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Nature Center Marks 50 Years

*Story and Photo
by Susan Maxwell
Skinner*

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Effie Yeaw lived on Palm Drive, Carmichael. She kept a pet raccoon and taught Sunday school at her Presbyterian church.

After a long life of conservation advocacy, the teacher died in 1970. Six years later, her name distinguished what would become one of Sacramento County's most treasured nature resources. The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is located in Ancil Hoffman Park and welcomes almost 100 thousand visitors annually.

Many are greater Sacramento school children, experiencing rare opportunities to interact with nature and learn about the area's original Maidu population.

The center's educational programs are subsidized with unrelenting fundraising by the American River Natural History Association.



Effie Yeaw Nature Center supporters pause at the trailhead entering the center's 100-acre preserve. Volunteers and staffers include Peggy Kennedy (left), Sue Schoneman, Dan Crosbie, Cliff Feldheim, Leo Winternetz, Eric Ross, Rachael Cowan, Greg Dewey and Christina Preston.

Community donations -- and helpful dispensations from Sacramento County -- keep the center and its park open.

On this former American River flood plain, centuries-old oaks intertwine with trees established by recent planting programs. Deer, coyote, marsupials, reptiles and scores of bird species live under

American River Parkway protection.

"This is a protected nature study area," reads a sign at the preserve entrance. "Take only memories. Leave only footprints."

Below the sign, a mounted foot brush encourages visitors to scrub outside world contamination from their soles.

"It's a place of wonder in our community," ARNHA President Greg Dewey told supporters at the center's recent Bird and Breakfast fundraiser. "And with the community's support, we'll have many more years of wonder ahead."

Learn about the nature center at www.effieyeaw-nature.org. ★

Midland Brings Retro-Country Sound to the California State Fair

*California State Fair
News Release*

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Throw on your cowboy boots and get ready to line dance in your seat as Midland brings their signature country sound to the California State Fair as part of the Toyota Concert Series on the Sky River Casino Stage on Tuesday, July 21.

Fans can scoot on down and dance along to the sounds of the GRAMMY®-nominated country trio. Known for their smooth harmonies and throwback country style, Midland has become one of the leading voices in the revival of traditional country music.

Formed in Dripping Springs, Texas, Midland front man Mark Wystrach, bassist/vocalist Cameron Duddy, and guitarist/vocalist Jess Carson channels the spirit of classic country with modern flair. Their breakout 5X Platinum hit "Drinkin' Problem" hit the national spotlight and was followed by fan favorites like the Platinum-certified "Burn Out" and Gold-certified hits "Make a Little" and "Cheatin' Songs."

Critically acclaimed albums including "On the Rocks," "Let It Roll," "The Last Resort" and "Barely Blue" have earned praise from major outlets such as Entertainment Weekly, Rolling Stone, NPR and Vogue. Known for electrifying live shows, Midland has packed legendary venues and sold-out performances from the Houston Rodeo to Fort Worth's iconic Billy Bob's Texas.

"Midland's throwback country sound brings the perfect mix of honky-tonk energy and modern hits," said Tom Martinez, CEO of Cal Expo and the California State Fair. "It's going to be a great night for fans to dance in their seats and experience the kind of live music that makes summer nights at the Fair unforgettable."

Concerts at the California State Fair are free with Fair admission. For fans who want to get closer to the stage, reserved seating is available for purchase.

The California State Fair runs July 17 to Aug. 2 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. For tickets, concert updates and more information, visit www.CAStateFair.com. ★

Les Lehr Takes a Final Bow



Les Lehr strikes up the band the Sacramento Symphonic Wind for Carmichael Founders Day 2007. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

*By Susan Maxwell
Skinner*

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Father, grandfather and godfather of Sacramento community bands, Les Lehr died on April 10 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. The Carmichael resident was 88 years old.

Born in South Dakota, he arrived in California as a musically gifted child who excelled at baritone and trombone. His talents were nurtured at Sacramento High School, where he strode as a marching band drum major.

After graduation, he earned his bachelor's degree in music from Sacramento State University and completed his master's at Eastman



Les and Margie Lehr in Carmichael Park during a 2007 concert. Her instrument is a professional extended bass clarinet. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

School of Music in New York. His doctorate was conferred at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

During the long career that followed, Dr. Lehr would educate thousands of Californian musicians. He also coached clinics all over the United States and, while touring with a symphonic group in Australia, the visitor lengthened his stay to mentor musicians down under.

After classes, he climbed into Music Circus pits and swung with the trombones at big band dances.

"His preference was for classical music," recalled his wife of 42 years, clarinetist Margie Lehr. "I tried to get him into pop material, but he barely
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tolerated playing or listening to it. Modern music was just too simple for his educated taste.”

In preferred sophisticated style, Lehr graced the Sacramento Symphony for 14 years. His day job was professor of music for American River College; a passion for volunteer bands started when he inherited leadership of Ed La Franchi’s Sacramento Concert Band in 1983. Under Lehr’s aegis, the ensemble grew so large that it split into two bands. In time, these two bands divided and spawned again.

“There are now many community bands that could claim ancestry with the Sacramento Concert Band,” said Margie Lehr. “My husband inspired other directors. His kindness to musicians of all ages set a tone in band leadership.”

Retiring after 32 years from ARC, the conductor created his trademark ensemble. Much revered for classical repertoire, Sacramento Symphonic Winds was born under Lehr’s baton. Its 65 players present regular concerts at the CSUS music theater.

“Les was always a master programmer,” said his wife. “He was proud of his musicians. He loved to plan concerts that showcased the variety of talent among them.”

Marches were an inevitable focus.

“They were simpler than the symphonies he preferred,” noted Margie Lehr. “But Les knew people expected a march or two at band concerts,” said Margie Lehr. “He wasn’t going to disappoint them.”

