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Creatives Share Work at Craft Faire



Local small businesses line the lawn at the Dry Creek Ranch House in Rio Linda on Saturday, May 23, for the 5th annual Craft Faire.

Story and photos by Khushi Salgia

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Rio Lindans gathered at the Dry Creek Ranch House on Saturday, May 23 for the 5th annual Craft Faire, where local small businesses presented their handmade or sourced products and goods. From jewelry to clothes to toys to food, there was something for everyone.

One of these businesses was Wood Duck Woodwork, owned by Sam Howard. Howard, who discovered woodworking in a woodshop class at age 11, is now 61 years old. For the

past 50 years, he has enjoyed building useful household items out of wood as a means of staying active.

"I wanted my body to still work," he said.

All his products are made by hand, and the machinery he operates requires him to be working right behind it. Howard only has one functioning arm, adding further challenge to the process.

Some of the products on display included a pen holder with a phone stand, a squirrel feeder and a door knocker. He also sells bunny-shaped cutting boards, which he has been making since he was

a kid. He even brings the very first one he ever made to every craft fair to show how it holds up over time. While the color has darkened a little, as naturally happens to wood over the years, this nearly 50-year-old cutting board remains in good condition. According to Howard, because everything is made of plastic nowadays, modern things don't last as long as they used to.

Another vendor at the Craft Faire was Miss Bee Haven, which sells bee products such as honey and beeswax candles. Lara Sansen, who started the business, had always been

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'My Sister's House' Hosts AAPI Fashion Show Raises Awareness for Domestic Abuse Survivors

Story and photos by Khushi Salgia

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On May 19, the non-profit organization My Sister's House (MSH) hosted an Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) fashion show to raise awareness and money for domestic abuse survivors.

According to their website, MSH helps AAPI women and children impacted by "domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven, job training and community services."

The fashion show, which took place on the top floor of The California Endowment building, featured a lavender color palette, MSH's brand color, and a traditional red-carpet runway. MSH Deputy Treasurer Stephanie shared the kind of work MSH does and encouraged AAPI to learn more about the pervasive issue of domestic violence.

"We are dedicated to increasing the AAPI pipeline in the capital community," she said.

Executive Director of MSH, Christine Nguyen, spoke about the urgency of the cause and the importance of understanding its seriousness, while also addressing common misconceptions. She noted that domestic violence is often underestimated because perpetrators and victims do not always fit stereotypical expectations. Society

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Delilah Yang models her traditional Hmong outfit.

Nearly Half of High School Students Eligible for CalKIDS Scholarships

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As high school seniors across Sacramento County make college and career decisions ahead of graduation, CalKIDS is encouraging students and families to check whether scholarship funds have already been set aside in their names.

Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board under the California State Treasurer's Office, CalKIDS provides scholarships to eligible California public school students to help pay for college or career training including accredited colleges, universities, community colleges, trade schools and vocational programs for qualified educational expenses, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, certain room and board, and computer equipment.

"CalKIDS represents California's investment in the promise and potential of our students," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA. "These scholarships send a powerful message to families across our state: we believe in our young people, we are investing in their future, and we want every student to know that college or career training is within reach."

CalKIDS is working in partnership with the California Student Aid Commission to support more targeted outreach to eligible students. Through the WebGrants 4 Students portal, school counselors now have access to data that can identify eligible 9-12 grade students and support direct outreach.

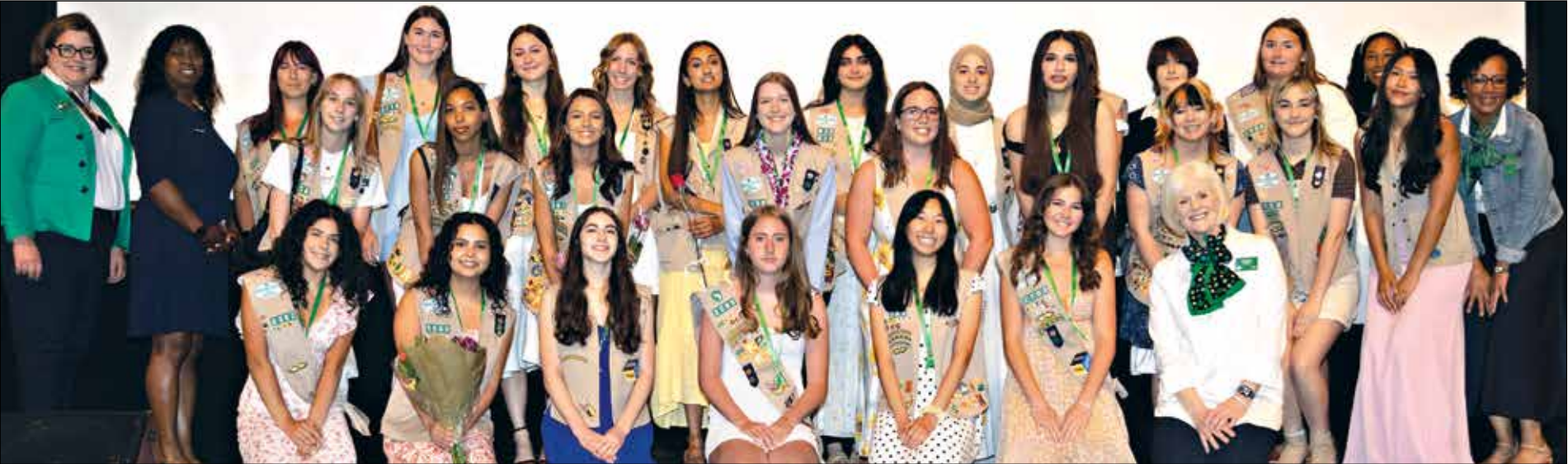
"This innovative partnership is transforming how millions of California students access the resources that make college possible. Students can now claim their CalKIDS Account and applying for financial aid more seamlessly" said Dr. Daisy Gonzales, CSAC Executive Director.

