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## Twin Rivers Unified Celebrates Graduates



The Grant Union High School graduation ceremony was held at 7 p.m. May 28 at Heart Health Park (Cal Expo). Photo courtesy of Twin Rivers Unified School District

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Graduation season is underway at Twin Rivers Unified School District. Ceremonies were held across the district in late May and early June to celebrate Class of 2026 graduates from CCCA High School, Pacific High School, Highlands High School, Vista Nueva High School, Grant Union High School, Keema High School, Rio Linda High School, Foothill High School and Twin Rivers Adult School.

Rio Linda High School's graduation ceremony was held at 7 p.m. June 2 at Heart Health Park (Cal Expo), 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Prior to the ceremony, the Rio Linda High School Class of

2026 visited Dry Creek Elementary and Rio Linda Preparatory Academy in their annual Walk of Gowns, receiving encouragement and well wishes from future graduates.

A drone show illuminated the sky at Cal Expo during the evening ceremony, spelling out words like "RLHS Knights" in lights, as well as an outline of the state of California with a red heart where Rio Linda falls on the map.

Highlands High School Stadium and Foothill High School Stadium also hosted ceremonies for schools across the district.

Summer School graduation is scheduled for 9 a.m. June 25 at the Twin Rivers District Office.

To contact the district, call

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The Keema School for Independent Study's graduation ceremony was held at 9 a.m. May 29 at Heart Health Park (Cal Expo). Photo courtesy of Twin Rivers Unified School District

## A Safe Place at Special Kids Day

By Idaly Valencia

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Lions Clubs from across the Sacramento region gathered at Depot Park (16 Business Park Way) on May 16 for the annual Special Kids Day, an event designed to provide youth with special needs a safe and inclusive space to enjoy a carnival-style celebration with their families.

Organized by members of District 4-C5 Lions Clubs, which includes Yolo and El Dorado counties and cities such as Placerville and Elk Grove, the free event featured games, arts and crafts, motorcycle rides, entertainment and booths tabled by local organizations offering resources.

Special Kids Day Co-Chair Kitty Kramer said the event intends to create a welcoming environment for children or teens with a range of disabilities, such as autism and cerebral palsy, while also providing a fun experience for their parents and siblings.

Kramer told Messenger Publishing Group that she and her husband, fellow



Chick-fil-A Cow and Leo the Lion mascots pose for a photo with kids who finished getting their eyes checked by Northern California Lions Sight Association (NCLSA) during their "Eye Screen for Ice Cream" free vision and health screening. Photo by Deanna Dyson, Pride of Laguna Creek Lions Club

Lion Dennis Kramer, helped launch the effort locally about a decade ago after visiting a similar event in the Bay Area.

"It's a day that they can bring the whole family, including siblings out, and just have fun," she said. "If they don't have any resources that they aren't aware of, they might be able to find some help here."

As part of Lions Clubs International's broader humanitarian mission

of supporting accessible vision and health screenings worldwide, the event also included a mobile vision center in partnership with the Northern California Lions Sight Association (NCLSA) to offer free eye exams for all attendees.

Now in its 10th year, Kramer said Special Kids Day continues to be an important and widely supported event in the Sacramento region because it provides local

youth and their families with a place where they feel welcomed and accepted.

"A lot of times when we take a kid with special needs out into the general population...there's a tendency for people to stare at them, or other kids to ask, 'What's wrong with them?'" she said.

"When they come out here, everybody's kind of the same. Somebody's got something going on,

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## ZipPass Mobile Fare App Ending June 15

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is reminding riders that the ZipPass mobile fare-payment app will officially be discontinued on Monday, June 15. Riders who currently use ZipPass should transition to Transit Connect, SacRT's new mobile ticketing app that will serve as the region's standard fare-payment platform.

Transit Connect offers an easier, more secure experience for purchasing, storing, and activating SacRT tickets and passes. Riders can download Transit Connect today on both Apple and Android devices.

SacRT encourages all riders to download the Transit Connect app as soon as possible to avoid any service disruptions.

### More Enhancements Coming This Fall

Transit Connect will continue to grow with new features arriving in fall 2026, including: contactless Tap2Ride validation; fare capping (never pay more than the daily maximum); and the ability to load cash onto your Transit Connect account at SacRT vending machines and participating retail locations.

### Connect Card Users Will Start Transition in Fall 2026

Riders who currently use the Connect Card will continue using it as usual. The transition for Connect Card customers to Transit Connect is scheduled to start in fall 2026.

Until then, the Connect Card continues to be valid for fare payment system-wide, and no action is required from Connect Card riders at this time.

### Discount Fare Riders: Fast and Easy Setup

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### Building a Seamless Regional Fare Experience

Transit Connect is being developed in partnership with regional transit providers and will support a fully integrated fare system for riders across the Sacramento region by fall 2026.

For more information and to download Transit Connect, visit [sacrt.com/TransitConnect](http://sacrt.com/TransitConnect). ★

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916-566-1600 or visit the office at 5115 Dudley Blvd., McClellan, CA. During modified summer hours, the district office will be open to the public Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed to the public on Fridays.

The office will also be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth and on July 3.

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, July 20, with the office open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ★

# Apply Now for SMUD's Shine Program

## SMUD News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The application period for SMUD's Shine Awards is open June 1 through July 31 to nonprofit organizations. The Shine program is designed to improve and revitalize communities in the Sacramento region.

Proposals should focus on projects that support zero carbon workforce development, affordability and community resiliency, economic development and energy and STEM education. Shine projects should align and support SMUD's Clean Energy Vision, which will eliminate all carbon emissions from the power supply by 2030.