In 2004, the legend of John Philip Sousa marched irrevocably into Lehr’s life.

“Oh Mr. Sousa!” is a biographical review that pays tribute to America’s historic March King. The San Francisco co-producer Ken Malucelli charged Lehr to play the part of Sousa and take



Conductor Dr. Les Lehr hails his soloists during an “Oh Mr. Sousa” performance in La Sierra Center. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

the show on the road.

“Les arranged most of the 27 pieces in the performance and got himself a Sousa-style uniform,” recalled his wife. “He toured America, staging the show with many professional bands. It was a huge hit and Les loved doing it. He told me about veterans who cried at these concerts – they were so moved by the patriotism of the music.”

The conductor marched on with Sousa until 2010, when he retired his uniform and focused on his beloved Sacramento Symphonic Winds. Though diagnosed with Parkinson’s in 2014, he bolstered his band’s trombone section for as long as his chops allowed. He then sold his horns and moved to the percussion section.

“Les didn’t care what instrument he played,” his wife said.



Les Lehr (front left) hands over leadership of his Sacramento Symphonic Winds to Timothy Smith in 2016. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

“He just wanted to keep playing.”

Lehr relinquished leadership to conductor Timothy Smith during a Carmichael Park concert in 2016.

“He was sad to give up this important part of his life,”

said Margie Lehr. “But he was relieved to see his band in good hands.”

The Symphonic Winds is now led by Dr Matthew Morse.

The ensemble will join a dozen other community bands for the annual Sacramento Valley Symphonic Bands Association Festival in Carmichael Park on June 6 and 7. The entire event will be dedicated to the late maestro.

“Les was one of the association founders,” his wife explained. “It’s fitting that its festival will be dedicated to Les Lehr. His legacy is respected by so many musicians.”

Dr Les Lehr’s celebration of life will be held at Christ Community Church in Carmichael at 2 p.m. June 26. In lieu of flowers, donations to the nonprofit Sacramento Symphonic Winds are requested. ★

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2026 Education Career Fair Set for May 2

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Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) School of Education is hosting its annual School Teacher-Leader Career Fair on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This premier regional event connects aspiring and current educators, including those interested in entering the profession, with more than two dozen school districts and charter schools seeking talented teachers and school leaders.

Districts and charter schools from across six counties, including Sacramento, Solano, Placer, Lake, San Joaquin and Yolo, will showcase a wide range of rewarding opportunities spanning all grade levels, from Pre-K and elementary through

high school. Attendees can explore new career pathways, learn about credentialing options, and make valuable professional connections.

Participants will be able to explore a wide range of teaching and leadership opportunities, learn about credentialing services and career education pathways, network with peers and education leaders and interview on-site with potential employers.

Education job seekers are encouraged to take the next step in their careers by registering for the 2026 Career Fair. Visit eventbrite.com/e/school-teacher-leader-career-fair-2026-tickets-1984497407166?aff=oddtcreator.

The event will be held at the David P. Meaney Education Center: 10474 Mather Blvd., Mather, CA 95655. ★

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A Night of Timeless Music

Karla Bonoff Brings a Lifetime of Songs to Fair Oaks

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff will bring decades of music to Fair Oaks offering audiences an intimate performance shaped by a career that began in one of Southern California's most influential music scenes.

Bonoff is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. May 1 at the Fair Oaks Theatre Festival, 7991 California Ave., where she plans to deliver a stripped-down set featuring songs that span her catalog.

"I travel with a great guitar player," Bonoff said, referring to longtime collaborator Nina Gerber. "She plays electric and acoustic, I play piano and acoustic, and I do songs from all the way back from my first album up to stuff that's more current. It's a lot of fun."

The performance reflects a shift from the large-scale touring productions of her early career to a more intimate format. Bonoff said the smaller setting allows for a closer connection with audiences.

"It's more of an unplugged kind of intimate situation," she said. "When I was opening for someone like Jackson Browne, sometimes there'd be 10,000 people. It's just a different thing."

Bonoff emerged from the Los Angeles music scene of the late 1960s and early 1970s, a period centered around the famed "Troubadour." The club became a hub for singer-songwriters who would go on to define an era, though Bonoff said the significance of the moment wasn't clear at the time.

"Those of us that were around in the late '60s, early '70s ... were really lucky to kind of come up in that time," she said. "When you're living in the middle of it,



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you don't think about how far we would go. But looking back, I realize it was a pretty magical time."

Like many young artists, Bonoff said she was focused less on legacy and more on navigating early adulthood.

"Everyone was just young and kind of trying to learn how to write and sing and perform," she said. "You're just focused on trying to put one foot in front of the other."

Her path into music began in West Los Angeles, where she started playing guitar at age 12 and developed a passion for songwriting. Influenced by artists like Judy Collins, Bonoff said she was drawn to live performances and albums that

shaped her early ambitions.

"I didn't like school very much, and I would look forward to coming home and playing the guitar," she said. "That's what my passion was."

A turning point in her career came through her association with Linda Ronstadt. Introduced through mutual connections, Bonoff found herself in the right place at the right time as Ronstadt's career was rising.

"She was looking for songs, and all of a sudden she did three of mine on one of her albums," Bonoff said. "That was kind of mind-blowing for me because I'd kind of gone from zero to 60."

Hearing her songs performed by another artist was both disorienting and affirming, she said.

"When those songs come out of your DNA, you feel them a certain way," Bonoff said. "But when you're 22 or 23 and a big artist does your song, you're so excited. It's such a validation."

Bonoff's songwriting process has remained consistent over the years, rooted primarily in melody.

"I've always come at it with the music first," she said. "The music kind of is what gives me that inspiration to write lyrics."