"Having a CalKIDS Account made me feel less worried about affording college and grateful for the support," said Francisco Barragan Chavez, a CalKIDS recipient and student from the University of California, Davis.

Checking eligibility and claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship is simple and takes just a few minutes. Students only need their Statewide Student

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Girl Scouts Heart of Central California honored 167 girls during its annual Highest Awards Ceremony at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, recognizing recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and the council's Rose Award. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Before they earned medals, scholarships and standing ovations, many of the Girl Scouts recognized Saturday, May 16, at the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Highest Awards Ceremony started their award-winning community projects with a simple question: How can I help?

By the end the answers had taken shape as STEM programs for children, deaf awareness curriculums, debate workshops and community initiatives designed to last long after the applause faded.

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California honored 167 girls during its annual Highest Awards Ceremony at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, recognizing recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and the council's Rose Award for projects tackling issues ranging from STEM accessibility and mental health to environmental sustainability and racial justice.

"This ceremony is a powerful reminder of why Girl Scouts matter," said Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Chief

Executive Officer Linda E. Farley. "These girls didn't just complete projects, they identified real challenges in their communities and created meaningful, lasting solutions."

The morning began with a Gold Award Poster Symposium, where attendees explored presentations highlighting projects created by Award recipients. This year's honorees included 36 Gold Award recipients, 83 Silver Award recipients and 48 Rose Award recipients.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, the organization's highest honor, requires at least 80 hours of research, planning and leadership focused on creating sustainable community change.

Among those recognized was Sofia Contreras, who partnered with St. John's women's shelter to create a STEM curriculum for children staying at the facility.

"STEM has always been a really big part of my life," Contreras said. "I wanted those kids to know that it's a place for them too."

Contreras designed hands-on lessons and experiments intended to continue long after her involvement ended, leaving behind supplies and curriculum



Throughout the ceremony, mentors and family members joined recipients on stage during a pinning ceremony celebrating not only the girls' achievements but also the support systems behind them. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

materials for future use.

She said the experience taught her confidence and leadership skills she plans to carry into college and a future career in STEM.

Another Gold Award recipient developed a deaf awareness curriculum for the El Dorado Union High School District focused on communication, culture and respect for the deaf community.

"I think raising awareness is important because many students don't know about deaf culture," the Girl Scout said. "This gives them the opportunity to learn how to respect deaf individuals."

Sofia Yee created a debate

awareness program for elementary and middle school students in the Sacramento area after realizing many younger students viewed debate as intimidating.

"It's really a great way to practice your public speaking," Yee said. "I wanted to break people's stereotypes of what debate looks like."

Working with local educators, libraries and the Sacramento Urban Debate League, Yee developed curriculum materials and hosted a summer debate program that will continue beyond her involvement.

Nora Latif focused her project on increasing representation

in STEM by creating a library program highlighting women of color working in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

"For me and a lot of my friends, we didn't always see people like ourselves represented when people talked about women in STEM," Latif said.

Throughout the ceremony, mentors and family members joined recipients on stage during a pinning ceremony celebrating not only the girls' achievements, but also the support systems behind them.

Madison Kosh said the projects reflect the organization's mission of helping girls discover their voice and leadership potential.

"They're learning how to build relationships within their communities, solve problems and create lasting change," Kosh said. "Those are life skills they'll carry with them forever."

In addition to the awards, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California also recognized scholarship recipients for continued leadership and academic achievement, including Contreras, Yee and Isabella Passerini. ★

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tends to assume perpetrators will appear aggressive, dominant or overtly controlling, when in reality they may also present as friendly, helpful community members or even good Samaritans. Likewise, victims are often assumed to be meek, soft-spoken or submissive, but they can also be confident, outspoken and independent.

"The truth about domestic abuse is that it does not look the way you expect it to look," Nguyen said. "And what you do not see, you do not talk about."

According to Ngyuen, it is very possible that, "someone in your circle is experiencing abuse today and you do not know it."

Another reason why domestic violence often goes unnoticed, especially in the AAPI community, is because people are afraid of tarnishing their or the family's reputation. While this pressure exists across

many cultures, the family's reputation is especially emphasized in many Asian cultures, and people will often sacrifice their own wants, needs and desires for the sake of the family unit.

"Domestic violence is hidden in order to preserve family honor," Nguyen said.

Due to these reasons, an organization like MSH is especially important, because of factors in cultural differences that other similar organizations might not be specifically trained for.

"For 25 years, MSH has been a place of safety, healing and hope," Ngyuen said. "MSH can be the difference between safety and death for some people."

After Nguyen delivered her speech, she introduced Audrey Fong, the event emcee. Fong provided educational and historical context for each outfit as participants walked down the runway.

The first look is a traditional Hmong outfit, modeled by Delilah Yang. The Hmong are an indigenous ethnic group originating from the mountainous regions of East and Southeast Asia, with a massive presence in Southwestern China and parts of Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar. The ensemble includes several components, such as a pleated skirt known as a tiab, an apron called a sev, and a long-sleeved shirt referred to as a dab tsho.

The Hmong people are divided into several subgroups such as the Green Hmong, the White Hmong and the Black Hmong, and the color of the tiab indicates which region someone is from. Yang, who wore a white skirt, represents the White Hmong subgroup.