Shine awards will range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and are very competitive. Any incorporated nonprofit organization within SMUD's service area is eligible to apply. Shine awards are available at three funding levels: Spark (up to \$10,000), Amplifier (up to \$50,000) and Transformer (up to \$100,000).

While SMUD will consider a broad variety of potential projects, it's primarily interested in proposals that promote 2030 Clean Energy Vision by utilizing clean energy solutions, advance zero carbon workforce development and training, promote energy efficiency,

energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction, particularly in diverse and under-resourced communities, support economic development and involve clean energy education related to energy efficiency, renewable energy or related Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.

SMUD will host multiple technical assistance webinars about Shine and the application process. A registration link and application can be found on [smud.org/Shine](http://smud.org/Shine).

This past year, SMUD awarded over \$524,000 in Shine funding to 25 local nonprofits. SMUD received a wide range of applications, and the selected projects were able to successfully demonstrate collaboration and the potential for broad community impact.

Each year SMUD contributes approximately \$3 million in financial support and in-kind services to community-based organizations. SMUD will continue to support healthy, vibrant and economically sustainable neighborhoods for all customers, with a special eye toward improving equity in our region through SMUD's Sustainable Communities program.

For more information about the SMUD Shine program, including a list of previous winners, visit [smud.org/Shine](http://smud.org/Shine). ★



## New School Sawmill Spurs Logging Interest

The logging industry's decline in Northern California during the past few decades led many sawmills to shutter, affecting communities that had long depended on timber production. But there is still a need for logging as state agencies such as Cal Fire increasingly back logging and forest-thinning projects as key strategies for reducing wildfire risk. In Trinity County, local teachers and others in the community worked to secure grants that helped Hayfork High School begin construction on its own sawmill in 2024. Last month, the school held a grand opening for the sawmill, which is now nearly complete. The hope is that the sawmill will stoke much-needed interest in the forestry field. "It's important to support logging through projects like this because our forests don't stop growing," said Ren Winters, a forester and former Hayfork High School student. "We have not been good stewards of our public lands for decades, and programs like this will ensure a workforce for the future."

## H-2A Rule Change Puts Spotlight on Work Visa Program

After years of rising labor costs, some farmers have seen relief during the past several months, with those who hire foreign guestworkers benefiting from a Trump administration rule implemented last October. The new rule changed how the H-2A program's minimum wage, called the Adverse Effect Wage Rate, is calculated, effectively lowering it in California from \$19.97 to the state minimum wage of \$16.90. About 70% of H-2A employers in California

adjusted pay to match the new minimum in the first six months after the rule was implemented, according to research by Zachariah Rutledge, assistant professor and extension specialist at Michigan State University. Meanwhile, the rule faces multiple challenges in California, including a lawsuit filed in December by the United Farm Workers and a proposed state law that would establish a minimum wage of \$19.75 for agricultural guestworkers and local employees hired by the same farms.

## Nutrition Program Benefits Growers and Inmates Alike

Inmates at California State Prison, Solano in Vacaville say a small change in California prisons has made a big difference for people incarcerated in the state. For the past three years, the prison has received regular deliveries of California-grown fruits and vegetables. The locally grown produce comes from Harvest of the Month, a joint initiative between Oakland-based nonprofit Impact Justice, University of California's Nutrition Policy Institute and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The program was created to provide nutrition access for incarcerated people while creating new markets for farmers. It also helps CDCR comply with a 2022 state law that as of last December requires that at least 60% of the food purchased by state institutions be grown or produced in California. Since launching at three prisons in 2023, Harvest of the Month has expanded to serve all 30 adult prisons in California. "This is something really big for the prison community," said Brian Cortez, a Solano State Prison inmate from Stockton. ★

# A Safe Place at Special Kids Day



Attendees pictured participating at the Valley Hi Lions Club booth in a planting-related activity at the District 4-C5 Lions Clubs Special Kids Day event on May 16. Photo by Deanna Dyson, Pride of Laguna Creek Lions Club

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whether it's visible or not," Kramer added.

She noted that the event is made possible through its volunteers and donations from the local Lions Club groups as well as its community partners, who help provide the food, activities, prizes and entertainment.

This year's attractions included fire truck tours, a photo booth, several cosplay characters to take pictures with and bounce houses.

Kramer also highlighted a program through the Folsom Lake Lions Club called "Hooks and Needles," in which incarcerated individuals at Folsom Prison create stuffed animals for children attending the event.

"They love doing that because they're giving back," Kramer said.

Among the booths participating at the May 16 event was A Touch of Understanding Inc., a nonprofit focused on building disability awareness through facilitating hands-on workshops in schools that promote empathy and inclusion.

Shanna Lowder of A Touch of Understanding said the nonprofit's mission is supported by volunteers with disabilities who speak to students at school sites. Volunteers were also at the Special Kids Day booth open to sharing their personal experiences with attendees.

"The idea is by providing a hands-on experience for students to have a better understanding of a variety of disabilities and be more empathetic towards their classmates," Lowder said.

Lowder added that participating in Special Kids Day aligns with their organization's values as it highlights the importance of embracing inclusivity. She explained that her own perspective shifted after attending the event herself for the first time a few years back.

"It really opened my eyes up to it's OK to ask questions; It's OK to engage, rather than to bring stigma on it," she said. "Understanding that we might need different tools to get to the same spot."

To learn more about Special Kids Day, the Lions Club or how to get involved, visit [sacrealionsclubs.com](http://sacrealionsclubs.com). ★

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# Sacramento Launches Campaign for MLB Expansion Team

*California capital unveils The Sacramento Pitch, backed by a fully entitled 50-acre stadium site and nearly \$2 billion in public-private commitments*

**The Sacramento Pitch News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

The Greater Sacramento region formally launched The Sacramento Pitch on May 28, its campaign for a Major League Baseball expansion franchise, backed by a fully entitled stadium site, significant public-private investment and the largest underserved major league sports market in the country. The effort positions Sacramento as a leading West Coast expansion candidate with site control, development readiness and financial momentum already in place.