Now in her 70s, Bonoff said her perspective on her work has shifted toward gratitude, both for her career and for the listeners who have connected with her songs across generations.

"To see people who've been following me for 40 or 50 years

come back and love those songs ... there's something gratifying about feeling like you made a tiny little notch of meaning in somebody's life," she said.

Her touring schedule has also evolved. Where once she performed multiple nights in a row with full bands and production teams, Bonoff now emphasizes pacing and sustainability.

"I used to be able to do seven nights in a row," she said. "I can't really do that now. So it's about pacing and taking care of yourself."

Despite those changes, she continues to perform regularly, driven by the connection with audiences and the enduring relevance of her music.

When asked what she hopes listeners take away from her shows, Bonoff pointed to a sense of familiarity and shared experience.

"I hope that they feel like they know me better than just from records," she said. "For people who've been coming back over and over, I just hope it brings back good stuff from their life."

Looking back, Bonoff said she views her career with a mix of pride and reflection.

"I'm proud of myself that I made it this far," she said. "If I had it to do over again, I probably would have been more disciplined, but it's easy to say that looking back. I did the best I could, and so I'm patting myself on the back at this point."

For newer artists, her advice is grounded in the fundamentals that shaped her own development.

"You really had to go out and play for people to hear you," she said. "That made us stronger as musicians and singers. Getting out and just playing is probably the best thing you can do." ★

Assembly Republicans Demand Special Session to Combat California's \$180 Billion Fraud Epidemic

By Megan Barth, California Globe

On Tax Day, California Assembly Republicans gathered at the State Capitol to demand that Governor Gavin Newsom and the Democrat supermajority immediately convene a special legislative session to confront the state's exploding fraud crisis.

Assembly Republican Leader Heath Flora and caucus members delivered a formal letter to the Governor citing fresh estimates that California has lost at least \$180 billion — with broader analyses pointing to as much as \$435 billion — to fraud, waste, and improper payments across major programs — enough to transform schools, hospitals, and infrastructure if recovered. The staggering figures, drawn from state audits, federal investigations, and independent analysis, underscore years of documented failures in Medi-Cal, EDD, homelessness funding, and beyond.

"The Governor claims he's been fighting fraud since day one," Flora stated. "Yet arrests are only now being announced under public pressure. Californians deserve real accountability, not more press releases."

The timing aligns with Attorney General Rob Bonta's recent announcement of state-level arrests in a major hospice fraud ring that allegedly defrauded Medi-Cal of hundreds of millions. Republicans welcomed the action but emphasized it is long overdue — and insufficient without systemic reform.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli, who has led aggressive federal prosecutions including

"Operation Never Say Die," responded pointedly to Bonta's announcement.

Quoting media coverage of the bust, Essayli wrote:

"Glad to see California finally starting to tackle the massive amount of fraud we've been highlighting. We hope they will start putting better fraud prevention measures in place so fraudsters don't get the money in the first place. It's comical to hear AG Bonta and Gov. Newsom complain about partisanship when they expend their entire capital discrediting the work of @TheJusticeDept, filing political lawsuits against the federal government, and maintaining official accounts dedicated to trolling the President and his appointees. Give me a break."

Essayli has repeatedly called California the "kingdom of fraud" and criticized Sacramento for failing to implement upfront controls or meaningful prosecutions, forcing federal authorities to step in after billions have already been lost.

Assemblymember Josh Hoover (R) highlighted the troubling pattern of obstruction: "Not only are we unwilling to investigate fraud, but the

legislature is moving in the opposite direction — shielding records, raising barriers to public access, and even criminalizing investigative journalism, such as AB 2624." Hoover was referring to legislation authored by Attorney General Bonta's wife, Assemblymember Mia Bonta (D-Oakland), that critics have dubbed the "Stop Nick Shirley Act."

The bill would extend privacy and anti-doxing protections to immigration support services providers and similar entities, allowing them to demand removal of video recordings — even those taken in public — and impose financial penalties on those who publish footage exposing potential fraud and abuse in taxpayer-funded programs.

Republicans noted that public pressure, including investigative work by independent journalist Nick Shirley and legislation from Assemblymember Alexandra Macedo, has finally forced some movement on fraud arrests. Yet they warned that Democrats continue to prioritize protecting government insiders and fraud-enabling networks over protecting taxpayers.

This morning, our own

Kay Grimes detailed how the bill would criminalize investigative journalism and violate First Amendment protections by targeting citizen journalists and independent reporters who document waste, fraud, and abuse.

California's fraud crisis is well-documented. California Globe reporting has exposed phantom care and outright theft in Medi-Cal, with the state repeatedly ranked among

the nation's worst offenders. Federal and state audits have continually flagged unlawful spending, while the Employment Development Department remains on the state auditor's high-risk list for chronic failures.

"Enough announcements while California lags behind and lets the federal government take the lead," Flora said.

Assembly Republicans are demanding more than rhetoric. They want a special

session to compel every department to the table, fund aggressive enforcement, expose oversight breakdowns, and impose tougher penalties. With Tax Day reminding every Californian of the heavy price already paid, the message from the Capitol steps was unmistakable: taxpayers have waited long enough for Sacramento to treat fraud as the emergency it is — rather than shielding those who enable it. ★



California Asparagus Growers Hang on Despite Acreage Decline

Ever-increasing labor costs in California and free trade that led to a surge in cheaper, duty-free asparagus imports from Mexico have pushed the state's asparagus industry to the brink of extinction. But a handful of growers and packers continue to hang on, with some even expressing a ray of optimism. "I think we've felt better about it the last two years," said Aaron Barcellos, a partner in the family-owned A-Bar Ag Enterprises near Firebaugh. "Last year and this year, the markets, for whatever reason, haven't had the (imported) grass, and we're finding better markets." California asparagus production topped 37,000 acres in 2000 before it started to decline, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures. The state now has probably fewer than 1,000 acres of commercial asparagus, according to industry estimates.