"It's a modern take on a traditional Hmong outfit," Yang said. "I wanted to let

[the audience] know more about Hmong culture."

Next followed outfits from Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Azrael Rodriguez, modeled the traditional Filipino menswear called the barong tagalog, which combines both traditional Asian and Spanish styles. He said that this is the outfit that is generally worn for special events such as birthdays and weddings.

"It represents me," he said.

Another featured look included Filipino womenswear known as baro't saya, the oldest traditional form of Filipino dress. It is defined by a wraparound shawl called the alampay. During the Spanish colonial era, the barong tagalog was a symbol of "pride and resilience" while the baro't saya symbolizes "modesty, elegance and social status," according to Fong.

There was also an outfit that is commonly worn



Azrael Rodriguez, models his Filipino menswear called the Barong Tagalog.

in rural parts of China, and the "red symbolizes vitality and protection," said Fong, followed by Chinese formalwear. The womenswear was a contemporary take on a qipao while the menswear was a modern interpretation of a tangzuit.

Next were Japanese outfits such as the kimono as well as a traditional servant's outfit. The fashion show also presented a Korean hanbok, which

is "worn during special events such as Lunar New Year," according to Fong. A Thai dress called a chak-kri was also featured on the runway.

In addition to East and Southeast Asia, they also showcased looks from other AAPI communities, such as a traditional Punjabi suit from the Punjab region of India called a salwar kameez. The final outfit was a twist on traditional Hawaiian formalwear. Even though Hawaii is part of the United States, it still part of Pacific Islander culture. The dress was a holokū which is a modernized version of traditional Hawaiian dresses called a mu'umu'u. The floral headpiece is called a lei po'o, and wearing a fresh flower lei around the head is deeply rooted tradition in Hawaiian culture, often used to signify a connection to the land.

"Culture is not just something we inherit, but something we pass on," said Fong, a sentiment that can apply to both the culture of domestic abuse as well as to fashion.

As a result of the fashion show, MSH was able to raise \$10,000. ★



Participants and organizers of the fashion show gathered for a group photo at the conclusion of the event.

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Identifier, or SSID, which can typically be found on a school report card or

transcript, or by asking a school counselor. Once they have their SSID, students and families can

visit CalKIDS.org to check eligibility and, if eligible, follow the steps to claim their scholarship. ★



Experts Seek Methane-Cutting Solutions

Private companies and researchers at the University of California, Davis, are working with farmers to develop new ways to reduce methane emissions from cattle. To address methane from cow burps, or enteric methane, UC Davis professor of animal science Ermias Kebreab is studying a compound in red seaweed as a feed additive that has been shown to lower methane production in the animals' rumens. Kebreab is also exploring gene-editing technology that could permanently decrease methane production. At the same time, dairy farms have adopted methane digesters and waste-treatment systems that turn emissions from manure into renewable energy and other usable products. Farmers say it's crucial that these solutions make financial sense for their operations so that the technologies could be broadly implemented. "Sustainability always has to start with financial sustainability," Merced County dairy farmer Simon Vander Woude said.

California Cherry Crops Decimated by Spring Storms

Fortunes went from bad to worse this year for California cherry growers. An early heat wave impacted fruit set in many orchards. Then, rainstorms in April and May battered the crop. "It was like getting knocked down and then getting kicked," said Bill Stokes, who grows cherries in San Joaquin County. Growers in the county, which leads California in cherry production, lost 63% of their crop and suffered financial losses of \$174 million, according to the county's request for a disaster declaration, which would make

growers eligible for low-interest federal loans and other assistance. California's other cherry growing regions were also affected. Tony Guerrero, grower relations and farm manager at Lodi-based packer M&R Co., which sources cherries from across California, said this year's crop was the worst he had seen in three decades working with cherries in the state. "It's pretty devastating," Guerrero said. "There was just nowhere that was unscathed."

Why Rocket Scientists Began Counting Nuts in California

For decades, experts have done their best to estimate the size of California's almond crop prior to harvest. With the state producing most of the world's supply, the global market rises and falls with the fate of the Central Valley crop. Expectation of a shortage can stoke competition among buyers and raise prices, while a large crop forecast can achieve the opposite. "It affects many lives," said Jasbir Sidhu, who grows almonds in Fresno and Madera counties. But the expansion of California's almond industry, which brought greater variation from one orchard to the next, made it harder to forecast statewide yields by sampling a subset of orchards. In December, the Almond Board of California's directors voted to stop funding a key forecast provided for decades by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Instead, the industry is looking to private entities to find new ways to estimate the crop. While counting nuts may not be rocket science, some firms have leveraged experience in aerospace engineering—using technologies such as remote sensing and machine learning—to forecast crop yields. ★

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Trump Boosts Trade Schools

Everyone is Not Going to University

By Josh Cook

President Trump added trade schools to the Pell Grant. The Pell Grant is the largest federal program for students in America, disbursing over \$31 billion a year. Starting in 2026, eligible students will be able to get Pell Grants for vocational training programs in skilled trades, manufacturing, and healthcare, enabling quick entry into jobs with minimal debt. Previously, the Pell was aimed at colleges and universities.

Political Economist Nicholas Eberstadt's book "Men Without Work" documents a persistent crisis in which millions of prime-age men, often with limited formal education, have withdrawn from the labor force due to structural barriers, family instability, criminal records, and mismatched training opportunities. Traditional college routes have proven ineffective for this population, exacerbating workforce non-participation and associated social costs. By validating "vocational" training as a legitimate alternative to college for all, the new policy disrupts and directly targets the left-behind workforce segments Eberstadt identifies.