“When MLB moves forward on expansion, Sacramento will be impossible to ignore,” said Mark Friedman, founder and chairman of Fulcrum Property and Board Chair of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council. “We have the market, the site, the capital and the community. Sacramento is ready to compete – and Sacramento is ready to win.”

The campaign is anchored by a fully entitled 50-acre downtown site in West Sacramento that is designed to support a modern ballpark and mixed-use development. The site is controlled by the initiative’s leadership. The project has identified nearly \$2 billion in public-private funding, including \$800 million in land and private investment and \$1 billion in expected investment from the City of West Sacramento through a combination of tax increment financing, existing hotel taxes and additional sources. The City’s investment would be generated solely by activity in the ballpark district. It would not impact the City’s general fund or require a taxpayer vote.

Over 40 years, Sacramento’s



Over 40 years, Sacramento’s proposed ballpark is projected to lead to \$1.77 billion in new tax revenue, of which, \$1 billion will be reinvested into the ballpark district and \$770 million directed towards supporting schools, the county and other special districts. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Pitch

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“This is a defining moment for West Sacramento, and we’re ready,” said West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero. “Major League Baseball is already seeing firsthand the passion, energy and civic pride that exists here. This region offers a practical and achievable path for long-term MLB success, and we have the financial capacity, community support, and clear vision needed to bring Major League Baseball permanently to West Sacramento. We’re built for this. We’re ready. Bring it on.”

The Greater Sacramento region has a population of nearly 2.7

million and has grown roughly 10 percent over the past decade, faster than both California and the nation overall. 4.1 million people live within 50 miles. Greater Sacramento is the second fastest-growing employment market in the Western United States, adding more than 200,000 jobs since the pandemic lows. The region is the 20th largest TV market in the country, with about 1.5 million TV households. It is the largest U.S. market with only one permanent Big 5 professional team.

Sacramento is home to the NBA’s Sacramento Kings, which has seen a 99 percent sell through of tickets since 2021. The Pacific Coast League’s Sacramento River Cats have also been based in the city since 2000 and have led the minor leagues in attendance ten times in that span. The

region is also temporarily hosting the MLB’s Athletics franchise until a permanent stadium is ready for them in 2028.

Leaders in the region have demonstrated operational readiness, competitive differentiation and proof of ability to execute on a project of this scale.

“Greater Sacramento has the fundamentals of a major league region with the upside of an underserved market,” said Barry Broome, president and chief executive officer of GSEC. “Sacramento is the largest media market in the country with only one major league sports team. The region’s economy is accelerating, fueling the population growth needed to support a top-tier club and its fan and corporate base. We are a natural fit for an MLB expansion team.”

A new organization, The

Sacramento Pitch, has been formed to spearhead efforts around Sacramento’s bid.

The steering committee for the organization includes: Chair, Mark Friedman, Founder and Chairman, Fulcrum Property Group; Honorary Co-Chair, Martha Guerrero, Mayor of West Sacramento; Honorary Co-Chair, Kevin McCarty, Mayor of Sacramento; Dusty Baker, Sacramento native and World Series Champion player and manager; Barry Broome, President & CEO of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council; Regina Cuellar, Chairwoman, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians; Derrek Lee, Sacramento native and former Major League Baseball player; West Sacramento Mayor Pro Tem, District 4 Verna Sulpizio Hull; Matina Kolokotronis, COO, Sacramento Kings; Kevin McClatchy, Chairman of McClatchy and former owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Mike Testa, President & CEO, Visit Sacramento; John Williams, Chairman, United Auburn Indian Community.

“I have always believed Sacramento is a major league city. Throughout my career, I’ve traveled across the country, and there’s something different about the people here. This community truly loves baseball, said World Series Champion player and manager Dusty Baker. “For more than a century, this region has built a proud baseball legacy and developed generations of Major League Baseball players. I could not be more excited for the prospect of bringing a permanent MLB team here.”

For more information about the bid and to stay updated on the latest developments, visit: [thesacramentopitch.com](http://thesacramentopitch.com). ★

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# SUN Bucks Return This Summer



Summer break is a time for fun, family and sunshine, but for many Sacramento County families, it can also mean higher grocery costs while children are out of school. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Summer break is a time for fun, family and sunshine, but for many Sacramento County families, it can also mean higher grocery costs while children are out of school. That's why the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is bringing back SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT, for summer 2026, and the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance is here to help.

Eligible families can receive \$120 for each qualifying child to help buy groceries during the summer months when school meals may not be available.

SUN Bucks works like CalFresh food benefits and can be used to buy healthy foods such as fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meat and whole grains at grocery stores, farmers markets and other locations that accept EBT cards.

### Who qualifies for SUN Bucks?

Many children will automatically qualify for SUN Bucks in 2026, including children ages 6–18 who receive CalFresh, CalWORKs and/or Medi-Cal with a household income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, students approved for free or reduced-price school meals, and children identified by their school as migrant, homeless or foster youth.

Children attending schools participating

in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program may also qualify.

### How do families receive benefits?

Eligible families do not need to apply if their child is automatically enrolled. A SUN Bucks EBT card will be mailed directly to the family for each eligible child.

Families who are not automatically enrolled can still apply by submitting a school meal application or Universal Benefits Application (UBA) through their child's school or district by Aug. 31.

Families are encouraged to make sure their mailing address is up to date with both their child's school and their local county social services office to avoid

delays in receiving benefits.

