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Hundreds Gather at Rio Linda High School to Cool Down



Community members cool off at the Rio Linda High School pool on Friday, June 12, during the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District's annual RLE Pool Bash.

**Story and photos
by Khushi Salgia**

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Under clear skies and a warm afternoon sun, the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District (RLERPD) officially kicked off the summer season on Friday, June 12 with its highly anticipated annual RLE Pool Bash. Held at the Rio Linda High School (RLHS) pool from 4 to 8 p.m., the opening day festivities drew hundreds of local residents, families and

teenagers eager to dive into another vibrant pool season. The community turnout highlighted the local excitement for outdoor recreational spaces as the weather warms up.

The event, which serves as the formal opening day for the public pool facility, has become a cherished neighborhood tradition. With an accessible entry fee of just \$4 per person, the afternoon offered an affordable oasis for community members looking to beat the heat, connect with neighbors and

celebrate the conclusion of the academic school year. Families brought lawn chairs and picnic blankets, filling the facility with energy from the moment the gates opened.

"We have an opening day every year to kick off the summer," said Yanni Lagge, the recreation supervisor at the RLERPD.

The RLERPD has been hosting this event every year for the past 6 years. They have a Memorandum

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Board Approves 2026-27 Recommended Budget

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted on June 10 to approve the \$9 billion Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27.

This year's \$9 billion spending plan consists of \$3.2 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$4 billion in General Fund (funded with \$1 billion in discretionary revenue, \$1.7 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and \$1.3 billion in Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.7 billion in Restricted Funds (amounts transferred to the General Fund to reimburse eligible expenditures in General Fund departments).

"Putting together this year's budget required difficult decisions, and I appreciate the thoughtful and strategic approach our department heads took in identifying reductions," said David Villanueva, county executive. "I am also grateful to the Board of Supervisors for their thoughtful discussions, careful consideration and leadership in making the tough choices necessary to adopt a balanced budget."

"Throughout this process, County leaders at every level demonstrated professionalism, responsibility and a commitment to serving our residents. Their dedication is something I'm incredibly proud of and reflects the very best of our County organization."

The Board of Supervisors revised the Recommended Budget by restoring \$9,916,137 in funding. This included \$7,894,989 for the Sheriff's Office, restoring funding for the Homeless Outreach Team (\$2,517,073), Marine Patrol Unit (\$1,092,248), Department of Boating and Waterways funding (\$119,000), Gangs-South Unit (\$1,669,302), Gangs-North Unit (\$1,654,490), and the ID Theft Unit (\$842,876). The Board also restored \$1,372,072 for Community Prosecution positions in the District Attorney's Office and \$649,076 for the Public Defender's Misdemeanor Mental Health Diversion program.

The County's total budget is \$9 billion, including a \$4 billion General Fund, \$3.2 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds, and \$1.7 billion in Restricted Funds. The budget supports 12,897 employees countywide. ★

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RydeFreeRT Cards for 2026-27 School Year Now Available

Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) announced June 9 that new RydeFreeRT cards, valid June 1, through June 30, 2027, are now available for students and youth across the Sacramento region. RydeFreeRT provides fare-free transit for all youth in grades TK-12, including students experiencing homelessness or participating in foster programs.

Launched in October 2019, RydeFreeRT has grown into one of SacRT's most successful and impactful community programs. In FY 2025 alone, youth took more than 5 million rides using RydeFreeRT, traveling to school, jobs, after-school activities, libraries and essential services.

"RydeFreeRT continues to be one of the most impactful programs SacRT has ever offered," said



Students simply show their valid RydeFreeRT card when boarding a bus or upon request from a light rail fare inspector. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit District

SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "By providing access to safe, reliable public transit at no additional cost to youth in

the Sacramento region, we are removing transportation barriers and creating more opportunities across our region."

The SacRT Board of Directors approved continuing the RydeFreeRT pass for another year and

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 authorized SacRT's General Manager to negotiate contracts needed to secure funding for the program. RydeFreeRT is made possible through funding partnerships with local jurisdictions and school districts, ensuring that cost is never a barrier to mobility for students. SacRT continues to work toward securing a long-term, sustainable funding source to ensure the program's future.

"RydeFreeRT is an investment in our youth and in the future of our communities," said SacRT Board Chair and Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen. "Whether students are traveling to school, a summer job, or important community programs, this initiative ensures they can get where they need to go without cost

being a barrier. We encourage families to pick up their new cards and take full advantage of this resource."

Card School districts have received cards for distribution to students at school sites. Youth who still need a card can obtain one at their school office, SacRT's Customer Service and Sales Center at 1225 R St. (next to the 13th Street Station) or Sacramento County public libraries.

Students simply show their valid RydeFreeRT card when boarding a bus or upon request from a light rail fare inspector.