Trade schools and union labor apprenticeship programs have been treated like second-class programs by the higher education industry; the term "vocational education" was scorned, while "shop classes" were pushed out of high schools. Even today, the education establishment refers to "vocational" programs as "career-technical education."

Keith Dunn, who leads the State Building and Construction Trades Council's efforts in Sacramento, has the most effective nomenclature: they refer to "get a real job" educational offerings as "trained and skilled workforce." The name starts with the end product in mind, which is actually getting people into the workforce earning much more than a living wage, like real money, with benefits and retirement.

The idea that everyone needed to go to a university, and dedicating a preponderance of our taxpayer support to that end, has proven to be a disaster, as the gap between the super wealthy and the poor has gotten worse every year for the last 50 years. Worse than that, upward mobility, more important than wealth, has been headed in the wrong direction, something that leads to social unrest, violence, and chaos.

Upward mobility is a better definition of the "American Dream". It measures whether a person from a poor family can move up the socioeconomic ladder through hard work and by engaging with the systems we build to foster social cohesion, prosperity, and happiness. This move to open "vocational" schools to federal funding is a huge step in the right direction.

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Board Votes to Sit Two on Homelessness Task Force

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - At its May 19 meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors appointed two supervisors to an ad hoc Planning Task Force that will formally advance a new regional homelessness governance structure after months of collaboration with partners in the community, presentations and briefings that ultimately aligned the County, the City of Sacramento and the region’s Continuum of Care (CoC) around a single framework.

The action marks a significant turning point in a long-running debate over how homelessness policy should be organized in the region given there is no mandate from the state or federal government.

For more than two years, Sacramento County, city governments and Sacramento Steps Forward, the nonprofit organization that administers the CoC, have been discussing how to better coordinate responses to homelessness amid rising unhoused populations, increasingly complicated and reduced funding streams and mounting pressure from state leaders for regional cooperation. In July 2025, Senator Ashby introduced legislation, SB 802, to formally create a mandated Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that attempts to require the County and its incorporated cities to pool funding and spending authority into a separate entity.

On Dec. 9, 2025, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the staff recommendation for a new homeless partnership model intended to create a more unified



Sacramento County District 2 Supervisor Patrick Kennedy has been selected to sit on the Homelessness Task Force. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

regional governance structure, while maintaining local control of critical land use and budgetary decisions for locally generated funding. The proposal creates a single governing board that would serve dual roles: acting as the federally required CoC Board while also functioning as an advisory body to local jurisdictions on homelessness issues outside the scope of the CoC, including shelter operations, encampment response, housing coordination and related policy matters.

County leaders propose the structure would improve regional coordination, strengthen accountability and position Sacramento County and its cities more competitively for state and federal homelessness funding opportunities.

After a significant amount of shared staff



Sacramento County District 3 Supervisor Rich Desmond has been selected to sit on the Homelessness Task Force. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

work to more closely align what the Board of Supervisors approved to what the city council requested, the Sacramento City Council ultimately adopted a governance framework closely aligned with the County’s original recommended structure rather than pursuing a separate JPA structure. Shortly afterward, the CoC Board also agreed to participate in the framework. With the County, City of Sacramento and CoC now aligned around the same governance model as well as support from other cities in the County throughout this process, the region can move forward with meaningful discussions of next steps.

Next steps include amending the CoC bylaws and determining the size and distribution of seats on the future governing board. That process will be handled by a newly

created Planning Task Force.

Under the proposed structure, the task force will include two representatives from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, two representatives from the Sacramento City Council, one representative from each of the County’s other incorporated city councils, and one or two representatives from the CoC Board. The Board of Supervisors’ action Tuesday specifically focused on appointing the County’s two representatives to participate in the task force.

The Board voted to seat Supervisors Patrick Kennedy and Rich Desmond to the task force – both whom currently sit on the existing CoC Board. Once the bylaws are developed for the new Governing Body, the Board of Supervisors will appoint permanent members to that body. Existing staff from the Department of Homeless Services and Housing will provide administrative and policy support for the planning process as participating jurisdictions work through the details of the new governance model.

Once implemented, the newly created structure will represent one of the most significant reorganizations of homelessness governance in Sacramento County in recent years. Supporters are hopeful the unified framework will create a more coordinated regional response by consolidating leadership, aligning policy priorities across jurisdictions and incorporating both elected officials and community stakeholders into a single collaborative structure focused on addressing homelessness across the County.

For more information on how Sacramento County is addressing homelessness, visit: schs.saccounty.gov/us/en.html#gsc.tab=0. ★

5 Over 50 Award Winners Named

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Whether it’s raising money for families in need, helping travelers navigate the airport, or building new homes, there are dozens of ways volunteers in Sacramento County make a difference in our community.

This year, Sacramento County’s Adult and Aging Commission is celebrating five compassionate individuals who, instead of slowing down as they aged, decided to get involved and make a difference where they live. To celebrate these individuals, the commission is awarding them with the 2026 5 Over 50 Award. To win, each volunteer must be over the age of 50 and must be nominated by at least two people who see the standout work they are doing.

Thank you to this year’s winners.

The winner representing district one is Antonia Lopez. When Antonia’s mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease, she decided to educate herself about the illness and find ways to help older adults. She learned about the Hart Senior Center and began taking her mother. Antonia herself soon became a volunteer at the Hart Center, helping develop programs and activities for Spanish-speaking older adults.

