presents over 200 local authors, selling books for people of all ages, performing readings, participating in panels and introducing themselves to Sacramento readers.

The festival includes activities for children, author readings, food trucks and

coffee vendors on site, and a passport stamp hunt with prizes. Free admission; Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St. in East Sacramento. Details at sacramento-bookfestival.com.

## Area Museum Experiences

A sampling of must-see and must-do experiences and special activations offered by local museums include the following:

**Aerospace Museum of California** – "The Force Takes Flight: Open Cockpit Day," May 2.

Guests will have the rare opportunity to explore select aircraft up close, climb inside, ask questions, and experience what it's like to sit in the cockpit, while interacting with members of the Central California Garrison of the 501st Legion, a nonprofit costuming club known for its screen-accurate recreations inspired by the beloved space saga. Details at aerospaceca.org.

**California Museum** – "Kokoro: The Story of Sacramento's Lost Japantown," extended through April. Featuring rare family photographs drawn from the personal collections of community members, the exhibit documents the

memories at the heart of a once-thriving downtown community devastated first by forced removal during World War II and again by redevelopment in the 1950s. Details at californiamuseum.org.

**Sacramento History Museum** – "Meet Theodore Roosevelt," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, Celebration Arts Center, 2727 B St. Michael Romero portrays President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1903, Roosevelt embarked on a transformative "Great Western Tour," punctuated by an iconic three-day camping trip in Yosemite alongside naturalist John Muir.

This encounter inspired Roosevelt to lay the groundwork for the National Park Service. Details at sachistorymuseum.org.

**California Automobile Museum** – "A Litle Fellow: The Legend of A.P. Giannini" documentary screening, 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Enjoy a screening of the film, a Q&A with Director Davide Fiore, a cash bar and concessions available for purchase. We'll even have Giannini's personal 1933 Lincoln on display! Details at calautmuseum.org.

**California State Railroad Museum** – California Invention Convention, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18. This is an initiative to bring invention education into California schools and to celebrate the young inventors with a statewide event. Winners from this event will go on to compete at the National Invention Convention at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan.

The Chinese Railroad Workers' Experience offers visitors a view of the Chinese workers who built the western portion of the nation's first Transcontinental Railroad. Marginalized by history, the Chinese workers were more than a nameless group of laborers. Details at californiarailroad.museum.

**Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park** – Photography Month Sacramento - Eadweard Muybridge Tours, every Sunday and select Saturdays in April. See the groundbreaking work of Muybridge, whose innovative techniques revolutionized the art form. Delve into his mesmerizing motion studies and iconic landscapes, while discovering the rich cultural heritage housed within the opulent walls of this historic landmark. Details at parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=489.

**SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity Laser Concert Series** – K-Pop Demon Hunters, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturdays in April. Rage Against the Machine, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. April 3 and 4. This immersive music experience, paired with spectacular full-dome lasers, is the best way to listen to your favorite artists outside of a live performance. Details at visitmosac.org.

## Elks Lodge 6 Calendar of Events

Handball Fun Day, Saturday, April 11, Elks Lodge 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. \$20 buy-in person; open to members and the public. Call or text John, 916-608-5670, or call (916) 442-6666.

Greenhaven /Pocket Farmers Market reopens Sunday, April 12. Also: Spring Fling local crafts event.

CHP Bike Rodeo, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 19.

Sunday Breakfast, 8:30 am-11 am; \$15 tax included. No breakfast April 5.

Mother's Day Brunch/Ritual, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Sunday, May 10.

Larry's Birthday Bash, with Ophir Prison Band and Dyana & the Cherry Kings, 5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14. No charge.

Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 to 7 p.m. See elks6.net for weekly menu. ★

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# Get Inspired by California Native Plants at Free Tour



The City of Sacramento's Department of Utilities invites residents to tour its water-efficient demonstration garden on April 18 and learn how California native plants can create a beautiful, low-water landscape. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

## City of Sacramento News Release

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The free event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1395 35th Ave. as part of the California Native Plant Society's Gardens Got Natives Tour.

"California native plants are well-suited to our climate, which means they typically need less water and less maintenance," said William Granger, the city's water conservation coordinator. "This garden shows how people can create a landscape that's both attractive and water-wise."

Attendees can explore the garden at

their own pace and view nearly 30 varieties of California native plants, each selected for their ability to thrive in Sacramento's hot, dry summers.

Utilities staff will be on site throughout the day to answer questions and share practical tips on plant selection, irrigation and available rebates to help residents get started with a water-wise yard.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone thinking about making changes to their yard to see what's possible," Granger said. "Whether you're starting small or planning a full conversion, we want people to leave with ideas and the confidence to take the next step."

