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Getting Together for Ducky Derby

Community Welcomes Spring with Fundraising Event



The seventh annual Ducky Derby, hosted by the Lions Club of Rio Linda, took place on April 26 at Roy E. Hayer Park.

Story and photos by Khushi Salgia

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Lions Club of Rio Linda hosted their seventh annual Ducky Derby on an over-cast and cloudy April 26 at Roy E. Hayer Park. This event, with several activities for children, helped to raise money for the Rio Linda Lions Club (RLLC), a local non-profit organization. In addition to the Ducky Derby, there were other games for kids such as an egg-and-spoon race and an Easter egg hunt.

Rathbun said that the inspiration behind the Ducky Derby was taken from a Lions Club in the American River Area where they didn't have a net to catch the rubber ducks and ended up losing about a thousand

ducks in the river. Rio Linda adopted this idea 7 years ago and improved upon it by adding a net to reduce the amount of stray rubber ducks that get lost in the river.

The premise of the Ducky Derby involves people being able to buy as many rubber ducks as they want (\$5 for one, \$25 for six, \$100 for 25). Naturally, the more ducks someone purchases, the greater their odds. All the rubber ducks get released into the river at once and the gentle stream carries them along to the finish line: a barrier made with a rope running through a few pool noodles. Each duck has a number on the bottom to identify who it belongs to and the first-place winner gets \$200. The second gets \$100 and the third gets \$50. There is also a prize for the

"lame duck"—the last duck to reach the finish line—which is \$5 and a roll of duct tape.

The lame duck prize went to Jordan Lowe, third place went to Rick Hoffman, second place went to Hilary Korn and the first-place winner, taking home \$200, was the Rio Linda-Elverta Historical Society (RLEHS). According to Rathbun, the RLEHS has won almost every previous Ducky Derby they have participated in.

A non-profit dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Rio Linda and Elverta, the RLEHS works on projects such as restoring the Dry Creek Ranch House, preserving the community's historic artifacts, maintaining the property

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SacRT Launches New Transit Patch Program for Girl Scouts and Scouts of America

Program co-created with local Girl Scout Troop to build transit riding confidence

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) announced April 15, the launch of the SacRT Transit Patch Program, a new educational initiative designed to teach Girl Scouts and Scouts of America how to confidently and safely use the region's bus and light rail system. The program was developed in partnership with Girl Scout Troop 4204, whose members helped shape the patch activities as part of their Journey Take Action Project.

"By introducing Scouts to public transit, we're not just teaching them how to get from point A to point B, we are showing them how transit connects people to places, improves the environment and builds confidence and independence," said Henry Li General Manager/CEO. "Investing in our youth is investing in the future of our region as demonstrated by the success of the RydeFreeRT program."

The SacRT Transit Patch introduces youth to



The SacRT Transit Patch introduces youth to navigation skills, rider etiquette, the environmental and community benefits of transit and the popular RydeFreeRT program. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit

navigation skills, rider etiquette, the environmental and community benefits of transit and the popular RydeFreeRT program, which provides fare-free rides thanks to funding supported by local jurisdictions and school districts for all TK-12th grade students.

"This program began with a simple idea from a local troop: helping youth gain real-world

independence through public transit," said Jessica Gonzalez, SacRT Director of Marketing, Communications & Public Information. "Working with Troop 4204 to bring this patch to life has been inspiring. Their leadership and vision helped us create an engaging, meaningful way for young people to learn about riding transit, and about the role it plays in building a

stronger, more connected community."

Troop Leader Deana Chan said the collaboration offered an opportunity for Girl Scouts to make an impact that extends beyond their troop.

"Our girls wanted to create something that would help youth feel confident navigating their city," Chan said. "Partnering with SacRT allowed them

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SacRT to Expand Wheelchair Accessible Service

SacRT News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has been awarded \$3.76 million in California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Access for All (AFA) Program funding to continue and expand its current SacRT Flex Microtransit pilot program, which provides on demand wheelchair accessible transportation for seniors, low-income and individuals with disabilities throughout Sacramento County.

SacRT serves as the CPUC designated Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) for Sacramento County and administers the Program locally using CPUC's established guidelines, eligibility criteria and scoring requirements.

The SacRT Flex shared-ride neighborhood service earned the highest score based on its demonstrated ability to improve mobility, reduce wait times, and expand equitable access to on demand wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) service in Sacramento County.

Pending Board approval on Monday, May 11, SacRT will continue to operate the service in partnership with Nomad Transit, LLC, a subsidiary of Via Transportation.

The three year award will support WAV operations from July 1 through June 30, 2029, and will help SacRT sustain and grow the existing SacRT Flex WAV pilot program, increase WAV vehicle availability and reduce wait times, explore expanded weekend operating hours and enhance curb to curb, on demand service for individuals with disabilities.

"Ensuring equitable access to transportation is central to SacRT's mission," said Henry Li, SacRT General Manager/CEO. "This funding allows us to expand an already successful pilot and better serve community members who rely on WAV transportation for daily mobility and independence."

CPUC allows transit agencies to serve as both the Local Access Fund Administrator and an Access Provider when they meet Program Guidelines and demonstrate community benefit, a structure used by several transit agencies statewide.

SacRT will continue to collaborate closely with disability

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Rio Linda-Elverta Gets Together for Ducky Derby



People would buy rubber ducks which would all be released into the river. The gentle stream brought them to the finish line, where the first-place winner would receive \$200.

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that borders the Dry Creek Parkway, and hosting year-round events such as farm and tractor days and vintage car shows. Their purpose for participating in the Ducky Derby was not so much about winning the prize money—albeit a nice bonus—but to support those who also have Rio Linda-Elverta’s best interests.
“We always help out our fellow organizations,” said Jessica Gifford, the chairperson of RLEHS.
According to Rathbun, the profits from this event would go to providing free vision services and eye exams for those who can’t afford it. If there is any extra money, it can be funneled into some of their other projects such as the Third Grade Reading

Challenge. This initiative, which encourages kids to read more, provides them with books and for each book they finish, they get a ticket in a lucky draw wherein the winner gets a \$50 gift card.
“The mission [of the Lions Club] is to raise money to give back to the community,” said Suzie Rathbun, the chairperson and coordinator of the RLLC.
The RLLC also has scholarships for high school seniors, where they write an essay on what they would use the money for and those who get the scholarship receive \$1,000. One of their big fundraisers is called Ruby’s Baskets which takes place during the holidays. The aim is to give a Christmas experience to

those who can’t afford it, providing families with entire Christmas dinners as well as presents for the children.
Within the Lions Club, they also have the Leo Club, which allows kids and young adults aged 12-30 to take on an active role in their community. With over 7,800 chapters in 150 countries, the Leo Club is a global youth organization that encourages young people to improve their communities, develop leadership skills, and make friends.
Nolan Ferrell, a student who is part of the Leo Club, helps with the events that the Lions Club hosts and has also worked with kids in the past.
“I love the Lions, they have helped me with leadership,” Ferrell said. ★