### Important reminders

SUN Bucks benefits expire 122 days after they are loaded onto the card, so families are encouraged to use their benefits promptly.

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# Downtown Sacramento Mural Celebrates Women in Transportation

## SacRT and WTS Sacramento News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) and Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Sacramento recently unveiled a new mural and transit wrapped train in downtown Sacramento, celebrating the diversity of women in the transportation industry.

Aliyah Sidqe, a Sacramento-born visual artist, muralist, fine artist and educator, was selected to bring this vision to life. Sidqe's art explores themes of identity, emotion and human connection, with a focus on helping people feel seen, confident and celebrated. With more than a decade of experience creating public art through Sacramento, she brings both artistic excellence and a deep commitment to community engagement.

The concept of the mural was inspired by a public art initiative led by the WTS Boston's Chapter, which emphasizes the power of art to celebrate community and spark connection. To



Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) and Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Sacramento recently unveiled a new wrapped train, celebrating the diversity of women in the transportation industry. Photo courtesy of SacRT and WTS Sacramento

ensure the mural reflected organization's values and vision, input was gathered through a survey of the Board of Directors,

Advisory board and full membership between February and April 2025. This feedback supported Sidqe's creative direction and

helped inspire a mural that was rooted in community voices.

"After being introduced to Sidqe's work, it became clear

that her creative style, extensive mural portfolio and community centered approach made her the ideal artist for this project," said WTS Sacramento chapter President Amanda Kahn. "Our board was thrilled to partner with SacRT to bring this project to life, amplifying the value women bring to the transportation sector."

"SacRT is proud to partner with WTS Sacramento on a project that uplifts and celebrates the contributions of women in transportation," said Henry Li, SacRT General Manager/CEO.

"This mural is more than a piece of public art; we hope it inspires future generations to see themselves in this industry and to continue shaping the future of mobility in the Sacramento region."

The mural is located at the corner of R Street and 15th Street in Sacramento, on the exterior of Cafe Bernardo, where community members can experience this new public artwork celebrating creativity, connection and the transportation community for the next decade. ★

# Ty Smith Named New City Historian

*Veteran museum leader to advance a broader vision for history, civic identity and heritage tourism in California's Capital City*

## Center for Sacramento History News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A new chapter has begun at the Center for Sacramento History. As of June 1, Ty Smith is the new City Historian for Sacramento, bringing more than two decades of experience in public history, museum leadership, interpretation and education through his work with California State Parks.

Smith has served as museum director of the California State Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento State Historic Park, with previous leadership experience overseeing cultural destinations including Hearst Castle and the California State Capitol Museum.

As City Historian, Smith will oversee the Center for Sacramento History while helping shape a broader vision for how Sacramento preserves, shares and elevates its stories as California's Capital City.

"Sacramento has an extraordinary opportunity to make history a more visible and meaningful part of civic life," said Megan Van Voorhis, director of Convention and Cultural Services for the City of Sacramento. "This role is about more than preserving records and collections — it is about helping residents and visitors better understand the people, places and stories that shaped Sacramento, while strengthening culture, education and heritage tourism throughout the city."

Ty Smith, incoming City Historian said, "Sacramento's



As of June 1, Ty Smith is the new City Historian for Sacramento, bringing more than two decades of experience in public history, museum leadership, interpretation and education through his work with California State Parks. Photo courtesy of the Center for Sacramento History

local history is world history. I am honored to be a part of gathering, holding and telling Sacramento's stories. In Sacramento, the past didn't go anywhere; it flows into our lives and expresses itself through our lived experiences."

"The highest calling of a public historian is to help people see themselves in history and, in so doing, help people imagine their futures through understanding our collective past. I look forward to building on the previous success of the Center for Sacramento History and in serving my community," Smith said.

The City Historian serves as both the steward of Sacramento's historical collections and a civic leader helping shape how the city preserves, shares and connects its history to education, culture, tourism and community identity.

"Ty Smith has demonstrated throughout his career that history is not simply about preserving the past — it is about helping communities better understand themselves and envision their future," said John Fraser, district superintendent for the Capital District of California State Parks and Smith's former supervisor. "His transformative leadership at the California State Railroad Museum expanded both the audiences we reached and the stories we told, positioning the museum as one of California's leading institutions for inclusive and forward-looking public history." ★