Melissa Hurtado on Ag Overtime: 'Everyone Can Win'

Following research that showed California's 2016 agricultural overtime law resulted in an overall decline in farmworker earnings, state Sen. Melissa Hurtado, D-Sanger, coauthored Senate Bill 921, which would create a tax credit to offset the cost to farmers of paying overtime premiums. "Just going around the Senate district at different types of events where there were

farmworkers, I've had individuals come up to me and tell me that it's killing them — that they're getting reduced hours and they want more hours," Hurtado told Ag Alert® last month in an interview. "It's something I've been very vocal about, which is not a popular thing to do as a Democrat, but it's a necessary thing to do. We can get it right. This doesn't have to be a situation where everyone loses. Everyone can win."

March Heat Wave Affected Crop Timing for California Farmers

The record-breaking heat wave last month wreaked havoc on the timing of some California crops. Celeste Alonzo, who grows vegetables in Riverside County, said the unusual weather brought her sweet corn harvest forward by nearly two weeks. "We're harvesting corn, and we usually don't harvest until around April 10. We thought we'd be harvesting on April 3, which is still ahead of schedule, but we started harvesting in late March. We had early fruit and early flowering," Alonzo told Ag Alert® earlier this month in a field report. Meanwhile, the high temperatures caused problems for Alonzo's bell peppers. "That early flowering and fruiting combined with the heat has been a challenge, especially with the baby plants," she said. "We're making sure they're getting enough water so they don't die in the heat wave. We're just not used to this weather at this time." ★



The Assembly Republicans call for a special session. Photo credit CA Assembly GOP asrmc.com

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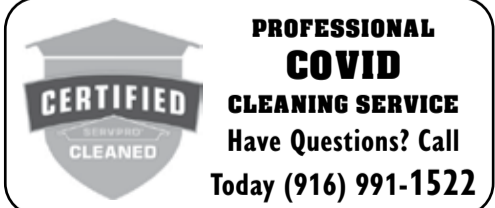
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Where do I vote? Am I registered to vote? Does everyone get a ballot in the mail? Get the answers to your election day questions ahead of California's June 2 primary election.

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.

If you live in one of 30 counties, you'll have increased options, including as many as 10 days of in-person early voting.

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/ 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.

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. ★



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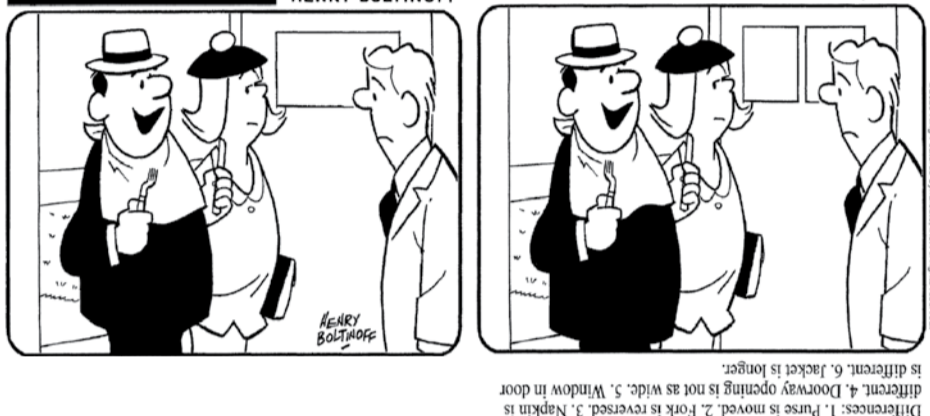
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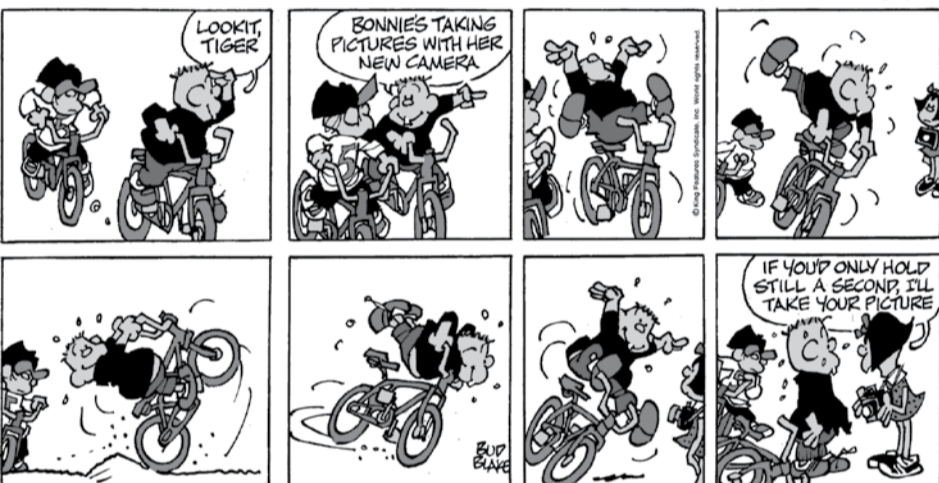
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 - *Failed constitutional amendment, acr.
 - Google ____, navigation aid
 - Strip of roadway
 - Dripping faucet sound
 - Chef's headgear
 - Tel ____, Israel
 - Prima donnas' problems
 - Occupied (2 words)
 - *1974 scandal
 - Flight-related announcements, acr.
 - Attempt again
 - Male aristocrat's honorific
 - Town, in Spanish
 - Recitation of wedding vows, again
 - Santa ____, winds
 - Apnea, in U.K.
 - Operatic solo
 - ____ or do nothing
 - Finish line
 - *1976 Woody Guthrie biopic: "Bound for ____"
 - Field worker
 - Avian rest stop
 - What lintel and mantel have in common
 - Ring-shaped
 - *1979 Nobel Prize-winning nun
 - *Alfa Romeo Giulietta, e.g.
 - Italian bowling
 - Type of tournament
 - *#33 Down Oscar winner
 - Lie in wait
 - Place one's stake
 - Skin woe
 - *"Roots" by Alex
 - House of Lords member
 - Chalupa alternative
 - Hoopla
 - *"Right" coast time
 - *"The Barbara ____ Show"
- DOWN
- Deli side
 - * ____ lamp, 1960s invention popular in 1970s
 - Newton, e.g.
 - Echo
 - "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
 - ____ Tooty Fresh 'n Fruity
 - Cathedral part
 - *1976 Summer Olympics location
 - Caribbean color
 - Boot-wearing cat
 - *Johnny Nash's "I Can ____ Clearly Now"
 - Spinning toy (2 words)
 - Make a logical connection (2 words)
 - 4 x 4 race
 - Dead one or Black one, e.g.
 - Ottoman Empire bigwig
 - Teamsters, e.g.
 - Consumed
 - *"Sanford and Son" star
 - "That's all she ____"
 - Buenos follower
 - *Eric Clapton's 1970 hit
 - Not ever, contraction
 - *1975 movie "____ Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
 - *Kung Fu movie star (2 words)
 - Domenikos Theotokopoulos, a.k.a. El ____
 - Away's partner
 - Old master print maker
 - Scrawpy
 - Feel sympathy
 - Common hops
 - Eight performers
 - No problem
 - Cheap reads
 - Back of neck
 - a.k.a. horse mackerel
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Ping Pong Balls Are Coming