SacRT Launches New Transit Patch Program for Girl Scouts and Scouts of America



To earn the patch, Scouts complete five activities, including learning about SacRT services, practicing transit safety and etiquette, planning a trip and taking a bus or light rail ride. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit

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to turn that idea into a real program that any scout can participate in.”
Her daughter, Girl Scout Sydney Chan, said she hopes the patch encourages more kids to explore transit.
“I didn’t realize how easy and fun it could be to ride the bus and light rail,” Sydney said. “We wanted other scouts to see that public transit is safe, helpful, and good for the environment. I’m proud that other kids will learn something we helped create.”
To earn the patch, Scouts complete five activities,

including learning about SacRT services, practicing transit safety and etiquette, planning a trip and taking a bus or light rail ride. After finishing the activities, Scouts can request their official Transit Patch from SacRT’s Marketing department.
“The Transit Patch Program reflects SacRT’s commitment to education, community engagement and the next generation of riders,” said SacRT Board Chair and Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie SinghAllen. “As a parent whose son participated in Boy Scouts, I’ve seen the impact that

meaningful learning experiences can have on young people. This is the type of patch he would have proudly earned, one that builds skills, confidence, and a deeper understanding of how public transit connects our region.”
The program’s development was inspired in part by the Girl Scouts’ Leave No Trace principles and encourages stewardship, responsibility, and respect for shared public spaces.
More information and downloadable activity instructions are available at sacrt.com/transit-patch-program/. ★

Rain or Shine, Our Staff is Saving Lives



On April 22, Visions proudly hosted a Staff Blood Drive in partnership with Vitalant, resulting in the donation of nearly 40 pints of blood. Photo courtesy of Visions in Education

Visions In Education News Release
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - At Visions in Education, our commitment to serving students goes hand in hand with supporting the communities around us. Whether inside or outside the virtual classroom, we are always looking for meaningful ways to make a difference.
On April 22, Visions proudly hosted a Staff Blood Drive in partnership with Vitalant, resulting in the donation of nearly 40 pints of blood.
The need for blood donations remains critical. Every day across the United States, patients require approximately 30,000 units of red blood cells, along with thousands of units of platelets and plasma. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, making

each donation a potentially life-saving act.
Despite steady rain throughout the day, over 40 dedicated Visions staff members showed up ready to be someone’s lifeline. With each donation capable of saving up to three lives, the collective impact of this effort is significant.
Donations took place in Vitalant bloodmobiles stationed in the parking lot of the Visions office in Gold River.
Among the first to roll up their sleeves were Visions Superintendent & Executive Director Dr. Steve Olmos, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Micah Studer, Chief Strategy Officer Tom Tafoya and Chief Operations Officer Michael Brubaker.
“I was so proud to see the entire organization and Marketing & Communications team

come together to coordinate a successful event that helps make an impact in the community. Schoolwide, we had over 40+ come together and contribute to this effort!” said Tafoya.
We invite you to share this event and amplify the positive effects of blood donation to the community. For media coordination, reach out to shorton@viedu.org or 916-908-9337.
About Visions in Education
Visions in Education is a non-classroom based public school, providing high quality personalized education options to over 8,000 students in grades TK-12 across Northern California. One of the schools core values is service, first and foremost to the students and families we serve, but to our surrounding community as well. ★

Free Music and All That Jazz



The Fred Morgan Big Band is among ensembles performing for a free Jazz Ensemble Festival in Tim’s Music Store auditorium, May 2.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) -Jazz fans are invited to five free concerts at Tim’s Music Store auditorium on Saturday, May 2.
The Jazz Ensemble Festival event is a spin-off from the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Festival that annually fills Carmichael Park in summer.
“This year, we had more bands apply for our June 6 and 7 festival than we could accommodate,” said organizer Grant Parker. “So, we decided to give jazz groups their own date. We hope to make this festival an annual event.”
With around 17 members per band, ensembles will each take 45-minute sets. Audience seating will be provided; admission is free. Parker will host the gathering.

“The room is carpeted, so there’s no dancing surface,” said Parker. “However, we won’t get cross if people are inspired to get up and dance. We want everyone to have a good time.”
Sets begin at 11 a.m. and continue with downbeats on the hour until 4 pm.
Contributing bands include The Swing Collective; Moonlight Swing; Fred Morgan Big Band; SwingMasters Big Band; Cap. City Jazz Knights.
For more information on the Jazz Ensemble Festival, call 916-925-9160.
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Sacramento Honors its Agriculture at Ag Day

By Khushi Salgia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) held its Ag Day convention in front of the Capitol building on April 21 following National Ag Day on March 24. Ag Day, established by the Agriculture Council of America in 1973, is meant to increase public awareness of agriculture's vital role in society as well as honor the contributions of farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in providing safe, abundant food and fiber while highlighting career opportunities in the industry.

California makes up 11 percent of the U.S. population yet contributes to 17 percent of its agriculture. Thus, this year's Ag Day theme was "California Leads," with the intention of acknowledging and celebrating the richness in California's variety and innovation in the agriculture sector.

The event began with a welcome address from CDFA Secretary Karen Ross, who highlighted the vital role of agriculture in California and emphasized the importance of sharing knowledge and collaborating on new innovations.

"Ag education is important," Ross said.

Ross also introduced the California Foundation for Agriculture in the



District 1 assemblywoman Heather Hadwick brought her cows to Ag Day to draw attention to important issues concerning farmers. Photo by Khushi Salgia

Classroom scholarship recipients and the Leopold Conservation award winners.

According to Sofia Goss, CDFA representative of the Fairs and Expositions branch, the main purpose of organizing an event such as this one is to "promote agriculture."

"Our state is agriculturally driven," Goss said.

One of these agriculture initiatives is the California Wheat Commission

(CWC), which supports research for wheat plants. They partner with the UC Davis wheat breeding program to test qualities like nitrogen or genetic attributes of wheat.

Essentially, the idea is to create "better economics for wheat," according to Alejandra Andrade, the CWC lab manager. One of their projects focuses on making wheat safe for those with celiac disease or gluten intolerances.

Beyond efforts to

expand access to wheat products, Ag Day organizers also highlighted milk's nutritional benefits. A representative for the "Got Milk?" campaign, in place since 1993, said the group promotes milk consumption among all age groups, noting its role in bone health.

In addition to promoting calcium intake, the Dairy Council was present as a nutrition education organization. They are funded by Dairy Farmer and one of their initiatives is to conduct research to forecast agricultural trends as well as bring a live cow to elementary schools to teach kids where milk comes from.

"We are so disconnected from our food nowadays," said Amy Delisio, executive director of Dairy Council. "Most kids in urban areas have never really been to a farm."

District One Assemblywoman Heather Hadwick brought three cows in from her own farm, two adults and a baby. As a farmer herself, as well as the assemblywoman for most of Sacramento's rural districts, her mission at Ag Day is "bringing the

district to Sacramento" as many in the urban areas are not aware of the issues facing farms today. One of the biggest concerns is wolves, which tend to be the biggest predators for farm animals.