For additional information about RydeFreeRT, including card pickup locations and program FAQs, visit sacrt.com/RydeFreeRT ★

May New Home Sales Remain Steady



BIA-member homebuilders reported 474 sales during May, down 14% from April and up 4% from May 2025. Photo courtesy North State Building Industry Association

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the greater Sacramento region remained steady during May despite continued affordability challenges and slightly higher mortgage rates, as members of the North State Building Industry Association reported 474 sales during the month.

Sales were down 14% from April and up 4% from May 2025, though both comparisons were affected by differing reporting calendars. On a weekly basis, builders averaged 119 sales per week in May, compared with 111 in April and 91 in May 2025. During an average May in the region, builders have reported 466 sales during the month since records began in 1997.

BIA President and CEO Tim Murphy said despite economic uncertainties and slightly higher mortgage interest rates, 2026 is shaping up to be a fairly normal year for the region's homebuilders. ★

"Despite affordability challenges and economic uncertainty, the Sacramento region's new home market continues to show steady underlying demand," Murphy said. "Builders are adjusting to a market where mortgage rates in the 6% range may be the new normal, and incentives continue to help many buyers move forward. Builders also continue to benefit from limited existing-home inventory in many parts of the region."

He added that affordability remains the biggest challenge, which is why reducing government fees and speeding up approvals remain critical priorities.

In May, Rancho Cordova regained the top spot with 77 sales, with Roseville edging down to second place with 71 sales. Sacramento remained in third place with 55 sales, followed by Elk Grove with 53 and Natomas rounding out the top five at 41.

Sales were reported for 203 communities in Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★



Growers use Pressure Bombs to Fine-Tune Irrigation

Using pressure chambers, commonly called pressure bombs, has been compared to taking the "blood pressure" of a plant to tell how stressed for water it is. The technique has been around since the 1970s, but it's been slow to catch on. A survey by the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the early 2020s found pressure bombs were used on only about 16% of perennial crops. Now, as farmers face more pressure from electrical rates, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and overall water availability, growers said pressure bombs can help farms better steward their water. San Joaquin County walnut farmer Richard Thompson has been a longtime fan of using pressure bombs to schedule irrigations. "I won't do too much irrigation until I know I can get a good reading with the pressure bomb," Thompson said. Not only does the device help him avoid under- or overwatering his trees, but it also helps to time irrigations to Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s cheaper off-peak weekend periods.

Moth Damage Rises as Growers Await New Insecticide

Broccoli and other brassica growers along California's Central Coast are bracing for another devastating season of infestations of the diamondback moth, but state regulators appear in no hurry to approve a new federally registered insecticide that could alleviate the damage. Escalating pressure from the insect has led to rising production expenses that

can cost growers up to tens of thousands of dollars per acre, according to a recent industry report. The pest has developed increased resistance to the suite of chemical treatments available to growers. Help could be on the way in the form of isocycloseram, a novel, broad-spectrum insecticide. The product was registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last fall and can be used in most states. But the treatment remains under review by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, whose spokesman, Juvenio Guerra, offered no specific timeline as to when the review will be complete.

USDA Confirms New World Screwworm Cases in Texas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed multiple cases of New World screwworm cases in Texas this month. The flesh-eating pest was eradicated from North America decades ago but made a resurgence in Mexico beginning in November 2024. It poses a significant threat to cattle and can also affect other livestock, wildlife, pets and in rare cases people. "The re-emergence of New World screwworm in the United States after 60 years will have an immediate impact on farmers and ranchers in the affected areas," American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall said in a statement. "We are confident that the longstanding coordination between the states and USDA will enable a quick response and hopefully limit the negative impacts and resulting market volatility." ★

Kicking Off Summer with a Pool Party



The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District's Pool Bash marks the official opening day of the summer pool season and has become a cherished neighborhood tradition.

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 of Understanding (MOU) with RLHS to be able to use the pool for community events during the summer when school is not in session. This ongoing educational partnership ensures that local youth have reliable access to a clean, safe swimming environment throughout the peak heat of the season. Following the success of the bash, the district plans to ramp up operations with community events scheduled every day, starting on Monday.

"It's a way to bring people out," said Brooklyn Meadows, pool manager.

Lifeguards and staff remained stationed across the deck to monitor the water as residents enjoyed the open swim and background music.

A driving force behind the day's festive atmosphere was the active participation of local civic organizations. The Lions Club of Rio Linda stepped up as a primary sponsor, ensuring that no attendee

went hungry. Members of the club volunteered their afternoon to provide a completely free hot dog meal to every community member through the gates. This massive volunteer coordination kept long lines moving smoothly and added a welcoming, neighborly feel to the pool deck.

Bill Higgins, vice president for the local chapter of the Lions Club, was stationed near the grills, coordinating the culinary effort. This year marks the third consecutive year the organization has spearheaded the food drive at the opening bash. Higgins, who also operates Ranchhouse BBQ, utilized his community leadership to ensure the kitchen operations ran efficiently.