Yes, the NBA regular season is over, and our hometown ballers are once again watching from the sidelines.

With a grand total of 22 wins the 2025-26 season turned out very different from what the Sactown faithful envisioned.

Within a couple of weeks, the ping pong balls will determine the order of the upcoming draft, and as the Dallas Mavericks can attest, anything is likely to happen.

The Kings franchise and fans collectively will hold their breath, as anything can happen when it comes to the first five picks.

Without a doubt the Kings will get a high draft pick, but the real question is, how high.

Experts and pundits from all corners believe we're looking at one of the deepest drafts in many years, and that bodes well for Sacramento.

But what can we take away from a season bereft with disappointments.

For one thing we can look forward to a starting unit at the start of next season that is 100 percent healthy, and hope that the first-round draft choice in the upcoming draft makes an immediate impact. Something like De'Aaron Fox did when he became one of the best point guards in the history of the Kings franchise.

And what should we make of Keegan Murray after a season of injuries? Will this talented wing man once again return to a consistent 3-point shooter as he was in his rookie year just four short seasons ago?

Keegan had an amazing rookie season followed by one head scratching season after another as his 3-point shooting declined year after year.

Keegan set an NBA rookie record by recording 206 3-pointers, and Sacramento fans thought this was just the beginning.

Sadly, although Keegan shot an amazing 41 percent from beyond the arc, he would not accomplish this again. In the following three seasons Murray shot 35 percent, 34 percent, and in an injury shortened 2026 a dismal 27 percent.

So, will the real Keegan Murray please stand up. The Kings will in all likelihood hold onto Murray and resist trade offers, as his value has slipped just as his percentage has.

The real question is can this talented player

return to form and show Kings fans that his rookie year was no fluke.

I believe he can and he will.

Zach Lavine has received considerable criticism for his drop in 3-point shooting this year as well, but the question is can Zach return to normal next season and provide Murray with someone that carry spread the floor.

Once again, I believe that's exactly what Lavine can do, and if he does, and Domantas Sabonis can stay healthy, look out western division, because here comes the Kings.

We don't know what GM Scott Perry is thinking of, and whether he will keep this group together, but we honestly never had a real opportunity to see this group play together.

Let's not forget that DeMar DeRozan is one of the most talented mid-range shooters in the league, and like Zach Lavine, can open the floor for others.

The point guard position is once again the conundrum it has been since the departure of DeAaron Fox, and we must wait and see if the draft will provide front court help or perhaps the point guard the Kings have been looking for.

Devin Carter and Nique Clifford had moments this past season, but neither has made the statement that says the point guard for the future has arrived.

Not to be forgotten is the arrival and surprisingly so of Dylan Cardwell and Precious Achiuwa. Both players acquitted themselves admirably, and Kings fans will be watching to see if one or both can take that next step in their NBA career and become a force to be reckoned with.

A lot to chew on for the Sacramento faithful, and opinions are all over the board, but for my money I hope that Scott Perry looks hard before he leaps.

There is a lot of talent on this team right now, and the real question is whether they can gel.

A winning franchise is much closer than last season's 22 wins would make you think, so say your prayers Kings fans and keep your fingers crossed.

We are one impact player from watching a playoff team so keep your eyes on those ping pong balls and let's all root together! ★

Candidates For Governor Ought to Get Serious About These Pressing Issues



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Eric Swalwell's abrupt departure from the campaign for governor due to revelations about sexual transgressions leaves nine men and women remaining as serious contenders for spots on the November ballot.

So far their campaigns have produced a scattershot of positions and promises that have only occasionally touched on California's real world issues. However, by sheer coincidence, there's been a recent flurry of think tank reports and articles on those issues that should be required reading for would-be governors and moderators of forums to question the candidates.

In no particular order:

Schools

The Public Policy Institute of California delved into the worrisome lack of academic achievement among in California's public schools. It notes that in state tests just 49% of students met or exceeded state standards in English language and 37% in math.