"We're in the middle of a crisis," she said.

According to Hadwick, there have been a hundred kills in the past year alone in district one. Because wolves are an endangered species and therefore protected by the government, there is nothing anyone can do currently to mitigate the killings.

While wolves are the biggest issue facing cattle ranchers specifically, water is the main concern of farmers.

"They never have enough," Hadwick said.

The final top concern in agriculture is inflation. According to Hadwick, costs have increased 55 percent in the past two years. Because district one is a low-income county, they cannot raise prices without it drastically affecting people's livelihoods.

In addition to resources surrounding farming, crops and agriculture, there were also booths

sharing technological innovations that can improve efficiency and sustainability. One of these is a company called Sunzaun, a vertical solar company.

"We pride ourselves on our dual life systems," said Tia Hanes, business developer at Sunzaun.

The dual life system called agrivoltaics — the integration of solar panels and agriculture on the same land — allows for simultaneous food and renewable energy production. It increases land-use efficiency, reduces water consumption and provides shade for crops and livestock. It leads to diversified farmer income, reduced electricity costs and potential for increased crop yields, while overcoming land-use competition.

Another ag tech organization, F3i, is a non-profit which acts as a bridge between university research (UC Merced, Fresno State and UC Agriculture and Natural Resources) and practical field applications to strengthen food security, supporting ag-based industries with new technology, workforce development and economic growth.

"Our mission is to build Sacramento into an ag tech system," said Ryan Dinubilo, director of innovation at F3i.

Women-led initiatives such as Miss Rodeo California and California Women for Agriculture (CWA) were also present at the Ag Day event; 2026 was declared the "International Year of the Woman Farmer by the United Nations. The initiative focuses on improving women's access to land, financing and technical training to strengthen global food security.

"Rodeo is part of our history as ranchers," said Rachel Lancaster, Miss California Rodeo Salinas 2025 winner.

Despite rainy weather, Ag Day drew agriculture leaders from across California, underscoring the event's statewide reach and impact. ★



California's Ag Day took place on a rainy April 21 in front of the Capitol building. Photo by Khushi Salgia

SacRT to Expand Wheelchair Accessible Service

Continued from page 1 advocates and community partners, including the Mobility Advisory

Council (MAC), to refine and improve accessible on-demand service across the region.

For more information about the Access for All Program, visit sacrt.com/AccessForAll. ★



Big Cats Complicate Ranchers' Livelihoods

Mountain lions in California have faced challenges as their environments are developed. Blocked in by roads and other human-made structures, their ability to roam has been limited. In February, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife listed the species' populations in parts of Southern California and the Central Coast as threatened, broadening protections for mountain lions spanning from the San Francisco Bay Area to the southern border. Ranchers and rural residents say the protections given to the predator leave them with inadequate options to protect their livestock and livelihoods when the lions become a problem. "It's a very frustrating situation for anybody in the rural communities, pet owners and the ranchers," said Vince Fontana, a San Mateo County rancher. "We're the ones that are living and working and basically co-existing with these animals."

California Weighs 'Truth in Labeling' Wine Industry Law

California lawmakers are set to consider new legislation that would close a loophole that for decades has allowed winemakers to label wines as "American" even when they are made partly from imported bulk wine. Under current federal law, wines can be labeled American when at least 75% of the liquid came from U.S.-grown grapes or agricultural products. Assembly Bill 1585 would change that threshold to 100% for

wines sold in California. The bill's authors and sponsors said their intent is to promote trust among consumers by improving the accuracy and transparency of wine labels. "We want to make sure that there is truth in advertising when it comes to wine coming from the U.S.," said Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom, D-Tracy, who co-authored the bill. "This is another way of us ensuring that consumers know what they're purchasing."

National Survey Shows Most Farmers Can't Afford Fertilizer

An overwhelming majority of U.S. farmers who responded to a nationwide survey say they cannot afford to purchase enough fertilizer to get them through the year. The percentage of farmers who pre-purchased fertilizer varies significantly by region. Conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation April 3-11, the survey shows 70% of respondents say fertilizer is so expensive that they will not be able to buy all of what they need. The survey was conducted as the conflict in the Middle East sent fertilizer and fuel prices soaring. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has kept critical fertilizer supplies and crude oil from reaching global markets, putting a squeeze on supplies around the world. "Spring planting decisions depend heavily on access to fertilizer and diesel fuel, both of which have been impacted by geopolitical risks that have disrupted global markets," AFBF economist Faith Parum said in her analysis of the survey results. ★



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Child Support Helps Local Families Thrive

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County’s Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) plays an important role in supporting families and promoting the well-being of children across the community. Through a range of services, DCSS helps parents establish and maintain reliable financial support for their children, creating greater stability for families.

“Our goal is to support families in a way that creates stability for children and helps parents navigate the process with confidence,” said DCSS Director Dalen Fredrickson.

What DCSS Does
DCSS provides free services to families, including establishing child support orders, locating parents, collecting and distributing payments, modifying orders when circumstances change and helping ensure accurate tracking of support.

These services are available to both parents receiving and paying support, with a focus on fairness, consistency and child well-being.

Child Support Officers like



As conversations continue at the state level about ways to improve access to child support services, Sacramento County remains focused on its mission: helping children and families thrive. Photo courtesy of Freepik

Nikole Smith work closely with families to make the process as clear and manageable as possible, so they can focus on what matters most – their children.

“I am a mother. I've had times where I've cried on the phone with the individual as they're crying because I can relate to their circumstance. I approach each situation with being empathetic and meeting people where they're at. And I would want someone to treat me the same

way,” said Smith.

Local Impact
The impact of child support services in Sacramento County is significant. In 2025, DCSS collected \$134,436,544, a 4 percent increase from the previous year. “Every dollar collected represents real support for families, helping cover everyday needs like food, clothing and housing,” said Fredrickson.

On a monthly basis, the department distributes more

than \$11 million in child support payments, providing consistent financial support that many families rely on.

Child support is widely recognized as an important tool in improving outcomes for children and families. Research shows that consistent support is associated with greater financial stability, increased parental involvement, improved educational outcomes and reduced family stress.

A Focus on Access and Support

DCSS is committed to making services accessible and easy to navigate. Participation in child support services is voluntary, and staff work closely with families to provide guidance, answer questions and connect them with available resources.

We understand every family’s situation is different, and we’re here to provide support in a way that is respectful, safe, and responsive to their needs. “We want you to feel safe through the process and know that your information is confidential,” said Smith.

The department also prioritizes safety and confidentiality, with protections in place for families experiencing sensitive situations, including family violence.

Looking Ahead
As conversations continue at the state level about ways to improve access to child support services, Sacramento County remains focused on its mission: helping children and families thrive.