Antonia stays busy finding ways to help and educate others. She has spent more than 15 years advancing the health, independence and quality of life of older adults in Sacramento County, coordinating quarterly health education programs in partnership with the UC Davis Alzheimer’s Research Center and the POINTER Study, while also reducing barriers to care through screenings, adaptive equipment, and Paratransit passes for 24 members.

Antonia says she’s especially



The Sacramento County 2026 5 Over 50 award recipients are Antonia Lopez (District 1), Shirley Fong (District 2), Jodi Sato-King (District 3), Ed Valencia (District 4) and Dave King (District 5). Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

grateful to the Hart Center and UC Davis for the compassion they show for seniors like herself.

“I do it as a service for others, but really, it’s a service for me. It keeps me able to do the kind of things that I can do to contribute,” Antonia said of her volunteer work.

The winner representing district two is Shirley Fong. Shirley has been one of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento’s most passionate volunteers - contributing nearly 5,000 hours in support of affordable homeownership, housing stability and community revitalization.

Shirley remembers seeing Jimmy Carter commercials about volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. She’d never done home renovation projects, but that didn’t stop her. She’s now learned more about landscaping and painting and even installed flooring in new homes.

“I like working with the homeowners; they’re really fun and interesting, and we get to

know each other pretty well,” said Shirley.

Lately, Shirley is helping families in Citrus Heights build new homes, but she has helped construct homes all across the County.

The winner in district three is Jodi Sato-King. Jodi led the effort to help create a more accessible space at Sailor Bar while protecting the nature that calls the American River home.

Through her collaboration with Regional Parks staff and Supervisor Rich Desmond, Friends of Sailor Bar raised more than \$30,000 to install 19 accessible benches and tables, mobilized volunteers to restore vegetation at the Turtle Pond, and partnered with state and regional agencies to remove a rock dam to improve salmon migration. Jodi is especially grateful to the parks staff and Parks Department Director Liz Bellas for collaborating with Friends of Sailor Bar to create a more welcoming space for community members

to enjoy.

“When we come together and we use our skills and our passion, to be able to enrich this community – especially at Sailor Bar – by making it more accessible and educating people to respect and enjoy nature, that is so rewarding,” said Jodi.

Jodi says the friends she’s made through her volunteer work keep her going and make her feel connected to the community. Jodi continues to collaborate with Sacramento County’s Parks Department and hopes to find ways to keep improving our parks through the partnership with the department.

Ed Valencia is the winner for district four. Ed, a lifelong Rio Linda resident, has dedicated more than four decades to community service, beginning in the 1970’s when he joined the Lions Club of Rio Linda. He has since served in numerous leadership roles—including President and Secretary—while leading longstanding projects such as Ruby’s

Baskets Christmas Program to support families in need.

Ed believes in pouring love back into the community he grew up in. All the money raised by the Lions Club of Rio Linda helps residents in Rio Linda.

“Any money we raise in the community, has to go back into the community so we try to help out however we can,” said Ed.

In district five, Dave King took home the award. Dave, has served as a dedicated Sacramento International Airport (SMF) Ambassador since 2017, becoming a standout veteran volunteer known for his calm personality, reliability and exceptional ability to welcome and assist travelers at both Terminal A and Terminal B. Since becoming an ambassador, Dave has encouraged several people he knows to join the program.

“It looked like it would be fun [to be an SMF Ambassador] and it has turned out to be a whole lot of fun. My friends who come and join enjoy it for the same reason I do – because it’s a positive environment,” said Dave.

Dave finds other ways to give back outside of helping travelers. He also regularly donates blood. Dave says he enjoys helping others now that’s he retired because it’s a rewarding way to use his time.

Sacramento County’s 5 Over 50 Volunteer Award winners represent the importance of staying active, finding your passion and helping others. Each winner helps make Sacramento County a great place to live.

The winners also remind us that we can all work together to make a difference in our community. You don’t have to be over the age of 50 or retired to give back – learn how you can get involved and volunteer in a variety of ways at saccounty.gov.

To get to know this year’s winners, visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJQmjSv0rM. ★

Drivers Encouraged to Embrace Safe Driving This Summer

AAA Mountain West Group News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer driving season, a time when teens gain more independence behind the wheel, families hit the road for vacations and celebrations bring more drivers onto the nation’s roadways. To encourage safer choices during this high-travel period, AAA is urging drivers to commit to “100 Days of Safe Driving” between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

This message comes at a critical time as an AAA review of national

crash data shows that more than 30% of fatal crashes involving teen drivers and nearly one-third of all impaired-driving fatalities occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day. By making smart choices behind the wheel, drivers can help make summer roads safer for everyone.

In 2024 alone, the most recent year of complete crash data, 2,636 people were killed in crashes involving a teen driver. One-third of those deaths, 825, happened in the 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

“The ‘100 Days of Safe Driving’ campaign is about encouraging

drivers to make simple choices behind the wheel that can help save lives,” said Doug Johnson, spokesperson for AAA Mountain West Group. “By staying focused, slowing down, wearing your seatbelt, and making plans for a safe ride home, every driver can ensure all road users make it home safe this summer.”

AAA encourages teens to use the summer months as an opportunity to build safe driving habits through the following actions:

- Limiting distractions. Put away cellphones, keep your eyes on the road, limit the number of passengers in your vehicle.
- Obey posted speed limits. Speeding is the leading factor in fatal teen crashes during the summer.
- Wear Your Seatbelt. Ensure you and your passengers are fastened before driving.
- Never drive impaired or drowsy. Alcohol, illegal and prescription substances seriously impair someone’s ability to drive. Drowsy driving is nearly as dangerous as driving under the influence.
- Slow down, move over. With a record number of travelers on the road this holiday weekend, AAA reminds drivers to put safety first, Slow Down Move Over for all stopped vehicles on the roadside.