"We are prepared to serve 200 people," he said.

The Lions Club has been participating in the Pool Bash for the past three years, and this is one of many of their community initiatives. ★

Their most popular program is called Ruby's Baskets, which takes place during the holidays. The club frequently runs food and toy fundraisers to build up the resources necessary for these seasonal efforts. The ultimate aim is to give a Christmas experience to those who can't afford it, providing families with entire Christmas dinners as well as presents for the children. The event successfully drew out locals who were looking for summer activities.

"I was bored at home," said Rio Linda resident Zoey Brown, on why she showed up to the event. "It's about getting a lot of people together and having fun."

With events regularly scheduled over the next few months, the district looks forward to a fun summer. Local organizers and volunteers have set a strong foundation for what promises to be a great pool season ahead. ★

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Positive Altitude STEM Event Inspires Next Generation

Hundreds of families from across the region experience aviation and STEM up close at Mather Airport



Attendees fanned out across dozens of interactive exhibits showcasing the breadth of aviation and aerospace careers. Photo courtesy of the California Capital Airshow



Young visitors got up close with aircraft and equipment. Photo courtesy of the California Capital Airshow



Positive Altitude is one of the free youth STEM programs the California Capital Airshow produces each year. Photo courtesy of the California Capital Airshow

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Capital Airshow (CCA) brought the wonder of flight and the excitement of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to hundreds of young people on May 30, through its annual Positive Altitude event at Mather Airport. Families from across the Sacramento region gathered for the half-day program, which introduced youth of all ages to careers and opportunities in aviation and aerospace.

The event opened with a lunchtime conversation and keynote address by Darby Dustman, Director of Strategy & Programs at VELA and a rocket propulsion leader with more than a decade in aerospace and defense. Dustman has worked on hypersonic systems, boosters for NASA's Artemis program and next-generation missile technology and brought that real-world experience to life for a room full of curious kids.

"Every person you admire has a failure story," said Dustman. "You just usually only see the launch."

Her remarks set the tone for an afternoon of exploration and discovery.

Following the keynote, attendees fanned out across dozens of interactive exhibits showcasing the breadth of aviation and aerospace careers. Young visitors got up close with aircraft and equipment from REACH Air Medical Systems, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Air Unit and Drone team, UPS, FedEx, the U.S. Coast Guard and many more, seeing firsthand the wide range of professionals who keep the equipment and technology in the skies running. Interactive science and STEM demonstrations, including exhibits from Mad Science, rounded out an afternoon designed to spark curiosity across every discipline.

"We want every kid who comes through this event to see someone who looks like them, doing a job they never knew existed," said Darcy Brewer, CEO of the California Capital Airshow. "Aviation is air traffic



Interactive science and STEM demonstrations, including exhibits from Mad Science, rounded out an afternoon designed to spark curiosity across every discipline. Photo courtesy of Markeloper Aviation Photography

controllers, medics, engineers, package delivery, law enforcement, and so much more. Events like this help inspire the future of our industry, so we want these kids to be exposed to the tremendous opportunities ahead of them."

Positive Altitude is one of the free youth STEM programs the California Capital Airshow produces each year, with the ACE Academy and Destination

Aviation events also happening this summer. All are free for participants and designed to reach youth who may not otherwise have access to aviation experiences.

About California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow 501(c)3 plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly annual event designed to honor the

Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people. CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers, and discount tickets, please visit www.californiacapitalairshow.com. ★



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The Marinelli Bros Circus Brings a New Experience



Under the signature Big Top, audiences will experience a nearly two-hour celebration of live performances from fearless aerialists and acrobats to world-class comedy and illusion. Photo courtesy of Marinelli Bros Circus

The Marinelli Brothers Circus News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Get ready Sacramento — the circus is in town! Circus Vargas is proud to present its brand-new sister unit, The Marinelli Brothers Circus, coming to the region with an all-new engagement in Florin, bringing its signature mix of magic, heart-pounding excitement and family-fun to Florin Town Center June 25-July 6.

A perfect outing for families, the Marinelli Bros Circus is not your average night under the Big Top. Blending classic circus tradition with fresh, modern energy, this show offers a breathtaking experience filled with jaw-dropping acts, death-defying stunts and laugh-out-loud comedy for all ages.

A New Circus Experience: Bigger, Bolder, and Built for Family Fun

Under the signature Big Top, audiences will experience a nearly two-hour celebration of live performances from fearless aerialists and acrobats to world-class comedy and illusion.

At the heart of the show are the Marinelli Brothers themselves, famous for their athleticism, artistry and charm. Their performances on the trampoline wall and Wheel of Danger have captivated crowds throughout California at Circus Vargas over the years and now they're bringing even more daring feats to their very own production.