Residents interested in learning more about child support services or enrolling can visit the county website or contact DCSS directly for assistance at 1-866-901-3212. ★

Sacramento Life Center Receives Grant to Enhance Patient Care

Sacramento Life Center News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Life Center (SLC) is proud to announce it has received a generous grant from the Jerome and Wanda Hart Foundation to support the implementation of a new Electronic Health Records (EHR) system, an investment that will significantly enhance the organization’s ability to deliver high-quality, compassionate care to women and families across the Sacramento region.

The new EHR system will

modernize Sacramento Life Center’s patient data management, allowing for more efficient, coordinated and secure care. This upgrade will strengthen the organization’s medical services, improve patient tracking and outcomes and support continued growth in response to increasing community need.

Founded in 1972, Sacramento Life Center provides free medical care and comprehensive support services to low-income women, teens, and families facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies. Through its licensed



The Sacramento Life Center provides compassionate, life-affirming medical care and resources at no cost to pregnant women, empowering them to make informed choices and build strong families. You can learn more at saclife.org. Courtesy photo

clinic and mobile services, the organization offers pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, maternal healthcare, Medi-Cal enrollment assistance, parenting education and access to essential baby supplies.

“With the growing demand for our services, investing in a modern EHR system is critical to ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our patients with excellence and efficiency,” said Marie Leatherby, executive director of Sacramento Life Center. “We are incredibly grateful to the Jerome and Wanda Hart Foundation for

supporting this important step forward in strengthening our care delivery.”

In recent years, Sacramento Life Center has seen a significant increase in patient volume due to rising costs of living, increased immigration and expanded outreach efforts. The new system will enable staff and medical providers – including OB/GYNs, nurses and patient advocates – to better coordinate care, streamline services and ensure every patient receives timely and personalized support. ★

Celebrating Volunteers in Sacramento County



If you are interested in getting involved, there’s a wide range of opportunities. Take some time to learn more about the volunteer options and see what interests you. Photo courtesy Freepik

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is celebrating National Volunteer Week by recognizing the volunteers who help make our community a better place. Across Sacramento County, volunteers support families and enhance residents' well-being. From assisting older adults and supporting children and families to caring for animals and strengthening critical programs, volunteers make a lasting impact.

If you are interested in getting involved, there’s a wide range of opportunities. Take some time to learn more about the volunteer options and see what interests you.

Animal Care Services: Volunteers can support shelter operations, assist with animal care and help pets find loving homes. You can also help by fostering a pet, providing temporary homes for animals in need. Visit the volunteer webpage at <https://animalcare.saccounty.gov> to learn about volunteer opportunities. Visit the foster webpage to learn about fostering.

Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS): Volunteers play an important role in programs like Gifts from the Heart, supporting children, families and older adults through donation drives, special events and other service

opportunities. Volunteer opportunities are available on the DCFAS website.

Office of Emergency Services (OES): Sponsored by OES, Sacramento’s Medical Reserve Corps (SMRC) provides medical services during large events. SMRC is made up of licensed healthcare professionals such as physicians, nurses, paramedics, EMTs, mental health professionals, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, physical therapists and more. Community members without medical training, such as translators, sign language interpreters, social workers, administrators and public relations professionals, also play a vital role in SMRC. Volunteer opportunities are available on the OES website.

Sacramento International Airport: Sacramento International Airport’s Information Booths are staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers. To learn more, visit the SMF volunteer website.

Whether it’s a few hours a week or a long-term commitment, every act of service helps build a stronger, more connected Sacramento County. National Volunteer Week serves as a reminder that even small contributions can have a lasting impact. Consider joining our many volunteers and make a difference in our community by making 2026 your year to volunteer. ★

Transit Connect Now Available, ZipPass Retiring June 15



Transit Connect is being developed to support a seamless, integrated fare experience across multiple Northern California transit providers by fall 2026, further expanding rider convenience and regional mobility. Photo courtesy of SacRT

Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is reminding riders that its new mobile ticketing app, Transit Connect, is now available and will fully replace the ZipPass app effective Monday, June 15. Transit Connect offers riders a smarter, simpler, and more secure way to purchase, store and activate fare products for SacRT.

To support riders who still have active ZipPass tickets, SacRT is extending the ZipPass retirement date. Riders may continue using ZipPass to redeem any remaining active passes through Monday, June 15. After June 15, ZipPass will be fully retired and no longer available. Riders are encouraged to download Transit Connect now to ensure a smooth transition.

“Transit Connect represents the next generation of fare payment technology for our region,” said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. “By extending the ZipPass end date, we are giving riders ample time to use their existing passes while making the transition to a modern, convenient and integrated system. This upgrade will significantly improve the customer experience and streamline travel across multiple transit providers.”

Regional Transit Connect Partners

Transit Connect is being developed to support a seamless, integrated fare experience across multiple Northern California transit providers by fall 2026, further expanding rider convenience and regional mobility. Those transit providers include El Dorado Transit, Placer County Transit, Roseville Transit, Sacramento Regional Transit, South County Transit (SCT Link), Unitrans, Yolobus and Yuba-Sutter Transit.

More Enhancements Coming This Fall
Phase 2 of Transit Connect launches this fall and will introduce additional rider-focused features, including contactless Tap2Ride validation, fare capping so riders never pay more than the daily maximum, the ability to load cash at SacRT fare vending machines and participating retailers, and the transition of Connect Card users into Transit Connect later this fall.

Discount Fare Riders: Quick and Easy Setup

Transit Connect allows seniors, students, veterans and riders with disabilities to activate discount fare eligibility directly within the app. Riders simply select their discount category to unlock reduced pricing on single-ride, daily and monthly passes.

Riders can learn more and download Transit Connect at sacrt.com/TransitConnect. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

A Top Five Pick?

While it’s true that the interest in basketball has dropped a notch with the end of the 2025/2026 season there remains a vibrant group of Sacramento Kings fans that are still very much engaged.

That is perhaps the singular prevailing reason the Kings fought through the potential move of the team to Seattle Washington just a dozen years ago and not only remained in Sacramento but built a state-of-the-art arena to boot.

But exactly where are we today? Are the Kings going through another tepid off season waiting for the inevitable uninspiring beginning of a new season or is something of real substance in the air.

In less than 2 weeks, ping pong balls will once again determine the fate of organizations all over this country, and in truth the Kings stand a better than average chance of grasping one of the top prospects from the college ranks.

From my perspective, with the draft being as deep as has been prognosticated, I believe the Kings will garner one of the top five picks, and if that is the case, there will be players available that can make an immediate impact on this franchise.

At the very least the new arrival will put butts in the seats and provide renewed enthusiasm for what the upcoming season might become.

What the Kings want and what will be actually available are two different things, so be prepared to get a game changer but not necessarily a future all-star.

Assuming A.J. Dybantsa, Cameron Boozer, and Caleb Wilson are already gone, it’s quite likely the Kings may have to take a player of smaller stature, and that could be one Darius Acuff Jr.