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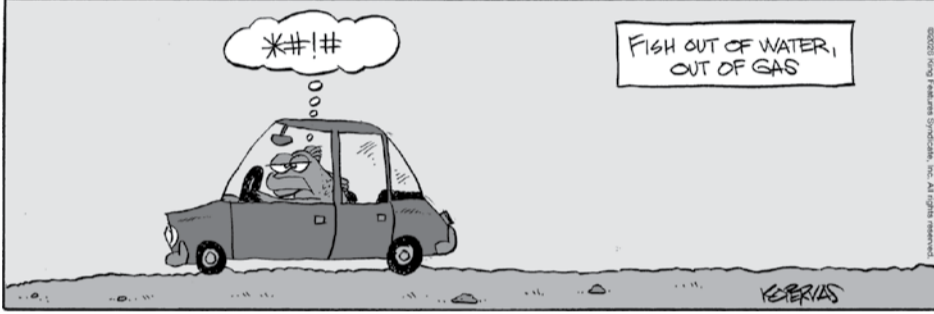
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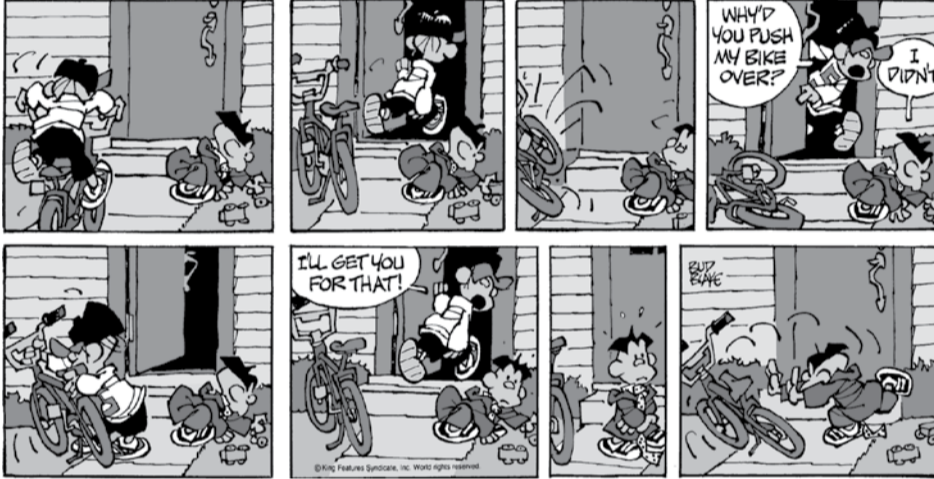
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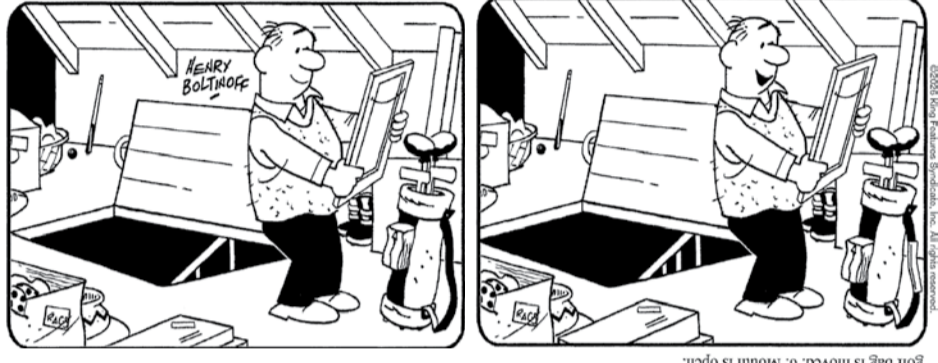
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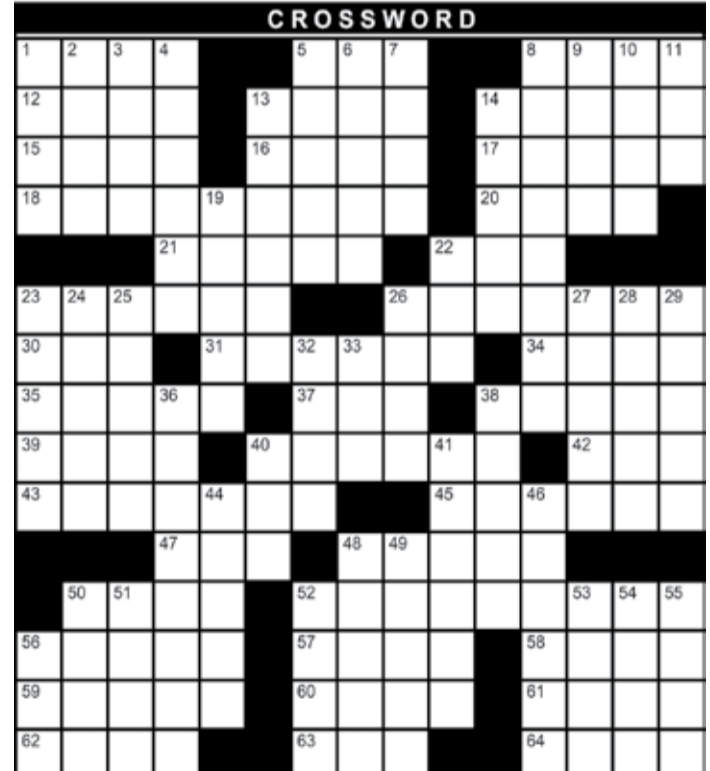


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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## The Finals Are Revealing

Well, if we listened to the experts and the NBA prognosticating, we would shortly be crowning the Oklahoma City Thunder with their second Larry Obrien trophy in as many years.

By now we all know that coming from a 3-2 deficit, the upstart San Antonio Spurs did what few thought was possible and not only won two games in a row to win the western divisions championship but put the exclamation mark on their final victory by winning on the opposing teams home court. A herculean task accomplished, and once again the experts let us know that you can watch the finals if you wish, but the outcome is all but decided.

Victor Wembanyama had already put on his superman's cape and punished what most pundits believed was an organization that had put together one of the best consummate teams that anyone had seen in years. Yes, and that's not to say that the Oklahoma City Thunder are not every bit of that, but tremendous credit needs to go to the San Antonio Spurs for putting on an epic performance and one of the best playoff series seen in years.

All that said, the well-rested New York Knickerbockers have been waiting in the wings and would like to be heard from.

Heard from they were, doing the unthinkable by defeating the Thunder on Oklahoma City's home court two straight games, and setting the experts back on their heels in amazement.

NBA fans got an up front and personal look at how team basketball is supposed to be played, and without an MVP or a 7-foot-4 center, the Knicks have posted a commanding two-game lead as the two teams convene at Madison Square Garden Monday night for game three.

Surprising? I would have to say yes, but encouraging is a more apt description.

Although the Knick's had a solid regular season record of 53-29, it paled in comparison to the Thunder's 64-18 or that of San Antonio who posted 62-20.

The city of New York is going crazy as their beloved Knicks haven't secured an NBA championship in 53 years.