Also returning is the lovable Matti the Clown, whose comedic timing and crowd interaction have made him a favorite with kids and adults alike. Each act is designed to ignite the imagination, spark laughter and deliver the kind of joy that only live performance can bring.

Circus attendees can expect: a full Big Top experience with classic circus atmosphere; high-flying aerial acts, trapeze and aerial straps; edge-of-your-seat stunts including the Wheel of Danger; interactive comedy from Matti the Clown; dazzling costumes, immersive lighting and festive music; concessions, souvenirs and pre-show activities for kids. Whether you're reliving the magic of your childhood or sharing the excitement of the circus with your little ones for the first time, the Marinelli Bros Circus is designed to entertain and inspire.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://marinellibroscircus.com/>. ★

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Agreement Keeps Major Music Festivals at Discovery Park Through 2035



On June 9, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a 10-year agreement between Sacramento County and Danny Wimmer Presents (DWP), authorizing the company to host up to three multi-day festivals annually at Discovery Park through 2035. Photo courtesy of Phil Serna and DWP

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- On June 9, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a 10-year agreement between Sacramento County and Danny Wimmer Presents (DWP), authorizing the company to host up to three multi-day festivals annually at Discovery Park through 2035. The agreement keeps long-standing beloved festivals at Discovery Park and supports continued economic growth and future park improvements.

"Discovery Park sits at the confluence of two rivers, but it's also a place where community, culture and art come together," said Sacramento County First District Supervisor Phil Serna. "These festivals showcase Sacramento County and our broader region to a global audience. They create opportunities for local businesses and workers and generate resources that can be reinvested back into one of our most cherished public spaces – the American River Parkway. It's a powerful example of how thoughtful stewardship and creative public-private partnership creates lasting benefit for both

people and place."

Founded by music industry entrepreneur Danny Wimmer, Danny Wimmer Presents produces some of the country's largest destination music festivals, attracting attendees from across the United States and around the world. The company has hosted Aftershock at Discovery Park since 2012 and launched GoldenSky at the venue in 2022.

"As Aftershock enters its 15th year, we're grateful for the continued partnership with Sacramento County, Visit Sacramento and the local community," said Danny Wimmer, founder of Danny Wimmer Presents. "This long-term commitment allows DWP to continue investing in Sacramento, strengthening its position as a premier music destination and creating experiences that draw fans from around the world to Discovery Park. We're excited to continue growing the region's music and cultural landscape through 2035 and beyond."

Aftershock and GoldenSky attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to Sacramento County each year. Aftershock generated an estimated \$35 million in local

economic impact in 2025 and drew more than 164,000 attendees from all 50 states and more than 30 countries. GoldenSky delivered an estimated \$14.1 million in economic impact and brought in roughly 75,000 attendees in 2024.

This agreement comes on the heels of the recent announcement by Danny Wimmer Presents and Visit Sacramento that GoldenSky will return to Discovery Park beginning in 2027 under a separate three-year commitment. Combined, these efforts reflect the strong collaboration between Sacramento County, Visit Sacramento, Danny Wimmer Presents and regional partners to retain and grow major destination events that generate significant economic and community benefits throughout the region.

The Sacramento County Office of Economic Development led negotiations on the agreement to maximize the economic and community benefits generated by these festivals, which range from supporting local businesses to investing in Discovery Park.

Under the agreement, Sacramento County will receive attendance-based permit revenue, reimbursement for all

event-related County costs and funding that will be reinvested into Discovery Park, the American River Parkway and community programs. The agreement includes a commitment to prioritize Sacramento County-based vendors, service providers and local food and beverage businesses.

"When thousands of people come to Sacramento County for these festivals, they stay in our hotels, eat at our restaurants, shop at local businesses and experience everything our community has to offer," said Director of the Sacramento County Office of Economic Development Crystal Bethke. "Behind every festival is a network of local vendors, food providers, service businesses and workers who help make these events possible. This agreement helps create opportunities for those businesses and residents and turns visitor spending into benefits that continue long after the stages come down."

The agreement also includes up to \$300,000 in Sacramento County Economic Development Targeted Support funding for initial site improvements, including upgrades to the parking area beneath Interstate 5 and

enhancements to park open space.

Sacramento County Regional Parks will oversee and steward Regional Parks improvement projects funded through the agreement to align investments with long-term plans for Discovery Park and the American River Parkway while protecting the County's natural and recreational resources.

"Discovery Park is one of those places that people remember," said Director of Sacramento County Regional Parks Liz Bellas. "Whether you're spending the day on the river, attending a festival with friends or simply enjoying the outdoors, the park is part of what makes Sacramento County unique. This agreement helps us share that experience with visitors from around the world and it allows us to reinvesting in a park our community takes great pride in."