Attendees are encouraged to register in advance for the event at [sacvalleycnps.org/gardens-gone-native-tour](http://sacvalleycnps.org/gardens-gone-native-tour). Registration includes a map and brochure, which will be sent a week before the tour begins. ★

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# Strader Announces First Piece of Coaching Staff with the Addition of JJ Wozniak

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - With nearly two decades of experience as a coach at the Division I level, JJ Wozniak has been named an assistant coach with the Sacramento State women's soccer program beginning with the upcoming 2026 campaign Head Coach Tim Strader announced March 24.

"JJ is someone I've developed a close relationship with—as both a friend and a fellow coach—since his time at UNLV," Strader said. "His ability to connect with student athletes, his strengths as a recruiter with deep ties throughout the Central Valley and Northern California, and his commitment to player development are all qualities I'm excited for our student athletes to experience."

"We have big goals as a program to compete for championships and make deep postseason runs, and JJ brings a wealth of experience that will complement the strengths of our coaching staff, both as a former goalkeeper and as a tactician. I'm thrilled to welcome JJ, his wife Carrie, and his son Jacob to our Hornet soccer family."

Wozniak joins the Hornets' sideline after spending five seasons (2021-24) at nearby Pacific, joining the staff as an assistant coach prior to the 2020 campaign, which was delayed until the spring due to the pandemic, before taking over as Co-Head Coach for the final four years.

In July of 2021, he was elevated to the position of Co-Head Coach and made an immediate impact, guiding the Tigers to a 10-6-3 overall record — the program's best in 12 years — including an 8-1-1 non-conference record. The team finished with nine shutouts on the year as junior Brenna Crump was named the West Coast Conference



**JJ Wozniak** has been named an assistant coach with the Sacramento State women's soccer program. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Goalkeeper of the Year and Wozniak was named the WCC Coach of the Year along with Co-Head Coach Danesha Adams.

A year later, Wozniak helped Pacific out to another quick start with a 5-0-6 mark in non-conference play, including a win over perennial power Santa Clara, and finished with 10 points in the WCC standings — an improvement of two points over the previous season and finished 7-3-10 overall.

In all, three of his four seasons as Co-Head Coach ended with records of .500 or better, which included a 9-9-1 mark in 2023. He left Stockton having won 28 matches and drawing 15 more.

Prior to taking the position with the Tigers, Wozniak was the Associate Head Coach at UNLV from 2015-19, helping lead the Rebels to the 2016 Mountain West Conference regular season and conference tournament titles while posting a 57-40-7 overall record during his tenure.

He helped guide UNLV to four consecutive double-digit win seasons while in Las Vegas, including a 16-4-3 record during that championship 2016 campaign en route to an NCAA Tournament berth. While with the Rebels, Wozniak mentored 15 All-Mountain West selections, including the 2016 league offensive (Lily Sender) and defensive (Chidera

Akubui) players of the year, and the program's first-ever All-American in Sender.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Wozniak's collegiate coaching career began as an assistant coach in charge of goalkeepers for the Fresno State men's program from 2000-03, then served three seasons as the top assistant for the men's program at Belmont University from 2011-13.

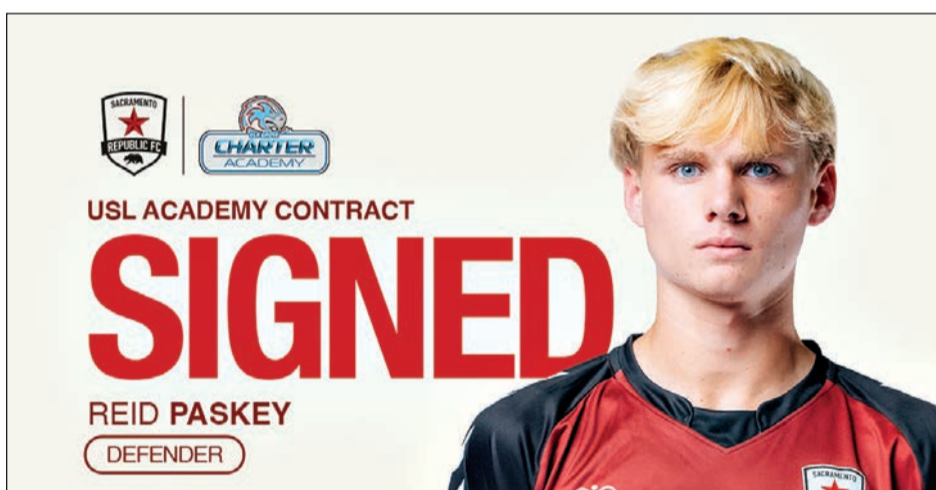
Outside of his collegiate experience, Wozniak held the title of Director of Coach for Cal Odyssey SC from 2002-2011 and again from 2014-2015. He first started with the program as an Assistant Director of Coaching and Director of Soccer Operations in March of 2002 before being promoted to Director of Coaching in April of 2007. Wozniak's teams saw much success, as California Odyssey was one of the original 63 clubs invited into the US Soccer National Development Academy. The program won five national championships under Wozniak's guidance while having back-to-back Development Academy National Finalists in 2009 and 2010.