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New York is a long way from Sacramento to be sure, but don't think that Kings fans aren't paying close attention to what has become a true surprise.

The very fact that the Knick's have won 13 consecutive playoff games is nearly record setting, and two more wins would not only secure the championship, but tie them for the most consecutive playoff wins in NBA history.

Those games have yet to be played, and San Antonio may have something to say about the outcome to be sure, but the fact that without a true superstar the Knick's are boat racing through the playoffs, should give Sacramento fans something to ponder.

Some would argue that Karl-Anthony Towns and Jalen Brunson are superstars and they may have a legitimate argument but credit the Knicks with building a team in the real sense of the word.

As the finals will finish shortly and one of these two teams will be crowned the champion, and heads turn to June 23 when the NBA draft takes place.

General Manager Scott Perry has remained somewhat of an enigma, but that is about to change.

The ability to truly judge talent will be on full display, and a trade just before the draft remains a possibility.

Will the Kings shore up the backcourt and give Domantas Sabonis some help, or once again try to find the point guard of the future after they inexplicably let DeAaron Fox slip between their fingers.

Will Ja Morant enter the picture by way of a trade is still a possibility, but can the organization look past his transgressions that have put him in the doghouse of the Memphis Grizzlies.

One of the more interesting NBA drafts is about to begin and never let it be said the Sacramento Kings didn't have a chance to enhance their team, because this draft is deep in talent, and one of these hopefuls is about to don a Kings jersey.

Enjoy the finals Kings fans and dream the dream, because that's what New Yorker's are doing right now!

*All the best!*

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## California's Population is Stagnating as Immigration and Birth Rates Decline



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's population exploded during and immediately after World War II, from 6.9 million in 1940 to 19.9 million in 1970, thanks to waves of migrants from other states drawn to California's surging economy and the famous postwar baby boom.

California absorbed its 13 million new residents by expanding its public infrastructure of schools, colleges, highways, parks and water systems and by welcoming immense private investment in new housing, new retail complexes, new factories and new office buildings.

Population growth slowed in the 1970s in the aftermath of the baby boom and as an economic evolution, from manufacturing to technology and services, changed the job market. The leading politician of the decade, Gov. Jerry Brown, declared that California had entered "an era of limits" and major infrastructure expansion was no longer needed.

However, the 1980s saw a new population surge, driven by immigration from other countries and a new baby boom. California's population jumped by 6 million — 5-plus million of them babies — during the decade, a more than 25% gain.

The increase was so large, relative to the nation as a whole, that California was awarded seven new

congressional seats after the 1990 census.

Unlike California's expansive reaction to its postwar population increase, the 1980s boomlet sparked an adverse reaction in the 1990s, including new laws aimed at denying public services to undocumented immigrants and a power struggle within the Sierra Club over immigration's impact on the environment.

Meanwhile, population growth slowed again, and in this decade virtually halted as immigration and birth rates declined and substantial numbers of people left California, thanks largely to the state's sky-high living costs.

A recent study by researchers Hans Johnson, Julien LaFortune and Eric McGhee at the Public Policy Institute of California found that the total fertility rate has dropped from 2.21 children per woman in 2007 to 1.48 in 2023, far below what demographers call the "replacement level of 2.1 necessary to keep a population from declining."

The state lost a congressional seat after the 2020 census and is likely to lose several more after the 2030 census. However, the impacts of California's population plateau extend far beyond politics.

"A smaller population can offer benefits; it reduces pressure on housing and infrastructure needs," the researchers wrote, "easing congestion and reducing the need for expansive public works projects." They also cited potential improvements in the environment and increasing per pupil spending on education as enrollment declines.

"At the same time," they added, "fewer births — and a smaller population — may

bring challenges: they could accelerate K-12 enrollment declines and strain the state's economic and safety net systems as fewer workers support a larger share of older Californians. Labor shortages could also hinder California's economic development."

Those are all valid points and many more potential impacts could be mentioned. But the underlying issue is whether political policies will reflect the new demographic reality.

The post-World War II population explosion manifested itself in a bipartisan effort to do what was needed to make the transition relatively painless. We haven't seen such political adjustment to changing demographic trends since.

Meanwhile, the state's population is twice what it was in 1970 and we still depend on what politicians wrought in the post-war era — such things as the State Water Plan and our extensive freeway network.

A stagnant population eases pressure for new infrastructure but we still need to maintain what we have and expand it to meet current needs. However, water projects have languished and we no longer build new highways.

Jerry Brown, who proclaimed the "era of limits" in the 1970s, returned to the governorship in 2011 and declared, "I want to get shit done."

There's still much that should be done.

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

## Social Security Matters

### Why Can't I get a Lump Sum Death Benefit from my Wife?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** My wife passed away in September 2025 at age 64. We had been married for 43 years and started collecting benefits when I turned 62 and she was 63. She did not have enough work credits to claim her own SS and thus collected on my record. SSA told me that I was not entitled to receive the lousy \$255 death benefit because my wife was collecting on my work record. Is this correct?

**Signed: Grieving Widower**

**Dear Grieving:** We extend our sincere condolences on your wife's passing. But I must tell you that what the SSA (Social Security Administration) told you is correct.

Although we often see assertions that the so-called "one-time lump sum death benefit" is always paid, there are specific rules for when that admittedly small SS benefit is available. And there are also specific rules regarding who is eligible to receive it.