The festivals at Discovery Park have brought people together to experience the music, culture, natural beauty and hospitality that define Sacramento County. This agreement celebrates that success and lays the foundation to share the best of what the region has to offer for years to come. ★

Keep Your Pets Safe as Temperatures Rise

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Summer has officially arrived in Sacramento County, and while many of us are looking forward to longer days, backyard barbecues, pool time and outdoor adventures, the season also brings serious risks for pets.

Dogs and cats are much more vulnerable to heat than people realize. Every summer, animal shelters and veterinary clinics see pets suffering from heat exhaustion, burned paw pads, dehydration and heat stroke, many of which are completely preventable.

As temperatures climb, here are some important ways to help keep your pets safe and comfortable all summer long.

Never Leave Pets in a Parked Vehicle

Even on a day that feels relatively mild, temperatures inside a parked car can become deadly within minutes. Cracking the windows does little to reduce the heat. If you're running errands, leave your pets safely at home where they can stay cool.

Walk Early or Walk Late

Plan walks during the early morning or



As temperatures climb, here are some important ways to help keep your pets safe and comfortable all summer long. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

later evening hours when temperatures are cooler. Before heading out, place the back of your hand on the pavement for seven seconds. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your pet's paws.

Make Water Available at All Times

Pets need constant access to fresh, clean water, especially during hot weather. Bringing a portable water bowl on walks, hikes or outings can help prevent dehydration.

Provide Shade and Cool Places to Rest

If pets are outside, they should always have access to adequate shade and fresh water. Fans, air conditioning, cooling mats and damp towels can help pets stay comfortable.

Know the Signs of Heatstroke

Watch for excessive panting, heavy drooling, vomiting, weakness, lethargy, stumbling or collapse. Move pets to a

cool area and seek veterinary care immediately if heatstroke is suspected.

Be Careful Around Water

Always supervise pets around pools, lakes and rivers. Consider a pet life jacket and never assume your pet can safely swim without assistance.

Protect Pets from Sunburn

Pets with light-colored fur, pink noses or exposed skin can get sunburned. Ask your veterinarian about pet-safe sunscreen options.

Check on Outdoor Pets

On extreme heat days, bringing pets indoors is often the safest option.

Looking to Add a New Family Member This Summer?

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For pet licensing information, lost and found services, adoptable animals and additional pet resources, visit BradshawShelter.net. ★

Regional Measles Outbreak Ends Following Coordinated Public Health Response

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Sacramento County and Placer County public health officials announced June 9 that the regional measles outbreak is officially ended. The determination is based on the date of the last case's symptom onset and two full incubation periods, with no new cases identified in over 42 days. All individuals who became ill during the outbreak have fully recovered.

Health officials with the two counties credited quick community response, robust immunization coverage and cooperation with isolation and quarantine guidance as key factors in ending the outbreak.

"This outbreak may be over, but the conditions that allowed it to occur have

not disappeared," said Sacramento County Public Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu. "Containing the spread required extensive coordination among public health agencies, healthcare providers, schools, community partners and affected families. The lesson from this outbreak is not that measles is harmless. The lesson is that vaccines work, community immunity works and maintaining high vaccination coverage remains essential to protecting those at risk."

"Community members really stepped up," said Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health and Human Services Dr. Rob Oldham. "The organizations associated with exposures worked with

us to help educate people in their networks, and thankfully we were able to break the chain of transmission to bring this outbreak to a close."

The outbreak started with an unvaccinated traveler returning to the area from South Carolina, where a much larger outbreak was underway. South Carolina's outbreak ended in late April, yet measles outbreaks are ongoing in other states. Residents are encouraged to confirm their vaccination status, particularly before traveling to other states or countries, or before visiting crowded destinations such as airports, large events or theme parks.

The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)

vaccine offers the best protection against measles. It is 93% effective with a single dose and 97% effective with two doses.

Public health officials encourage residents to verify they and their family members are protected against measles by reviewing their vaccination records and speaking with a healthcare provider. Residents who are uninsured or on Medicaid and need assistance with checking their status or accessing vaccinations can refer to the Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program for resources.

Sacramento and Placer Counties will stop posting weekly measles case count updates to their respective Public Health websites at this time. ★

The lesson is that vaccines work, community immunity works and maintaining high vaccination coverage remains essential to protecting those at risk." Image designed by Magnific