All that Darius did for the Arkansas Razorback’s last season was put up 23.5 points per game, 3.1 rebounds and 6.4 assists with a field goal percentage of 48%.

Unlike experiments of the past, the Kings would be getting what experts and pundits believe is a legitimate blue chipper, a player that by himself can make the needle move in a positive direction.

Playoff teams rarely operate effectively without a true point guard, and since the departure of DeAaron Fox, the Kings have found themselves floundering in that category.

All the best Kings fans! ★

Social Security Matters

Should I Collect SS Now or Wait Two Years Until Age 70?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 67 and 9 months old, collecting a modest SS survivor benefit with plans to collect my own much larger benefit at age 70. I was confident this plan was a good one; but recent turbulent events make me nervous that cuts could come to Social Security at any time without warning. Would it be prudent to file for my own Social Security as soon as possible so that my benefit might be “grandfathered” in before any sudden and drastic cuts occur? I do not generally panic, but these are unprecedented times. I would be quite comfortable with the benefit listed on my 2024 statement for my current age; I was just hoping to maximize the benefit by waiting.

When I go to the Social Security website to view my 2025 annual statement to see the personalized monthly retirement benefit estimates for ages 68, 69, and 70, that section no longer shows. This omission makes me uncomfortable. Can I find out what my current benefit estimate would be for ages 68, 69, and 70? Or should I just rely on the 2024 statement? **Signed: Nervous in Portland**

Dear Nervous: Please do not be nervous that recent “turbulent events” pose a threat to your future Social Security benefits. Those events do not, in any way, jeopardize your future Social Security benefits, because Social Security is completely separate from all other federal political issues and finances. The primary problem with Social Security became an issue long before the current administration took office.

The Trustees of Social Security have been warning Congress for decades that

require Congressional attention. The fact is that Social Security revenue (as predicted decades ago) became insufficient to pay all benefit obligations in about 2021. Since that time, money from Social Security’s reserved funds (Trust Funds)has been used to pay full benefits to all. In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserved funds, but that has now dwindled to about \$2.5 trillion as reserves are used to supplement SS payments. And that problem continues. The Trustees of SS now predict that the reserves will be fully depleted in about 2032, at which time – lacking program reform by Congress – Social Security will be forced to pay out only what it receives in revenue. And that would mean an estimated cut of about 23% to everyone’s monthly SS benefit. In the unlikely event that happens, wouldn’t a 23% reduction to your larger age 70 benefit be better than a 23% cut to your lower age 68 benefit?

No one wants those cuts to happen – least of all politicians – because it would amount to political suicide (seniors are, after all, a very large voting bloc). Thus, we believe that Congress will act to reform Social Security to prevent any general benefit cuts from happening. It will, however, require Congressional bipartisanship because the reforms needed for Social Security are likely unsavory to some. Those reforms may include SS tax increases and changes to the basic structure of the SS program to align it with today’s demographic reality. The program needs reform, which Congress has, unfortunately, neglected to provide for many years. And this neglect will likely also continue, at least through the forthcoming mid-term elections. It seems the nature of Congress is to wait until the last possible moment to offer corrective legislation.

Here’s what to keep in mind: Congress already knows how to reform Social Security to avoid any future benefit cuts

– they just lack the bipartisanship to accomplish that reform. For our part, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has offered to Congress a common-sense reform plan via its “Social Security Guarantee (SSG).” AMAC’s proposal has received a positive reception in Congressional circles, and we are optimistic that the proposal will provide financial stability to the program for generations. AMAC continues to advocate for SS reform in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis, even more intensely as the depletion of the SS Trust Funds grows closer.

We do not suggest changing your strategy for claiming Social Security benefits based upon fear the program will cut benefits. That’s because it’s unlikely that all benefits will be cut because we believe Congress will eventually enact reform. And even in the unlikely event that Congress neglects to reform the program by 2032, the percentage of reduction to a higher monthly SS benefit amount would be better than a similar reduction to a lower benefit amount. In other words, your original plan is still a prudent one.

Regarding your question about your estimated benefits, I expect your most recent SS statement didn’t include future benefits because you are already collecting SS survivor benefits. You can contact SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to obtain the future SS retirement estimates you seek.

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California’s Candidates for Governor Must Prioritize Schools’ Education Deficits



By Dan Walters,
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For years, polls about California voter attitudes have found public schools a consistent concern.

In a very recent Public Policy Institute of California poll, responses were mixed about whether the public school system is moving in the right direction, but 89% said it needs to change.

That concern is well founded, given that California’s students don’t do very well in national tests of academic skills, vis-à-vis those in other states. It’s one of California’s most vexing — and most important — issues and should be commanding attention from those who hold public office.

Nevertheless, when the six leading candidates for governor responded to questions during a 90-minute televised debate Wednesday night, education came up only once in a question from a viewer, not the debate moderators, and was directed at Republican Steve Hilton.

Asked how he would improve schools, Hilton responded with “learn from what works in other states.” It was actually a valid response, because California officials have generally resisted learning about learning from other states that have succeeded in raising test scores — Mississippi on reading, for instance.

Candidates’ intentions

about the single largest item in the state’s budget — \$81.3 billion this year — are particularly important because outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed to downgrade the state school superintendent’s position to that of an advisory role, while vesting primary responsibility for education in whoever succeeds him next January.

Moderators of future debates should make at least an effort to explore the candidates’ approaches to education, particularly how they would raise academic achievement that now is mediocre at best.

On the positive side of the public school situation, California has finally embraced phonics as the most effective way of teaching elementary students to read, although it’s not yet mandatory. And on Wednesday, a few hours before the televised debate snubbed education, the Senate Education Committee advanced legislation to do something about California’s even lower ranking in math skills.

Just 37% of California students perform at grade level in math, and the state ranks 43rd nationally in fourth-grade math proficiency. Moreover, there are distinct gaps between kids from families that struggle to afford living in California and their more privileged classmates.

Senate Bill 1067 would establish a statewide math screening system for kids in kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grades, to identify those who struggle with numbers and need extra help. It’s modeled after a similar system to gauge reading skills.

The bill is backed by

EdVoice, an education reform advocate, and carried by Sen. Akilah Weber Pierson, a San Diego Democrat and daughter of Secretary of State Shirley Weber, who tirelessly championed educational reform while a state legislator.

“California has already taken an important step forward by identifying and addressing reading challenges early with K-2 universal screening for reading difficulties. SB 1067 applies that same common-sense approach to math,” Marshall Tuck, CEO of EdVoice, said in a statement. “Students who struggle with foundational math skills in the early grades continue to fall further behind without timely, targeted intervention. This bill helps prepare students for future success in school, career, and life.”

Mastering basic reading and math skills in the early years of school are not only important unto themselves, but they’re vital for students to climb the educational ladder as high as their innate intelligences allow and to segue into productive and satisfying careers that support the larger economy.

While California has no shortage of existential issues, none is more vital than doing something about its education deficit. The Legislature at long last seems to be getting the message, but the next governor must get it too.