Results of federal tests were even less satisfactory, with only 29% of fourth-graders and 28% of eighth-graders proficient in reading and 35% and 25%, respectively, in math.

Mississippi, long a laggard in academic skills, got serious about raising reading

comprehension by adopting phonics. California, after years of political debate, finally semi-adopted phonics, although not completely requiring it. An article in Atlantic magazine reveals that in Mississippi, just adopting phonics was not enough; statewide mandates, coupled with state oversight, were needed to make phonics work — a suggestion maybe California needs to follow suit.

Jobs

Outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom loves to brag about California's \$4 trillion economy but rarely mentions the darker side — several years with virtually no job growth. The Public Policy Institute of California digs into that stagnation and reports, "Job gains have been limited to a few key sectors like health care and local government, while stock market gains have been driven by AI. Unemployment has not increased much in the past two years, though it remains higher than in 2022 and above almost all other states.

"One major challenge for the next governor will be providing expensive services like health care to a growing older adult population while the share of workers shrinks," PPIC says.

The conservative Pacific Research Institute plows the same economic ground in a report. "The data shows that California's economic challenges are no longer theoretical — they are measurable and worsening," said Wayne Winegarden, one of the report's authors. "The state's weak job growth and shrinking private sector signal that California is at a crossroads. Without meaningful policy reforms, the gap between California and the rest of

the country will continue to widen."

One aspect of California's economic sluggishness is an outflow of workers due to its sky-high living costs. Another report from the Public Policy Institute of California says the state has seen a net loss of nearly 1.3 million people since 2020. The outflow, coupled with a record low birth rate, makes California especially reliant on immigration for new workers, which in turn is affected by turmoil in federal immigration policy.

Homes

A study by UC-Berkeley's California Policy Lab delves even further into the state's loss of population to other states, citing high living costs, especially for housing, as the prime factor.

It notes that "in 2012 the state's median household income was roughly sufficient to qualify for a mortgage on a mid-tier home, but it now falls substantially short of the level needed to qualify for even a bottom-tier home."

However, those who abandon California more easily become homeowners due to much lower prices and see improvement in their overall financial wellbeing.

This is not an exhaustive catalogue of California issues that the campaigns for governor should address. Water supply and homelessness also need attention, as well as the insurance crisis and the state's chronic budget deficits. But these reports are a good start for serious debate.

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Social Security Matters

Must I Set Up a Social Security Account to Enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I turn 65 this November 2026. Someone told me I need to set up a Social Security account at least 3 months ahead of time before applying for Medicare for the first time. I do not intend to take any Social Security benefits until, perhaps, age 67 or later. Please advise and thank you. **Signed: Looking Ahead**

Dear Looking Ahead: You don't technically need to "set up" an online SSA account to enroll in Medicare, but it would be more efficient to do so. We always recommend creating your online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount well before you are ready to claim your Social Security benefits. That's because you can monitor your projected Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim, but it also facilitates other things you might need to do at the Social Security

Administration (such as claiming your SS retirement benefits online and enrolling in Medicare online).

As for Medicare, you can enroll in Medicare up to 3 months before the month you turn 65, and you can contact the Social Security Administration by phone up to 3 months prior in order to schedule an appointment to enroll over the phone (call 1.800.772.1213 to make the appointment). You can enroll via telephone, even if you don't have your "my Social Security" online account set up. However, an advantage to creating your personal online Social Security account is that you could then enroll in Medicare online as described at this link: www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up. And you can, as you wish to do, enroll only in Medicare without also taking your Social Security benefits at this time.

I want to also make you aware that if you are still working and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is an employer group plan with at least 20 participants), then you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends (thus saving the usual Medicare Part B monthly premium). When your employer's

healthcare coverage ends, you will enter a Special Enrollment Period during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Finally, please be aware that whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services). Since there is a monthly premium associated with Medicare Part B (but not with Part A), you can choose to decline Part B if you are still working and covered by your employer's creditable healthcare plan, until your employer's healthcare coverage ends.

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As far as showdowns between popes and secular leaders go, President Trump versus Pope LEO hardly rates.

Pope LEO hasn't forced Trump to come see him and stand for three days in the snow, the way Pope Gregory VII did to Henry IV, the Holy Roman Emperor, in 1077. Nor has he issued an interdict, a tactic favored by Pope Innocent III, against the United States.

On the other hand, Trump hasn't sacked Rome and forced the pope to submit to his will, in a repeat of Emperor Charles V's 16th-century gambit against Pope Clement VII.

It's still been a remarkably testy exchange between Pope LEO and Trump over the Iran war. The president of the United States -- stung by the pontiff's criticisms of his decision to launch the war and his ensuing rhetoric -- has denounced Pope LEO in his characteristic terms, all but saying that His Holiness "doesn't have what it takes."

It's easy, meanwhile, to interpret LEO as taking veiled shots at Trump. "Enough with the idolatry of self and money!" is not an unusual sentiment for a Holy Father, but who can be certain he didn't have our guilt president in mind when he said it in a homily the other day?

A pope who doesn't

Trump vs. the Pope

rebuke a president of the United States for threatening to bring a foreign civilization to an end isn't doing his job, yet it's important to understand that the Bible is not an injunction for pacifism, and it doesn't entail a condemnation of the Iran war.

The Bible presents a realistic view of the inevitability of human conflict. As Ecclesiastes says, there is "a time for war, and a time for peace." In the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel or Kings, it is often a time for war. The key question is whether or not a war is righteous -- the difference between Israel, say, prevailing in the Battle of Deborah, or seeing the Babylonians destroy Jerusalem.

On Palm Sunday, Pope LEO cited Isaiah 1:15 for the proposition that God doesn't listen to the prayers of those who wage war: "Even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood." The context of this verse, though, is the injustice and corruption of the people of Judah -- in other words, their self-abasement.