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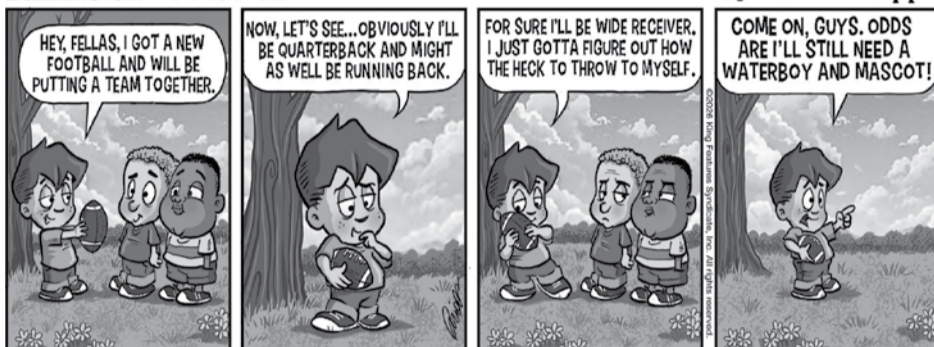
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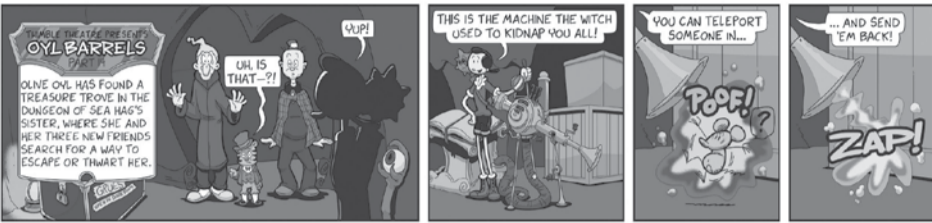
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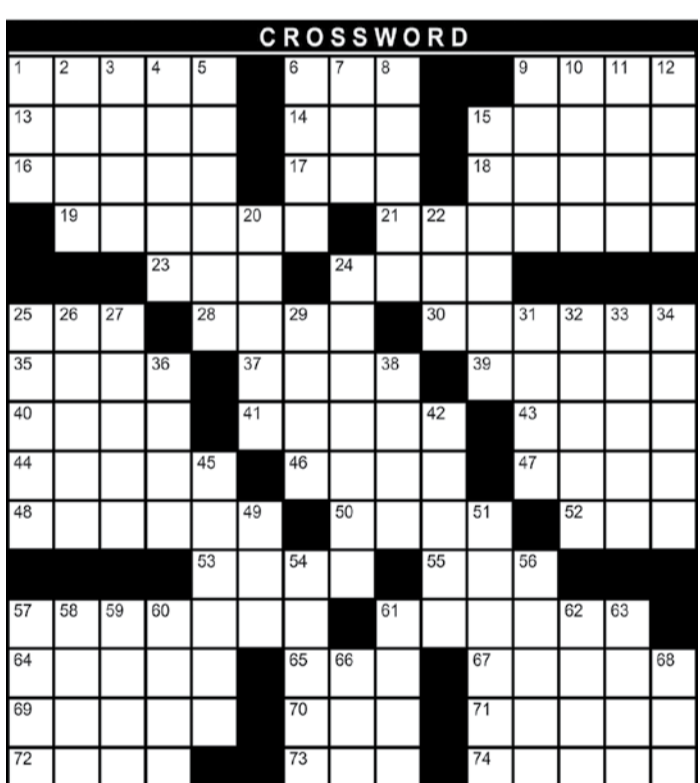
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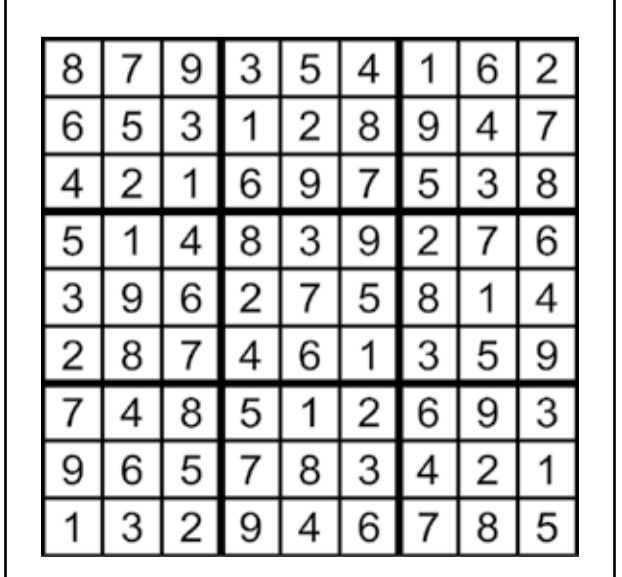


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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



New York Wins

The word epic is very often overused, but not when it comes to this past weekend.

Never in memory have I ever seen the world of sports on more of a world stage in the United States of America than it was this past weekend.

History was made and certainly for the residents of New York City, it was life changing.

While soccer fans had the privilege of witnessing the U.S. soccer team defeat Paraguay in the opening match of the world cup 4-1, others sat glued to their TV sets as the New York Knickerbockers became the 2025-26 world champions in the game of basketball. A 53-year hiatus was broken as the Knicks posted a low scoring 94-90 win over the favored San Antonio Spurs and their sensational center, seven-foot-four Victor Wembanyama.