He also served as the Director of Coaching for Downtown Las Vegas SC from 2015-2017, while also coaching ECNL and ECRL teams for Heat FC from 2017-2020.

Wozniak played collegiately at Saint Louis and Fresno State, twice earning all-region honors and Mountain Pacific Sports Federation laurels in 1995. He went on to a professional career in Major League Soccer with the LA Galaxy and San Jose Clash (now Earthquakes) as well as time in the USL and USISL where he was named the league's goalkeeper of the year award in 1997 and 2001.

Graduating from Fresno State with a degree in sociology in 2000, Wozniak also holds a National "B" Coaching License from the United States Soccer Federation. ★

## Reid Paskey Joins Republic FC First Team on USL Academy Contract



**Sacramento Republic FC announced the addition of Academy player Reid Paskey to the club's First Team roster.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

## Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic FC announced the addition of Academy player Reid Paskey to the club's First Team roster. The defender has signed a USL Academy Contract, pending league and federation approval, and will be eligible for selection immediately.

"We continue to see our academy players benefit from this opportunity, whether it's making an appearance for the First Team or preparing them for the next steps of their soccer journey," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "We're confident that Reid will embrace this next step, continue his development and represent the club well."

A Sacramento native, Paskey is set to graduate from C.K. McClatchy High School this spring and has committed to play Division I soccer at Stanford University in 2027. Paskey joined Sacramento's youth development academy in 2024 and was on the academy U17 team that advanced to the semifinals in the MLS Next Cup, the most impressive run of any Republic academy team since 2022 with three victories in the tournament. Before joining Republic FC, he played with regional clubs Davis Legacy and

Sacramento Alliance SC.

Paskey joins the ever-growing group of now eight 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 and have signed professional contracts with their hometown team, while Rohan Chivukula, Luke Strassburg, Brooks Doolittle and Jackson Montero have signed USL Academy Contracts. USL Academy contracts allow academy players to train and compete with the First Team while maintaining 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.

The region's top youth players will have an opportunity to join Republic FC's Academy — the only youth-to-pro pathway in the region — at tryouts on April 30 to May 1. For more information or to register, visit [SacRepublicFC.com/Academy](http://SacRepublicFC.com/Academy). ★

## Beavers Standout at Hawk Invite



**The ARC team delivered an impressive performance at the Hawk Invite, highlighted by standout efforts across both diving and swimming events.** Photo courtesy of American River College

## American River College News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The ARC team delivered an impressive performance at the Hawk Invite, highlighted by standout efforts across both diving and swimming events.

Ashley Johnson led the way in diving, claiming first place in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events. Bridget Adams secured a strong third-place finish, while Arie Black and Maddie Warden added depth to the squad by rounding out the top 10.

In the pool, Lydia Vlahos dominated the distance events, turning in the top overall performance in both the 500 and 1650 freestyle. Brooke Boyer also had a breakthrough swim, posting a lifetime best in the 200 breaststroke and breaking the three-minute barrier with a time of 2:56.21.



**The meet concluded on a high note for the women's team, who captured the final event with a victory in the 200-freestyle relay.** Photo courtesy of American River College

Clara Walker and Mya Thomas also had a strong showing, excelling in the backstroke events (50 and 200) and each recording season-best times in the 50 freestyle.

The meet concluded on

a high note for the women's team, who captured the final event with a victory in the 200-freestyle relay. The team of Anabel, Amber, Mya and Sasha combined for a strong finish to secure the win. ★

## Gianna Nocetti Earns Second Big West Player of the Week Honor



**UC Davis senior attacker Gianna Nocetti has been named the Big West Player of the Week following a standout performance that led the No. 16 Aggies to a perfect 3-0 weekend in Southern California.** Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

## UC Davis Athletics News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - For the second time in the season and her career, UC Davis senior attacker Gianna Nocetti has been named the Big West Player of the Week following a standout performance that led the No. 16 Aggies to a perfect 3-0 weekend in Southern California.

Nocetti fueled a road trip highlighted by a 12-11 victory over No. 15 UC San Diego—the program's first regulation win over the Tritons since 2022. The

senior recorded a hat trick in all three contests against UCSD, Brown and Cal State Fullerton, totaling nine goals, two assists and six steals on the weekend.

A specialist at the start of periods, Nocetti went a perfect 12-for-12 on sprints over the three-game stretch. She currently leads the team in steals (35) and leads the Big West in both sprint wins (62) and sprint win percentage, while ranking No. 6 nationally in total sprint wins.

The finale against Cal State Fullerton served as a career milestone

for Nocetti, who recorded her 100th career assist. She now totals 40 goals and 40 assists on the year, making her the only player on the roster to reach the 40-mark in both categories so far this season.

Through six conference games, Nocetti ranks among the Big West leaders in multiple categories, including No. 1 in sprint wins and No. 2 in both steals and field blocks. She also sits at No. 5 in the conference in total points during Big West play and No. 6 in assists per game. ★

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