It makes no sense, as a broader matter, to cite Isaiah as an injunction against waging war or evidence that God pays no heed to the prayers of those who fight. Later in the book, King Hezekiah of Judah prays for God's help in stopping an Assyrian army threatening Jerusalem, and 185,000 Assyrian soldiers are struck down.

Jesus preaches love

and mercy, of course, but that is not a warrant for pacifism. The great Christian thinkers St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas gave us just war theory, reconciling Christian ethics with the existence of evil in the world and the necessity of warfare. According to this view, which is embraced by the Catholic Church, a war can only be fought for a just cause and has to be waged in keeping with moral standards, minimizing harm to civilians.

Pope LEO has wrongly made it sound as though no war can possibly be just, and regardless, his opposition to the Iran war isn't dispositive or binding on anyone else.

The pontiff might consider that Trump first talked of attacking Iran when the regime was in the midst of slaughtering thousands of protesters in the streets, and if the current government fell and gave way to one with more respect for the rights of its people, it would be a boon to Iranians and a large step toward a safer and more peaceful region.

Trump's wild threats are understandably anathema to Pope LEO, but they don't define the Iran war or change the fact that the Bible portrays warfare as a tragic fact of human existence. Yes, as Isaiah says, they shall beat their swords into plowshares, but not yet.

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Property Solutions" 1024 Iron
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CA 95670 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Solve It!" 3102 Lea
Sterling Way, Rancho Cordova,
CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County March 24,
2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
SOLVE 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02674
Bayjon Glover, 8355 Deville
Oaks Way, Citrus Heights, CA
95621 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Steadfast TV Mount Service"
8355 Deville Oaks Way, Citrus
Heights, CA 95621. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
April 3, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
STEADFAST 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02406
Currencies Direct Inc.: 4705
South Apoka-Vineland Road
Suite 114, Orlando, FL 32819
is doing business under the

Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Redpin/Redpin Payments/
TorFX" 4705 South Apoka-
Vineland Road Suite 114,
Orlando, FL 32819. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
March 25, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
REDPIN 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02641
Sarah Caroline Dizmang,
4508 Ashcroft Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "The Hippie
Housewives" 4508 Ashcroft
Avenue, Sacramento, CA
95841. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County April 2,
2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
HIPPIE 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02689
Ignacio Cuevas, 1108 Tudor
Street, Galt, CA 95632 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Embers
Insurance Services" 8880
Cal Center Drive 4th floor,
Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County April 3, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
EMBERS 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02712
Wendy Montserrat Moreno
Guido, 7100 Lemon Hill Avenue
Apt #H, Sacramento, CA 95824
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"WM Beauty Studio" 1387
Florin Road, Sacramento, CA
95822. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County April 3,
2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
WM 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02379
Soroush Ghazanfari, 6321
Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "SG Auto Source"
2500 Marconi Avenue #201,
Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County March 25, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
SG 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02724
Rafal Antoniuk, 4220 Edison
Avenue, Sacramento, CA
95821 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "AGC Company" 4220
Edison Avenue, Sacramento,
CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County April 6,
2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
AGC 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02749
Angela Maslyanka, 7228
Geowood Way, Citrus Heights,
CA 95610 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "AMP Design" 7228
Geowood Way, Citrus Heights,
CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County April 6,
2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
AMP 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02288
Rosemont Liquor Inc, 9106
Kiefer Boulevard, Sacramento,
CA 95826 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Rosemont Wine &
Liquor" 9106 Kiefer Boulevard,
Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County March 23, 2028
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
ROSEMONT 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-02747
Venus Pressnell, 3525 Elorduy
Lane, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Heavenly
Lens Photography" 966 Oak
Lane, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County April 6, 2026
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HEAVENLY 5-8-26

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV008092
Sydney Danielle Smith has filed
a petition with this court for a
decree changing the name(s)
of Sydney Danielle Smith to
Sydney Danielle Ransom.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons
interested in the above-entitled
matter appear before this court
on October 1, 2026, at 1:30
p.m. in Department 53, located at
813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA
95814, and show cause, if any,
why the petition for Change of
Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 3, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
SMITH 5-1-26

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Lund Construction Selected to Build Critical Public Infrastructure for Republic FC Soccer Stadium

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC announced April 2 the selection of Lund Construction to build the public infrastructure surrounding the Club's new soccer stadium at the Downtown Sacramento Railyards. As part of its agreement with the City of Sacramento, Republic FC is responsible for delivering the streets, utilities and public amenities that will connect the stadium to the surrounding neighborhood, laying the physical foundation for one of the most transformative developments in the city's history.

Lund Construction's scope of work includes new and improved streets, sidewalks, a paseo, water and sewer infrastructure, storm drain systems and a new public bike trail. The work will create a connected, walkable public realm around the stadium and provide the backbone infrastructure for the broader buildout of the 31-acre plot that will also include a new neighborhood for the region.

"With groundbreaking behind us, the focus now turns to execution and that's exactly why we chose Lund Construction," said Pegasus Development CEO Art Zargaryan. Pegasus Development is leading the entire project for Wilton Rancheria and Republic FC. "Their decades of experience building infrastructure throughout the region and their firsthand knowledge of this site, make the team at Lund Construction a strong pick to help us accelerate our plans for a transformative neighborhood and stadium project."

Kevin Lund, president of Lund Construction added, "For more than 65 years, Lund Construction Co. has played a meaningful role in shaping the infrastructure



Republic FC's new downtown home will be the biggest pro sports and entertainment venue in the region and will serve as the anchor for a new neighborhood that will help double the size of Downtown. Rendering courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



Lund Construction's portfolio throughout the Sacramento area encompasses complex joint trench systems, multi-utility coordination, and large-scale infrastructure delivery. Rendering courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

of the Sacramento region. At the heart of our work is a simple belief: strong communities are built by dedicated people. That principle continues to guide everything we do. We are honored to contribute to the future home of Sacramento Republic FC and proud to partner with the

Wilton Rancheria Tribe. It is a privilege to help build projects that will serve and strengthen this community for generations to come, and we remain committed to delivering that work with integrity, respect, and lasting pride."