Richard Nixon was president when the Knicks last won a world championship, and many wondered if they would ever win one again.

Ironically, the New York Knicks last reached the final in 1999 against none other than the Sacramento Spurs and were dispatched in five games.

While the world looked on the Knicks of 2026 turned the tables on the favored Spurs and consummated a world championship in just five games.

While New York City wildly celebrated, the Carolina Hurricanes of the NHL hoisted the Stanley cup trophy by defeating the Las Vegas Golden Knights 3-0 and closing out their rivals in six games.

Perhaps more hand clapping could be heard across America than any time since the end of World War II. Yes sports fans, this was truly a weekend for the ages.

A closer look at the upstart Knicks reveals that *team* basketball in the true sense of the word is alive and well.

Many pundits and sport fans alike simply did not believe the San Antonio Spurs could dispatch the world champion Oklahoma City Thunder, but after a series for the ages, that's exactly what they did. It took the full seven games, but Victor Wembanyama made his presence felt and led his team to the finals.

Not many believed anyone would outscore

Victor Wembanyama, but the ubiquitous Jalen Brunson averaged an eye popping 32 points per game while staying on the hardwood for over 39 minutes every night.

A three-time all-star with the Knicks, this amazing six-foot-two guard was inexplicably drafted in the second round of the 2018 NBA draft by the Dallas Mavericks, meaning once again as with Luka Doncic, add Jalen Brunson to the list of candidates that the Sacramento Kings passed up on to get none other than Marvin Bagley.

Hard to believe? Yes, and as all eyes turn to the 2026 NBA draft less than two weeks away, let's hope that new G.M. Scott Perry has something more auspicious in store for Kings fans.

Darius Acuff Jr. remains a possible but unlikely prospect as he is projected to go fifth or sixth, but anything can happen on draft night. More likely options for the Kings drafting No. 7 are Kingston Flemings or Mikel Brown, who are both big guards and not a forward that represents the most critical need for the Kings.

The past two years have seen Sacramento draft point guards that are still with the team. That would be Devin Carter and Nique Clifford who have both shown flashes, but have yet to make a statement that says, "I'm your point guard of the future!"

After exiting DeAaron Fox, the Kings have simply failed to replace him with anything that bears a resemblance, and at some point, Sacramento will have to tap someone on the shoulder and say, "you're my guy."

A world class point guard was just on full display for the world to see, and at six-foot-two he put the Knicks on his back and took them to the NBA championship. An incredible performance that culminated with 45 points in the final and deciding game.

Yes, Sacramento has had an abysmal drafting history but just as New York changed their fortunes, the Sacramento Kings have the ability to do the same.

So, break out the popcorn and find yourself a comfortable seat, Kings fans, because this year's draft is just days away, and I for one believe fortunes are about to change.

All the best! ★

California Has a Top-Ranked Economy. It's Also One of the Nation's Most Unequal



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's next governor — most likely former Attorney General Xavier Becerra — will inherit a raft of knotty, unresolved issues.

Some, such as the high rate of homelessness and very high cost of living, predate current Gov. Gavin Newsom. Others, such as the chronic multibillion-dollar budget deficit and stubbornly high unemployment rate, arose more recently.

A perennial question about such issues is whether they are unique to or more pronounced in California than other states. Comparisons are difficult because definitions vary and comparable data are difficult to track down.

By coincidence, however, two recent academic studies shed light on how California stands vis-a-vis the nation's 49 other states.

One is called "State of the States," an offshoot of a "State of the Nation" research project sponsored by Tulane University's Murphy Institute that aims to cut through partisan chatter and define the nation's most cogent issues.

The study found "California ranks higher, on average, on the topics of Economy (1), Trust (3), Mental Health (3), and Children and Families (3), but lower on Work and Labor Force (48), Inequality

(49), and Environment (50). California also outperforms its West neighbors in 3 of the 14 topics and is improving over time on 9 of the 31 measures."

Although California's political figures, most notably Newsom, like to depict the state as a leader on socioeconomic equity and environmental protection, it's at or near the bottom on both issues. It's also close to the bottom on educational achievement, volunteerism and freedom of the press.

Texas, one of the states often compared to California, generally does better on the issues where California has fallen behind, such as freedom of the press. However, it too, has some glaring deficiencies, such as environment and voter participation.

The second study comes from the Berkeley Economy & Society Initiative, a project at UC Berkeley backed by the Hewlett Foundation. It issued two in a series of reports on California's high cost of living.

The first report declares "California is less affordable and poorer than it should be given the strength of our economy," and "is systematically more expensive" than other places with similar median incomes.

"Unaffordability doesn't just create and worsen poverty," it noted. "People are voting against California's high costs with their feet. Throughout its history, California has been a magnet for migrants from other states chasing opportunity. Not any longer.