Parents also play an important role by setting expectations early and modeling safe behavior behind the wheel.

Take advantage of AAA Driver Training Resources for essential tools teen drivers need to safely prepare for navigating the road.

Summer celebrations and travel can also increase the risk of impaired driving. According to AAA crash data analysis, nearly one in three summertime traffic deaths involves an impaired driver. AAA, in partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, reminds everyone to arrange a safe ride home before going out. ★

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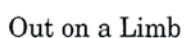
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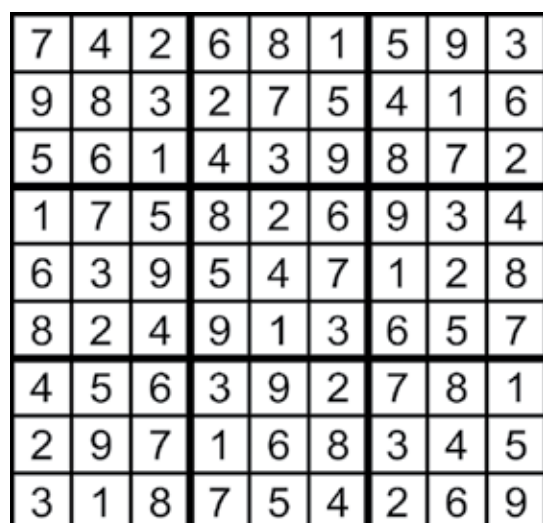
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Consider the Talent

Well Kings fans, the playoff world of basketball goes on whether the Sacramento Kings are a part of the conversation or not. The vast majority of the supposed basketball experts have been predicting an OKC repeat and with Shai Gilgeous-Alexander recently garnishing the MVP award for last season, I imagine most people believe the same thing.

As it turns out, the San Antonio Spurs may have something to say about that outcome, as their series is knotted at two-games apiece, and in the last contest they held the potent offensive of OKC to an amazing 82 points for the game.

A stifling defense swarmed the Thunder for 48 minutes and never allowed the defending champions a chance to ever make this game a contest.

But given the overwhelming prediction that OKC would virtually boat race any and all competition to the finish, how did this happen.

Obviously, 7-foot-4 Victor Wembanyama hasn't been listening to ESPN or reading the papers, because he is completely unaware that the Spurs were supposed to be nothing but be a good tune up for the championship series.

Wembanyama has given the Thunder plenty to be concerned about, and at this juncture this seven-game series could go either way.

The New York Knicks have the east coast on fire with enthusiasm as going back to the regular season they have won 16 of their last 20 games, and a surprising eight games in a row in the playoffs.

A shut down defense simply took Cleveland out of their recent series and put an exclamation mark on a 130-93 thrashing of the Cavaliers to complete a 4-0 series sweep.

Experts have been emphatically saying that teams with small guards are a thing of the past and should not be considered a serious threat to the longer teams like the Thunder others that count on expansive wing spans to shut down opposing threats.

Apparently that news never got to Jalen Brunson who generously listed at six-foot-two has been a one-man wrecking crew and virtually unstoppable since the playoffs began.

Two things should be of great interest to Sacramento Kings fans that are waiting patiently for the 2026 draft to begin.

Number one, the dominance of the population heavy cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and others has finally come into question, as San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Indianapolis and others have given rise to the notion that smaller cities can compete and bring championships to their cities as well.

Number two, as stated teams with a smaller back court are not precluded from championship contention, and both of these truisms should make Sacramento Kings fans sit up and take notice.

The outcome of this year's championship series may play a part in which direction the Sacramento Kings go, and who they decide to draft.

I have long been a proponent of building this team around Domantas Sabonis, and I haven't changed my mind. Take stock in what you already have on a team laden with talent and make the necessary tweaks without putting a team together that no one recognizes.

The city of Sacramento is about to find out the true identity of GM Scott Perry, and whether he has the ability to recognize talent when he sees it.

Too many years have passed that left quality players undrafted or simply went to other teams because the Kings passed them by. This needs to stop and I can think of no better time than right now.

Whether the New York Knicks face San Antonio or the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Sacramento fan base will have an opportunity to see how a team with a smaller back court can stand the test of a bigger and longer one.

There is considerable interest in this off season for the Kings, and I've heard virtually every opinion imaginable from fans that have followed the Kings for years.

This fan base has passion, and now they need the front office to demonstrate the ability to draft and make trades that will fill Golden One Arena every night.

Every reason for optimism, so renew those season tickets Kings fans and let's keep the support high!

All the best! ★

Education is Vital and Costs California Billions, So Why Aren't Candidates Talking About It?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The single largest item in Gov. Gavin Newsom's recently proposed budget — and arguably its most important — is the \$91 billion (plus \$60 billion in local and federal funds) it would spend to educate the state's nearly 6 million students, from transitional kindergarten through high school.

How well they are educated, prepared for higher education or the job market, will be a big factor determining whether California's economy, and thus its socio-economic whole, succeeds or fails.

Not surprisingly, given the amounts spent on education and its importance, it ranks very high in the Capitol's annual give-and-take over the budget. That's certainly true this year, as Newsom's last budget shorts the state constitution's mandatory allocation for schools by a few billion dollars, with a promise to make it up later, which drew opposition from school officials throughout the state.