Essentially, the lump sum death benefit is paid when the deceased person

was collecting Social Security retirement benefits (or at least entitled to SS retirement benefits). And that one-time lump sum death benefit usually goes to the deceased person's surviving spouse (more on that later). But for the death benefit to be paid, the deceased person must have been collecting Social Security retirement benefits (or was at least entitled to SS retirement benefits). In your specific case, because your wife was not eligible for her own SS retirement benefit and was, instead, just collecting a spousal benefit from your SS record, you unfortunately are not able to collect the lump-sum death benefit as your wife's surviving spouse. So, what you were told by Social Security about this special survivor benefit is, indeed, correct.

For information, here is a bit more on who can collect the SS death benefit: the one-time lump sum death benefit is normally paid to the eligible surviving spouse of a deceased person who was collecting Social Security. But if there is no surviving spouse to receive the one-time payment, the death benefit may be paid to someone else who was also a dependent of the deceased. That might be a minor surviving child or a surviving adult disabled child who was collecting dependent benefits from the deceased person's SS record. In rare cases, a dependent parent may be

paid if no other surviving dependents are eligible. FYI, ex-spouses are not eligible for a death benefit from a former spouse.

The lump-sum death benefit must be applied for by contacting Social Security and the benefit must be claimed within two years of the person's death. You will need to verify your identity and confirm your eligibility for this survivor benefit, and you will need to provide other information about the deceased also (including a death certificate). There is an SSA form to apply for the lump sum death benefit (SSA-8), but calling your local SS office (or 1.800.772.1213) to make an appointment to apply for the one-time lump-sum death benefit in person is usually all that is needed.

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## The U.K.'s Dumb Exclusion of Left-wing Influencers

cludes controversial figures from traveling to the country from abroad, and actively tries to suppress speech offensive to gays, Muslims, trans people, Jews or others. You can get arrested, as TV writer Graham Linehan found out, for posting pungent opinions about biological males using female locker rooms, or for silently praying outside an abortion clinic.

If we needed a reminder of the wisdom of our Founders writing the First Amendment into the Constitution, the free-floating illiberalism of the British government trying to enforce faddish norms provides it.

The Home Office, which was responsible for revoking the Uygur and Piker visas, says that their presence in the country might not have been "conducive to the public good" -- whatever that means.

Certainly, it would be very bad for Britain if the country were to adopt wholesale the malignant views of Uygur and Piker, but that wasn't going to come about as a result of, say, one of them having a 40-minute speaking slot at a South by Southwest satellite event.

Traditionally, in free societies, people are allowed to say dumb and hateful things. Either they discredit themselves by doing so, or perhaps they eventually win people over to their views. Regardless, free and robust debate has been considered a good in and of itself, something a country run by a raucous, free-wheeling Parliament should readily understand.

Are the Jews behind the

exclusion of Uygur and Piker? Yet, there were Jewish groups who didn't want them to come, but excluding them was a decision entirely in keeping with the government's practice of trying to suppress views that it deems extreme. Just a couple of weeks ago, right-wing figures critical of Islam and supportive of Israel saw their visas revoked.

The British government isn't a tool of the Zionists. It is a left-of-center Labour government. The Home Secretary is a Muslim of Pakistani origin who has attended anti-Israel protests. The government has said it would jail Bibi Netanyahu if he travels to Britain, sanctioned Israeli officials, restricted arms sales to the Jewish state, and recognized a Palestinian state.

If the revocation of the visas is an Israeli op, it's a profoundly counterproductive one. In authoritarian societies, people can truly be suppressed -- if China wants to get rid of a nettlesome figure, it simply disappears him or her. In an open society, in contrast, there are many channels for expression, and official hostility tends to make the targeted voices more famous and interesting, whether it's James Joyce or the Sex Pistols.

Surely, Cenk Uygur and Hasan Piker are better known in the U.K. now than they were a few days ago, and that's not, as they say in Britain, conducive to the public good.

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# A Changing Election System

By Josh Cook

Noted political scientist and former Yolo County supervisor Matt Rexroad ruffled some feathers with an opinion piece he wrote for a local Sacramento newspaper expressing his opinion, after having been involved in elections for more than 30 years, that there is not widespread voter fraud happening, like stuffing ballot boxes.

I've been asked if I believe President Trump when he says elections are rigged. I would say both are correct. Matt is right - there is no widespread voter fraud. But the election process has been constantly changing for the last 20 years: 1. California expanded same-day registration so eligible voters could register and vote closer to Election Day. 2. It adopted top-two primaries, which let all voters participate in the same primary ballot for most state and federal offices. 3. It created an independent citizens commission to draw political districts instead of leaving that job to politicians. 4. It moved toward universal vote-by-mail, sending ballots to all registered voters. 5. It added vote centers, ballot drop boxes, and earlier in-person voting options so people could vote in more ways and over a longer period. 6. It also pushed some local elections onto statewide election dates to improve turnout. 7. After we voted for an independent commission to draw districts, we had a statewide election to just draw some districts right before this

election. 8. Previously, it was a crime if you went door-to-door and gathered people's ballots and put them in the mail for them. That is now legal. It's called ballot harvesting.

Wait, there is more. The issue of whether or not county clerks have to count ballots that come in late is at the Supreme Court. If that's not enough, someone just sued the Secretary of State to have more inactive voters purged from the voter rolls. I have worked with Dr. Shirley Weber, the California Secretary of State, and she is a woman of impeccable, unassailable 100% absolute integrity, and she's also a competent administrator. She runs the office properly and legally.

That said, the number of changes that continue to occur to the methods in which we exercise democracy could make somebody feel like they're in a game in which the rules constantly change. Not like "moving the goal post" but putting the goal post in the parking lot on a truck that drives around the stadium.