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. ★



Yes, of Course, War Settles Things

the first Christian emperor of Rome, won the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312. Later, Christendom benefited from Ferdinand and Isabella taking back Granada from its Muslim rulers in 1492, and from the Holy Roman Emperor defeating the Ottoman besiegers of Vienna in 1683.

Certainly, it would have been better if all this could have been amiably worked out among the relevant parties, but that’s not how the world usually works.

In the early 19th century, Europe had a Napoleon problem -- a world-historical military genius determined to bend the continent to his will through force of arms. After serial failures, the Allies finally solved this problem in the War of the Seventh Coalition. The ensuing diplomatic settlement at the Congress of Vienna forged a peace that lasted nearly a century, but wouldn’t have been possible without victory at Waterloo.

In the early 20th century, Europe had a Hitler problem -- a fanatical, race-obsessed militarist who wanted his Third Reich to dominate Europe. This problem, too, was solved by force and led to a lasting peace, although a very tense one during the Cold War. If it’s true that war should usually be the last resort, the Allies would have been better off if it had been the first resort against Hitler, checking him when he was relatively weak.

More parochially, the United States wouldn’t be what it is today absent two existential wars. When the colonies began agitating for independence,

the British weren’t simply going to cede what they considered sovereign territories, especially given their economic and strategic value. The American cause -- and all the good that has flowed from it -- depended on prevailing in a grinding eight-year war.

About a hundred years later, it all could have collapsed had the United States not prevailed in the Civil War, an appallingly bloody conflict that extinguished American slavery and preserved the foundation for the nation’s gathering greatness.

TITLE: None of this is a warrant for heedless warmongering, or a reason to dismiss, say, the sheer cynical brutishness of the Roman destruction of Carthage in the Third Punic War, or the horrors of Passchendaele. That war is terrible; however, it doesn’t mean that it’s ineffective.

In our times, Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 in the erroneous, but not crazy, belief that a sharp, decisive military campaign would topple the Western-oriented government in Kyiv and force the creation of a regime more to the Kremlin’s liking. This was a war that never should have been launched, yet Ukraine had no alternative but to fight it.

If Kyiv wants to protect its sovereign territory and eventually get a tolerable diplomatic outcome, war is the answer -- as, sadly, it has been so often throughout human history.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Eric L Lamb and Margaret Pennington-Lamb, 4184 Anatolia Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lamb Media Group" , 4184 Anatolia Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 23, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
LAMB 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02299
El Lamb Real Estate, Inc., 1024 Iron Point Road Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Estate Property Solutions" 1024 Iron Point Road Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 23, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
ESTATE 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02511
Andrei Cuenca, 2915 Del Paso Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "El Muneco De La Sierra" 2915 Del Paso Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 11, 2028
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
BILINGUAL 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02445
Alan James Terry, 4143 Matta Island Street, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Moore Recovery Inc" 4143 Matta Island Street, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
MOORE 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01765
Meta Cam Kok, 5990 14th Avenue Suite #B, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "21 Flava's" 5990 14th Avenue Suite #B, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 3, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
FLAVAS 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02563
Adriana Olari, 2108 N Street #10622, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Draculet" 7975 Dersingham Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 30, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
DRACULET 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02554
Cosmic Roosters, Inc., 11230 Gold Express Unit 310. Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Don Gotti's" 10750 Olson Drive Unit 2, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 30, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
DON 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02205
Eskaton Properties, Inc, 5105 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eskaton Monroe Lodge" 3225 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
ESKATON 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02207
Casa Natomas, 5105 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eskaton Natomas Manor" 2400 Northview Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
NATOMAS 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02491
Brand Image Solutions LLC, 1277 Humbug Creek Court, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sky Patches" 1277 Humbug Creek Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
SKY 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02224
Fanex Group LLC, 6022 Sundale Way Apt 66, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fanex Moving Company" 6022 Sundale Way Apt 66, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
FANEX 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02415
Peter Saied, 3141 Edison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Torveen Accounting" 3141 Edison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
TORVEEN 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02561
Richard Leng, 8117 Mills Gap Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Richard's Donut Shop" 4703 Manzanita Avenue Suite A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 30, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
RICHARDS 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02188
QE Solar LLC, 16 South Avenue West, Suite 207, Cranford, NJ 07016 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Doman Energy Services" 18 Commerce Street, Springfield, NJ 07081. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 18, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
DOMAN 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01991
Ebonie Bolar, 8028 Healy Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "F.F.F. Fun for Felons" 8028 Healy Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 10, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
FFF 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02262
Donald Schulz, 7300 Yarrow Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Drum Weaver Studios" 7300 Yarrow Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
DRUM 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02585
Salem Alyafeai, 1900 Danbrook Drive Unit 1022, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Print The Moment" 1900 Danbrook Drive Unit 1022, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
PRINT 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01704
J & J Solutions & Services LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "J & J Vending Company/ J & J Pallet Company" 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
VENDING 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02294
Genstone, Inc., 5426 Bay Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Genstone Realty/Genstone Property Management" 5426 Bay Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 23, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
GENSTONE 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02607
Mohsen Rezaei, 7248 30th Street Unit B, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hadat Auto Body" 7248 30th Street Unit B, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
HADAT 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02608
Leila Wyn Burrows, 11440 Highland Avenue, Truckee, CA 96161 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cavaignac Country Estate" 13510/13530 Leary Road, Walnut Grove, CA 95690. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
CAVAIGNAC 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02506
Growabeard LLC, 5145 Cocoa

Palm, Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pool Ninja" 5145 Cocoa Palm, Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
POOL 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02626
Nou Vang Yang, PO Box 231533, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunshine Creations" 1706 Belt Way, Sacramento, CA 95832. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
SUNSHINE 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02652
ACH Executive Management LLC, 5380 E 2nd Street Suite 7000, Casper, WY 82609 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ACH Executive Management" 2680 Grove Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
ACH 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02629
Orangecrest Community Church, 5695 Glenhaven Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Beacon Church" 6240 14th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2026
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026
BEACON 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02345
Allan Licensing LLC, 3102 Lea Sterling Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Solve IoT" 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 Hippy 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
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
HEAVENLY 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02746
Venus Monique Pressnell, 966 Oak, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Heavenly Haven" 966 Oak, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 6, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
HAVEN 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02769
Fair Housing Management LLC, 4325 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Rise Community Care/Rise Integrated Care" 4325 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 6, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
RISE 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02650
Akram Al Rayis, 3841 Arborhill Way, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Akram Al Rayis Mobile Detailing" 3841 Arborhill Way, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
AKRAM 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02473
West Coast Differentials, Inc., 2429 Mercantile Drive #A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "West Coast Differentials/ Ring and Pinion Service/West Coast Differentials, Inc" 2429 Mercantile Drive #A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
WEST 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01652
Mylia Hightower, 1401 21st Street Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alsignaturemotors" 1401 21st Street Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
AL 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02708
Erisha Adams, 95 Fruitwood Common, Brentwood, CA 94513 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sips Soiree Signature Cocktails" 95 Fruitwood cmn, Brentwood, CA 94513. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 3, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
SIPS 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02581
Alejandra Mireya Thedell, 7811 Madison Avenue Suite 403, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Foil Me Up Suite" 7811 Madison Avenue Suite 403, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
FOIL 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02775
Calvary Chapel Folsom-Orangevale, 9250 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Calvary Solid Ground" 9250 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
CALVARY 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02788
Shamal Shoneel Raj, 3200 Truxel Road Apt 189, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LTK Transport" 3200 Truxel Road Apt 189, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
LTK 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02646
Region XI Commission For The Spanish Speaking (Recoss), 1303 J Street Suite 750,

Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Recoss" 1303 J Street Suite 750, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
RECOSS 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02781
Central Park, 5150 Services, Inc., 1259 El Camino Real #500, Menlo Park, CA 94205 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Monticello Outreach" 1259 El Camino Real #500, Menlo Park, CA 94205. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
MONTICELLO 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02606
Kamina Staples, 2624 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hype Me Up" 2624 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
HYPE 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02610
Golden Compass Collective LLC, 6918 Treelark Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Modern Management Services" 6918 Treelark Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
MODERN 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02739
Karen Katzmark, 4005 Manzanita Avenue Suite 6-427, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Demi Equine Bodywork" 9717 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite A6, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 6, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
DEMI 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02578
Aayur LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Got Chai/ GotChai" 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 30, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
GOT 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02823
Satinder Jit Kaur and Amarjit Singh, 3250 Monier Circle Suite 1C, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "West Automotive" 3250 Monier Circle Suite 1C, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2026
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WEST 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02831
Manasseh Barkhudaryan, 6901 Stoneman Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Daryan Design Engineering" 6901 Stoneman Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 3, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
DARYAN 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02487
Jon W. Edwards, 8321 Keyesport Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "All Phase Construction" 8321 Keyesport Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
ALL 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02317
Jenny Samantha Thad, 7425 Beech Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crown & Crumb Bakehouse" 7425 Beech Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 23, 2026
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
CROWN 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02794
Darian Cooper, 2405 Barcelona Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royal Paradigm Group" 2405 Barcelona Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
ROYAL 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01077
SOA Labs, Inc., 500 East McBee Avenue 56100#1237, Greenville, SC 29601 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "myhomeIQ" 3600 American River Drive Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95864 Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 5, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
MYHOMEIQ 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02617
ALL Japanese Auto Dismantler LLC, 3689 Recycle Road Suite 2, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "All Japanese Auto Wrecking" 3689 Recycle Road Suite 2, Rancho

Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 6, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
ALL 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02617
Scrubbers Helping Hands, 3716 Lankershim Way, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Scrubber Eco Clean" 3716 Lankershim Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
SCRUBBERR 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02791
Raymond R. Charan, 124 Prairie Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royal City Art" 124 Prairie Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
ART 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02828
Daniel Reynolds, 7968 Orange Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Faith Property Management/Golden Faith Realty" 7968 Orange Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
GOLDEN 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02931
Parjeet Singh, 6 Stone Valley Court, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AAA Pressure Washing Service" 6 Stone Valley Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 13, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
AAA 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02479
1 Momentous Solution, LLC, 5960 Southland Park Drive #570, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Creducation/1MS Pay" 5960 Southland Park Drive #570, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
AAA 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02437
Prinze Foundational Planning, Inc., 2355 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Prinze Wealth Group" 2355 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
PRINZE 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02861
Nevergreen Pools, Inc., 3965 Durock Road Unit C, Shingle Springs, CA 95682 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pool Nlnja" 9721 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
POOL 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02942
Howard Seth Henderson, 122 Village Circle, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Henderson's Outdoor Services" 122 Village Circle, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 13, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
HENDERSONS 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02989
David Medcalf, 6213 Graystone Avenue Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dave's Window Washing" 6213 Graystone Avenue Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 14, 2026
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
DAVES 5-15-26

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



Breault, Maldonado Gutierrez Claim Top Honors, Six Hornets Make All-Big Sky Honor Roll

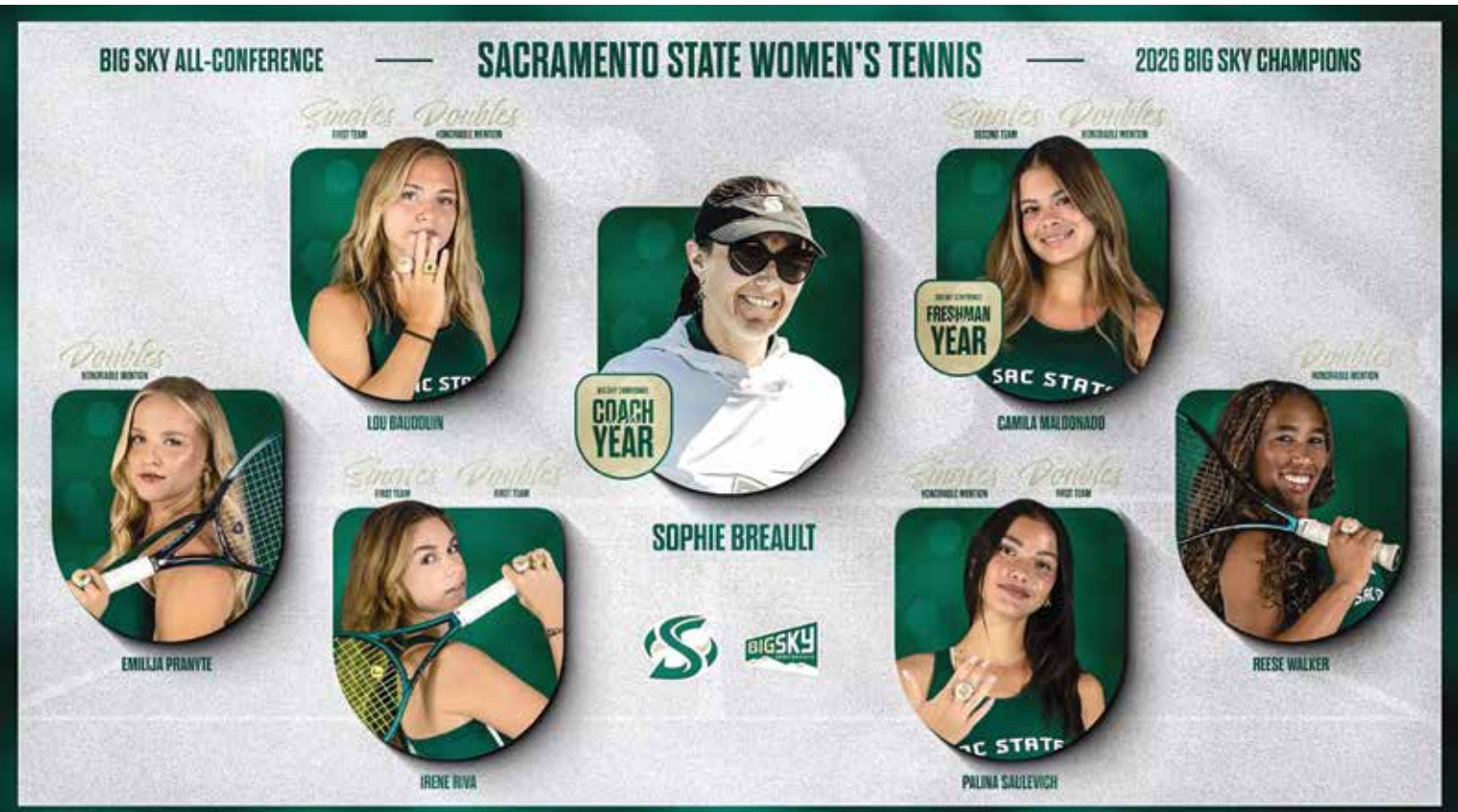
Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Big Sky Conference regular season champion Sacramento State women’s tennis team racked up a number of postseason honors as the league office announced its postseason honor roll April 22.