Education perennially ranks very high in surveys of voters' priorities. The school lobbies, including the very powerful California Teachers Association, will use that as they press the Legislature to raise their share of the revenue stream.

With the high stakes of education financing and its place in Californians' hopes for a prosperous future, one might think that those who aspire to succeed Newsom would happily volunteer their intentions.

That would be especially helpful given that Newsom, as a parting gesture, wants to all but eliminate the elective office of state superintendent of public instruction and vest nearly all education oversight in the governor's office.

If that rearrangement of duties is enacted, the next governor would be a virtual czar of the nation's largest public education system.

However, the silence about this among the leading candidates for governor is deafening. They are more than happy to exchange personal insults during debates and in campaign ads, and to hold forth on such issues as gas prices, housing and homelessness. But they leave a vacuum when it comes to how, or if, they would change the school system.

Only one candidate, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, repeatedly brings up this issue during debates, noting that he is a former teacher. The other candidates' black-out is compounded by the eagerness of debate mediators to interrogate the candidates on other issues while failing to bring up education.

A new study by Stanford University's Educational Opportunity Project verifies other data indicating that California's public schools are falling well short of the academic achievement needed for the state's future.

The study catalogued 2025 reading and math test scores throughout the nation and found that, almost everywhere, achievement is lower than it was 10 years earlier — reading is down in 83% of local school systems and math is lower in 70%.

Most disturbingly, not only is California not immune from the trend but it is one of the states with the greatest declines. Only eight states and the District of Columbia experienced deeper declines in reading than California.

The New York Times, in reporting on the study, created a website that allows readers to find out specific results in individual school systems.

It reveals, for instance, that while Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest system, showed fractional gains in reading and math, Oakland Unified experienced declines in both and San Diego fell in reading and gained in math.

After years, even decades, of ignoring its deficiencies in those foundational skills, California has lately done something that it should have done long ago — embracing phonics in teaching reading. Also, legislation to diagnose and treat deficiencies in math is moving in the Capitol.

The next governor needs to build on those and other efforts to restore California's public schools to their former glory. The people vying for that job should tell us if and how they intend to do what's necessary.

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. ★

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By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

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The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits. For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year, or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have to become eligible for SS benefits.

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Our Screen Culture Increasingly Can't Read

We've been having a debate about "book bans" in recent years, but given the steep decline in student literacy, the deeper question is how anyone would notice whether a book is available in a school library or not. The New York Times published an eye-opening report on a study by the Educational Opportunity Project at Stanford documenting steep declines in student test scores, especially in reading.

Over the past 10 years, reading scores have declined in 83% of school districts. What looked like a COVID-19-driven catastrophe is, instead, part of a long-running trend. Reading scores were falling at a similar clip prior to the pandemic, in 2017-2019, and continued to fall into 2024. In a third of school districts, kids are reading a full grade level below where they were in 2015. This follows what had been a steady increase in test scores from 1990 to the 2010s.

The ability to read is foundational to a child's development. It enhances verbal fluency, memory, concentration and executive function. It is associated with academic success and sundry advantages throughout life. That our schools are falling down so badly on such an elemental matter is nothing less than a civilizational failure.

Our children aren't learning to read, in part, because we've forgot-

ten how to teach them. We decided to jettison a common-sensical, tried-and-true method of reading instruction -- phonics -- for faddish theories that haven't worked. It is notable that states showing improvement between 2022-2025 embraced phonics, which now goes under the rubric "the science of reading."

It also can't be a coincidence that these harrowing trends are playing out against the backdrop of ubiquitous screens in schools. Schools are starting to ban mobile phones, but the screen that they take away with one hand, they give with the other. According to a New York Times survey, 80% of teachers say that students at their schools have a device assigned to them; it was only a third in 2019. More than 80% said that kids get devices ... by kindergarten.

It would have been comparable recklessness if schools had decided at the outset of the television age that every schoolchild needed a personal TV. Parents struggle to get their kids off devices at home, and then send them to school, where they read "To Kill a Mockingbird" on an iPad.

Now, books haven't disappeared from classrooms, but they aren't nearly as prevalent as they should be. A new study by the Rand Corporation found that most English teachers assigned at least one full book during the school year, although 9% didn't assign any, and roughly two-thirds assigned between only one to four.

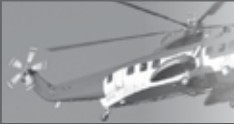
Engaging with a whole book in print is so important because not all reading is equal. One analysis found that "digital reading does improve comprehension skills, but the beneficial effect is between six and seven times smaller than that of print reading." So, too, reading a book is better than reading a series of extended passages; it requires more attention and greater immersion.

As education expert Robert Pondiscio of the American Enterprise Institute points out, it's a mistake to think of reading as solely a technical skill, since reading comprehension also depends on what the great educational theorist E.D. Hirsch called "cultural literacy," the basic facts about history, civics, art and the like that form our common knowledge. To our great detriment, schools have downgraded this, too.

The worst-case scenario is that we have become a screen culture that is only capable of producing screen kids. A report last year in the journal iScience found that reading for pleasure steadily declined from 2003 to 2023. On top of evidence that reading also fell from the 1940s to 2003, this makes for an 80-year decline.

The poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky said, "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." And not being capable of reading them is even worse than that.

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Connors Named 10th Best Returning Lineback

UC Davis Athletics
News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Hero Sports has named UC Davis football linebacker Porter Connors the 10th-best returning linebacker among this year's batch in the Football Championship Subdivision, placing one of the best defenders in the nation squarely in the middle of a deep and talented Aggie defensive unit.