There will be much discussion of this topic in the next few days because it takes so long to count all the ballots. There used to be an election day and there were election results that night. Election day as a concept no longer exists, and election results will no longer come in on the date we start counting ballots. So I don't hold it against anyone who feels like elections are being manipulated. They have been non-stop for two decades. ★

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## Sacramento Life Center Receives CARES Foundation Grant

Sacramento Life Center News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Life Center is proud to announce it has been selected as a recipient of a 2026 Q1 CARES Foundation grant from The Save Mart Companies CARES Foundation in recognition of the organization's ongoing commitment to supporting healthier, stronger communities throughout the Sacramento region.

The grant will help Sacramento Life Center continue providing vital support services, resources and care to women, children and families, including parenting support, wellness resources, community outreach and access to essential items for families in need.

"We are incredibly grateful to The Save Mart Companies CARES Foundation for investing in the well-being of our community," said Marie



Pictured is Dr. Cueto, a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist (OB-GYN) who serves as the Medical Director for the Sacramento Life Center. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Life Center

Leatherby, executive director of Sacramento Life Center. "This support allows us to continue serving families with compassion, dignity and hope while expanding access to resources that strengthen lives."

According to the CARES Foundation, Sacramento Life Center's mission aligns with its efforts to support programs that expand access to resources and opportunities that help children and adults thrive.

For years, Sacramento Life Center has remained

dedicated to walking alongside families through compassionate support, community partnerships, educational resources and programs designed to empower parents and care for children across the region.

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](http://saclife.org). ★

# Family Health and Fitness Day Offers Outdoor Fun for All

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Looking for a fun way to get active, spend time outdoors and make memories with your family? Sacramento County residents will have plenty of opportunities to do just that during Family Health & Fitness Day on Saturday, June 13.

Across the county, community organizations, nonprofits and Regional Parks partners are hosting activities that encourage healthy living, outdoor recreation, learning and exploration. From yoga and nature walks to farm animals, volunteer projects and family-friendly fitness activities, there is something for every age and interest.

"Family Health & Fitness Day is a great opportunity to discover all the ways our parks, trails and open spaces support healthy and active lifestyles," said Regional Parks Director, Liz Bellas. "Whether you're exploring nature, volunteering, trying a new activity or simply spending time outdoors with family and friends, we hope these events inspire people to get outside and enjoy the incredible recreational opportunities available throughout Sacramento County."

Many events are free, while others require registration or a small participation fee. Residents are encouraged to review event details before attending.

Several events are slotted for Dry Creek Parkway including Free Family Fun at Cherry Island Golf Course from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a free event for all ages hosted by CourseCo and Cherry Island Golf Course.

Night of the Revving Dead Car Show at the Dry Creek Ranch House begins at noon. Admission is free and parking is \$5. This event is hosted by Alley Cats Car Club and the Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society.

From 9 a.m. to noon, meet the horses and farm animals at Gibson Ranch Regional Park sponsored by Gibson Horse Boarders and Sacramento County Regional Parks. This is a free event for all ages.

Also, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District will host youth sports and games.

Sacramento County Regional Parks is



Sacramento County residents will have plenty of opportunities to get active, spend time outdoors and make memories during Family Health & Fitness Day on Saturday, June 13. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

hosting a Community Outreach and Input: Future Grant Projects at Gibson Ranch and Dry Creek Parkway meeting from 9 a.m. to noon.

Across the Sacramento region, outdoor events will also be held along the American River Parkway and Consumnes Park Reserve.

Sacramento County Regional Parks and Consumnes River Preserve is hosting a Trek the Trails 5K Fun Run and Walk from 9 a.m. to noon. While the event is free, pre-registration is required.

At the American River, various events are scheduled across the morning including a Yoga and Nature Walk at Sailor Bar from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (RSVP required at [ProtectSailorBar@yahoo.com](mailto:ProtectSailorBar@yahoo.com)), Knit in Public Day from 10 a.m. to noon at River Bend Park, Yoga on the Farm at 8:30 a.m. at American River Ranch sponsored by Soil Born Farms (\$15 registration fee) and An Introduction to Nature Journaling scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon at Effie Yeaw Nature Center hosted by the American River Natural History Association (\$20 registration, free for ARNHA members).

Family Health & Fitness Day is a national celebration dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activity, outdoor recreation and family engagement. Sacramento County's parks, trails, preserves and recreational facilities provide opportunities for residents to stay active and connect with nature all year.

Regional Parks has created a merch shop so residents can remember Family Health and Fitness Day year-round. To secure yours, visit: [www.bonfire.com/family-health-and-fitness-day-2026/](http://www.bonfire.com/family-health-and-fitness-day-2026/).

For a full list of Family Health and Fitness Day events, visit [saccounty.gov](http://saccounty.gov). ★

## Nominations Open for 2026 Sustainable Business Awards

Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Businesses, nonprofits and community members are encouraged to submit nominations now through June 26 for the 2026 Sustainable Business Awards.

To submit a nomination, visit [saccounty.gov](http://saccounty.gov).

Email [economicdevelopment@sac-county.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@sac-county.gov) with questions or to learn more.

The Sustainable Business Awards recognize businesses and organizations that are making a difference through sustainable practices and environmental leadership in the following categories: Green Design; Environmental Changemaker; Community Impact; and Eco-Innovation.

The Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), a program of Sacramento

County's Office of Economic Development (OED), will host the annual Sustainability Business Awards event on Sept. 16 where award recipients will be recognized.

"Across Sacramento County, businesses and nonprofits are finding innovative ways to reduce waste, conserve resources and strengthen our communities," said Director of the Office of Economic Development, Crystal Bethke. "These awards recognize organizations that are taking meaningful action and showing that sustainability can be both environmentally responsible and good for business."

Interested in becoming a Sustainable Business? Explore Sacramento County's Sustainable Business Program to learn about eligibility, benefits and tools that can help your organization reduce its environmental impact. ★

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