Head Coach Sophie Breault was named Big Sky Coach of the Year and newcomer Cami Maldonado Gutierrez was named Freshman of the Year to headline a list of six Hornets who were named to the All-Big Sky teams in both singles and doubles for the 2025-26 season.

Breault becomes the third Hornet mentor to be named the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year and the first since 2011, joining former Sacramento State head coaches Bill Campbell and Dima Hrynashka as winners of the award. Meanwhile, Maldonado Gutierrez became the first Hornet to win the league’s top freshman honor since the award was first handed out in 2017.

A total of four Sacramento State players were named to the honor roll in singles as redshirt junior Lou Baudouin was a unanimous first-team selection and was joined on the list by junior Irene Riva. Maldonado Gutierrez was named to the second team in singles while senior Palina Saulevich was an honorable



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mention choice.

In doubles, the tandem of Riva and Saulevich were unanimous selections to the first team, while the pairings of Maldonado Gutierrez and Reese Walker along with Baudouin and Emilija Pranyte were both honorable mention selections.

As the league’s regular season champion, Sacramento State

is the top seed in this week’s Big Sky Championships at the Phoenix Tennis Center in Phoenix, Ariz., which begin on Thursday (April 23) at 8 a.m.

As the top seed, the Hornets, who have won the last two conference tournament titles, have Thursday off and face the winner of the opening-round match between No. 4 Eastern

Washington and No. 5 Idaho in the semifinals on Friday (April 24) at 8 a.m. A win advances Sacramento State to Saturday's (April 25) championship match at 8 a.m. PT.

Northern Arizona is the No. 2 seed and will face either No. 3 Idaho State or No. 6 Montana State in Thursday's other semifinal.

Sacramento State enters the postseason on a roll, winning their last five straight to close out the year while sporting a 17-5 overall record and a 7-1 mark in league play. Sacramento State improved to 9-0 at home following the match against the Vikings, extending the program's home winning streak to 18 consecutive triumphs dating back to last year. ★

Baseball’s Barnes Named to NCBWA Stopper of the Year Midseason Watch List

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis right-hander Rowen Barnes has been named to the mid-season watch list for the 21st annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Stopper of the Year Award.

Barnes is one of 61 relief pitchers nationally to earn a spot on the midseason list, which recognizes the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I baseball. He is one of two Big West Conference representatives on the watch list.

The graduate student from Atherton, Calif., has been one of the most dominant relievers in the conference this season. In 18 appearances, Barnes has posted a 1.13 ERA and a 1.00 WHIP with a 2-0 record and seven saves. Opponents are hitting just .193 against him, and he has struck out 22 batters while walking just eight.

Barnes' steadiness out of



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the bullpen has been critical for the Aggies throughout the

2026 season. He has allowed

18 outings, holding opponents scoreless in 15 appearances.

His longest outing came April 19 against CSUN, when he tossed 3.0 innings of one-hit, shutout ball.

The NCBWA will announce the finalists on Wednesday, June 3, with the winner being named on Friday, June 12, at the 2026 Men's College World Series.

ABOUT UC DAVIS ATHLETICS

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked No. 1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as No. 1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is located in a true California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026–27. ★

Women’s Basketball Adds Halie Bergman as Assistant Coach

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After spending the last three seasons as an assistant coach on the sidelines at Nevada, Central Valley native Halie Bergman was named as an assistant coach with the Sacramento State women’s basketball team April 22.

“Halie came highly recommended by many for her relentless work ethic, being a great skill developer, and her ability to recruit,” Head Coach Aaron Kallhoff said. “She will be a huge asset to our program going forward and we are excited for Halie to be here at Sacramento State.”

One of the nation’s top up-and-coming coaches in the women’s game, Bergman was a “30 Under 30” honoree by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association and was named one of Silver Waves Media’s Top 50 Most Impactful Assistant Coaches in 2024.

Following her playing career with the Wolf Pack, she participated in the WBCA’s “So You Want to be a Coach” program that assists female collegiate basketball players who are interested in pursuing a career in coaching women’s basketball by providing them with professional development and career advancement through education, skills enhancement, networking and exposure opportunities.

“It’s an honor to join the Sacramento State family and a tremendous opportunity to get closer to home where my basketball journey started,” Bergman said. “I believe in what Coach Kallhoff is building and I’m excited to help create a championship program that Sacramento



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can be proud of.”

Named as an assistant coach to the Nevada staff prior to the 2023-24 campaign, Bergman helped lead her alma mater to its second top four finish in the Mountain West Conference in the last three seasons while serving as the program’s co-recruiting coordinator, directing its domestic and international recruiting strategy.

During those three seasons, she helped mentor a trio of Nevada players to All-Mountain West honors,

including last season’s conference freshman of the year in Skylar Durley and a pair of all-conference selections in 2023-24.

Prior to her elevation to assistant coach, Bergman spent five years as the program’s graduate assistant coach and director of player development. She had her hands in all aspects of the program’s operation, impacting student athletes on the court and in the classroom, assisting with daily operations, working on position-specific skill development, while also directing the program’s community service efforts and coordinating academic support.

A three-year letter winner for the Wolf Pack from 2015-18, Bergman spent her freshman season at Pacific near her hometown of Hilmar, CA before joining the Nevada roster. She appeared in 95 career games, including 35 starts in 36 contests as a senior.

That season, she helped the Wolf Pack win 19 games, advance to the Mountain West Tournament championship game as the No. 7 seed (upsetting No. 2 UNLV and No. 3 Wyoming along the way), and reach the semifinals of the Women’s Basketball Invitational following victories over UC Irvine and Fresno State.

Bergman prepped at Turlock Christian HS where she graduated as the program’s all-time leading scorer (1,761 points) and helped the team to four Southern League championships and a pair of CIF Sac Joaquin Division V runners-up twice.

She graduated from Nevada with a bachelor’s degree in business management and a minor in psychology in 2018, then added a master’s degree in educational leadership in 2021. ★