Already a three-time preseason All-American, Connors' 2025 campaign was cut short by injury after just four games, but in that short stretch he recorded 25 tackles (15 solo), two tackles for loss and the Aggie linebacker recovered one fumble. Against Utah Tech he made 10 total tackles, in what would be the first official game of the season, and he made eight tackles in the Aggie win over Southern Utah.

2024 acted as a breakout year for Connors, finishing that season with 86 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, one sack, three interceptions, four passes defended, one fumble recovery and a defensive touchdown. Over his career Connors has



UC Davis football linebacker Porter Connors has been named 10th-best returning linebacker by Hero Sports among this year's batch in the Football Championship Subdivision. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

amassed 163 total tackles, he's snagged five interceptions, made 11.5 tackles for loss and he has recovered three fumbles.

UC Davis opens 2026 fall camp on July 29 and will kick off the 2026 season on

Aug. 29 in a Big Sky showdown at Portland State. The Aggies will open UC Davis Health Stadium on Sept. 19 when Stetson makes the cross-country trip to Davis.

Buy 2026 Season Tickets
Season tickets start as

low as \$100 for new alumni (2017-26 UC Davis graduates) and \$140 for the general public. Fans can expect a large collection of perks that include priority access to postseason tickets, select away games and

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tickets today by visiting ucdavisaggies.eventue.net/list/FB?path=football, emailing the Aggie ticket office at aggietickets@ucdavis.edu or by calling the ticket office at 530-752-2471. ★

Creatives Share Work at Craft Faire

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allergic to bees until one day six years ago when she got stung and miraculously had no reaction. Since she had been wanting to start a business and do something creative after becoming an empty nester, she decided to take up beekeeping and making bee products. According to Sansen, anyone who has a backyard can start beekeeping.

Sansen makes and sells honey infused with strawberries, chocolate and even chili peppers. She grows her own strawberries to put in the honey, and because honey is a natural preserving agent, it keeps the fruit fresh; the strawberry honey never goes bad despite strawberries being highly perishable. Sansen sells other beeswax products including lip balms, salves and candles that come in various shapes like skulls and bears, intricately detailed with glitter paint. She also makes beeswax soaps; her most popular scent is a dupe for the Dior Sauvage cologne.

"When I make the products, I'm blessing them with my love," Sansen said.

For those into the fine arts, Zanna Lea Photographic Arts, a business run by Susanna Lea, was present at the event. Lea took on photography as a hobby after her job as an attorney and her marriage fell apart, quickly realizing she was deeply passionate about it. Fascinated by colors

and geometry, many of her photos feature plants or animals. To enhance the colors and shapes, she utilizes Photoshop to make the pictures look more like drawings rather than an actual photograph, thus forming her signature artistic style. She initially tried selling these prints as standard wall art at craft fairs but realized it was a difficult market.

"Wall art is a tough sell," Lea said.

She decided to turn her photos into practical items instead, such as bags, scarves and clocks. Her bestselling pieces turned out to be umbrellas equipped with UV protection, which became surprisingly popular despite California's general lack of rain.

Adding to the unique apparel options at the event was Theresa Wright, the creative mind behind Oddi-tees. Wright's business journey began quite simply when she found some shirts that she really liked but found herself "too cheap to pay for them," prompting her to start making her own. Her booth specialized in shirts featuring bold statement designs and pop-culture icons, including Michael Myers and Metallica. Wright noted that edgy and sarcastic designs are incredibly popular among attendees.

"Everybody has freedom of speech," Wright said, regarding the attitude behind her apparel. "You don't wear clothes

to please other people. People like sarcasm. Dirty shirts sell a lot."

For attendees looking for internal reflection and healing, Kat Borge offered a completely different kind of craft. As a Therapeutic Art Life Coach, Borge began her practice after losing her granddaughter, who had a deep love for art. Borge sells beach and nature-themed art, which she has made to process her own emotions. Borge says she doesn't have external inspirations, but her art is formed by her inner world.

"It's what's coming from inside me," Borge said, describing the raw emotional nature of her work. "Mindfulness brings you into the moment."

Innovation was also on full display at the BP3D Printing booth, run by Bryan Payne. Payne turned his attention to tech-based crafting, showcasing highly detailed, 3D-printed creations. According to Payne, the manufacturing process requires an immense amount of patience.

"It takes a day and a half," Payne said, noting that it can take up to 40 hours just to print one of his big pieces.

He makes animal toys which are popular with not just children, but adults as well. His most popular item is a snake that looks like it's slithering when you move it.

Sharing the space of second careers and unique backgrounds was Nancy



Bold and sarcastic statement t-shirts hang on display at Theresa Wright's "Oddi-tees" booth. She says she wants the shirts to bring a smile to people's faces.

Neider La Rocque's business called Stone Hill Designs. A former Navy cryptologist who had "always wanted a business," La Rocque previously ran a venture focused on upscale children's clothing for Nordstrom companies. Even though she left her cryptologist job in 1994,

she still utilizes a lot of the same skills such as creativity and pattern recognition. "I've always been a good researcher my whole life," she said.

La Rocque's meticulous research clearly translates into her popular line of handmade crochet items. Her crocheted bees proved to be her most popular

items of the day, while her custom crochet cat hats and phone holders were noted crowd favorites.

From cutting-edge 3D printing and precise crochet work to single-handed woodwork, nostalgic apparel and therapeutic art, this year's Craft Faire highlighted the vast, resilient and diverse creative



Handmade crochet items, including the popular cat hats are displayed at the Stone Hill Designs booth. The items were crafted by vendor Nancy Neider La Rocque.

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