Lund Construction's portfolio

throughout the Sacramento area encompasses complex joint trench systems, multi-utility coordination, and large-scale infrastructure delivery, reflecting the technical depth and operational capacity this project requires. Lund Construction has successfully executed a

range of projects demonstrating Lund's capability to handle large-scale, high-stakes assignments efficiently. The team's experience includes civil and utility infrastructure work within the Railyards district, navigating the site's distinctive environmental and logistical conditions. That firsthand familiarity with the site's complexities informed the RFP evaluation and distinguished the Lund Construction team.

Republic FC's new downtown home will be the biggest pro sports and entertainment venue in the region and will serve as the anchor for a new neighborhood that will help double the size of Downtown. Vertical construction on the site will begin later this year, with the stadium on track to open in 2028. Fans can secure their spot in the region's largest venue by placing a deposit at 20KStadium.com. ★

Women's Tennis Adds Italy's De Matteo for 2026-27



Francesca De Matteo has committed to continuing her academic and athletic career with the Hornets beginning with the 2026-27 season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State head women's tennis coach Sophie Breault announced April 14 that Francesca De Matteo has committed to continue her academic and athletic career with the Hornets beginning with the 2026-27 season.

"We are thrilled to welcome De Matteo to our Hornet family," Breault said. "She brings so much passion and energy to her game, along with a strong competitive mindset. De Matteo possesses a well-rounded, all-court game in singles and is also an outstanding doubles player, adding valuable depth to our lineup. She will be a fantastic addition and we expect her to make an immediate impact as we compete for Big West Conference championships."

A native of Naples, Italy, who attended the G. Mazzini secondary school is the second signee for the program this year, joining South Africa's Jessica Schilz, who officially committed to Sacramento State back in November.

Over the last two years, De Matteo has earned a spot in the prequalification rounds for the Internazionali BNL d'Italia in both

singles (2025) and doubles (2026) at the Foro Italico in Rome, a tournament that features some of the top international players and is known as one of the premier clay-court tournaments in the world.

She reached the final in singles in one of the prequalification tournaments in 2025 and won a doubles championship in another one of the events alongside her partner in 2026.

De Matteo, who has been ranked as high as No. 905 in the ITF junior rankings, also received a wild card for the Internazionali Femminili di Tennis Città di Caserta in both 2024 and 2025, an yearly event that features some of the top up-and-coming talent and established players on the International Tennis Federation circuit.

Among her best results during her juniors career, she has reached the semifinals in singles of a pair of J5 events in Dakar and Croatia and another semifinal of a J60 tournament in Dakar.

In doubles play, she claimed a title at a J5 tournament in Cyprus and reached the final three times of tournaments in Bari, Paola, and Livorno in her home country.

In addition, De Matteo has also represented Italy as part of the national team for European Summer and Winter Cups in 2019 and 2020. ★

Eight Aggies Named to the MPSF All-Academic Team

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Eight UC Davis gymnasts have been named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation All-Academic Team, showcasing their skills in competition and in the classroom.

Student-athletes are named to the MPSF All-Academic team based on a specific set of criteria, all of which the eight Aggies successfully met to earn the honor.

To qualify, a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher, be at least a sophomore academically, and have completed one full academic year at the institution prior to the season in which the award is received. In addition, the student-athlete must have participated in at least fifty percent of the institution's competitions in their respective sport.



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The group of Aggies is made up of four sophomores, one junior and three seniors.

UC Davis MPSF All-Academic Team Members include McKenna Knecht, Cady Chiu, Avery Marshall, Amelia Moneymaker, Jehaan Poonja, Milla Gideon, Alana Kim and Avah Reichow. ★

Nique Clifford Presented with the 2026 Community Crossover Award

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Ahead of the April 10 game, the Sacramento Kings honored rookie Nique Clifford with the 2026 Community Crossover Award presented by Kaiser Permanente. In his first NBA season, Clifford was recognized for his outstanding commitment on and off the court, as well as his meaningful impact in the Sacramento community.

Clifford has quickly made his presence felt beyond basketball through hands-on community engagement. During the holiday season, he fulfilled wish lists for five local families affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Sacramento. He provided gifts, holiday dinners, Kings tickets and signed memorabilia, creating memorable experiences for participating youth and their families. His efforts reflect a genuine dedication to uplifting underserved communities and building lasting connections with Sacramento families. Clifford's willingness to give his time and resources has made an immediate and positive impression throughout the region.

Beyond the holidays, Clifford participated in several Kings community events, including Eat Like a King, Kingpin Classic and Season Ticket Member parties. His engagement with underserved youth, connection with fans and continued community involvement reflect his commitment to making a lasting impact.

On the court, Clifford has shown strong promise in his rookie campaign, bringing energy, versatility and a team-first mentality to every game. His work ethic and poise continue to establish him as a valuable contributor for the Kings.

The Community Crossover Award, established in 2003, honors a Kings player who exemplifies excellence both on and off the court. Previous recipients include Chris Webber (2003), Vlade Divac (2004), Peja Stojaković (2005), De'Aaron Fox (2019), Domantas Sabonis (2023) and Malik Monk (2024, 2025). Clifford now joins this distinguished group, continuing the organization's tradition of celebrating players who make a meaningful difference in the community. The complete list of honorees can be found by visiting nba.com/kings/history-community-crossover-award. ★