"Since the 2008 recession, California has experienced sustained domestic out-migration. The trend has accelerated in more recent

years. Between 2020 and 2024, California had the second-lowest net migration to/from other states, as a percentage of the population, following only New York. We present evidence indicating that unaffordability is a primary cause of California's migration inversion."

The project's second report delves into the causes of unaffordability, declaring, "In our analysis, the foremost driver of high costs in California is a policy regime that makes it difficult to build the physical infrastructure we need to deliver housing, energy, water, and other essentials.

"Growth restrictions drive unaffordability primarily by reducing housing supply and increasing housing costs. They also contribute to high energy and transportation costs by increasing the price tag on critical public infrastructure — creating downstream costs for consumers."

The report also lists a series of steps California could take to attack unaffordability, including embracing factory-built housing and innovative financing models to spur affordable housing the state needs.

This is just a brief overview of what the two research projects have to say about California's issues compared to other states. If the next governor and legislators are serious about improving the state's standing, they should dive into the details.

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 Don't We Have a Minimum Social Security Benefit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I think we should have a Social Security baseline of \$2,500 for each person. When I retire, my Social Security benefit will not be enough to survive. There are many of us who worked low paying jobs all our lives because we raised families and only started saving later in life. Considering all the money our government wastes on the other countries and welfare programs for people who have not worked, it seems unfair that they will not reward those of us who contributed to society all our lives. **Signed: Needs More Social Security.**

Dear Needs More: For information, the concept of a "minimum" Social Security benefit is not new and, indeed, already exists - but it is one which few beneficiaries qualify for. The so-called "special minimum benefit" was meant to lift low-earning workers above the poverty line, but less than 32,000 SS beneficiaries (out of about 59 million retirees) currently qualify. That's because Social Security's benefit formula turns out to be more generous because it is based on lifetime earnings (wages), while the "special

minimum benefit" program is based on consumer prices. That causes the SS benefit formula to provide a higher SS benefit than is provided by the "special minimum benefit" option. In other words, people get a higher benefit because their SS benefit is based upon their actual lifetime earnings vs. an artificially created special minimum benefit. In short, the existing SS benefit formula usually provides more than the established "special minimum benefit."

The SS benefit program is based on each person's average monthly income over their lifetime. However, it is very important to understand that the program is also designed to provide a higher monthly benefit to those with a lower lifetime income. Thus, the percentage of "replacement income" for those with lower lifetime earnings is more than it is for those with higher lifetime earnings. Typically, a lower-lifetime income person will get about 40% of their average pre-retirement monthly income as their Social Security benefit, whereas a higher-income person will get about 20% or less of their pre-retirement monthly average income. In this way, Social Security is already a "progressive" program. But it's important to understand also that Social Security, from its beginning, was never meant to provide 100% of a person's income needs in retirement. Thus, each beneficiary should plan to supplement their retirement income in other ways (such as retirement savings,

investment income, working longer, working part-time, etc.).

Having said that, it is also important to know that Social Security is a completely self-sustaining program and not dependent on general public funding, which would make it more susceptible to political shenanigans (imagine giving re-election seeking politicians easy access to Social Security's separately held resources). While it is certainly true that the government spends freely on "welfare programs" for those who have not worked, Social Security is not a program which is dependent on government largesse. Rather, it is a benefit which is earned by working and contributing to the program, which provides retirement benefits based upon each person's average lifetime work income.

If you expect financial difficulties when you retire, I encourage you to visit this website sponsored by the National Council on Aging (www.benefitscheckup.org). Here you can enter your zip code and find many public programs which you might be eligible for where you live, including assistance with healthcare costs, housing, utilities, etc.

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In 2016, the conservative writer Mike Anton made a galvanizing case for Donald Trump in his famous "Flight 93" essay, arguing that the stakes in the contest between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton were existential.

His contention that a Clinton win would cement Democratic electoral dominance forever, such that Republicans needed to charge the cockpit or die, was implausible at the time and seems more so in retrospect.

If Hillary had won in 2016, in all likelihood, she would have been gone in 2020, washed away by the pandemic just like Trump was.

This time, though, really might be different. Democrats are now seriously contemplating measures that wouldn't have occurred to Hillary Clinton circa 2016. Endorsing some version of court-packing, or "court reform," as Democrats insist on calling it, is becoming orthodoxy among mainstream Democrats.

Several weeks ago, James Carville said that Democrats should pack the Court and add the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as states in 2028 if they get unified control of Washington.

The immediate past Democratic presidential nominee, who has some chance of winning the 2028 Democratic nomination, Kamala Harris, associated herself with the same ideas. She added abolishing the Electoral College to the list.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, who eas-

How to Kill the Supreme Court in One Easy Step

ily could be the Speaker of the House next year, has said: "In the new Congress, we're going to have to do something about this Supreme Court, and let me be very clear: Everything is on the table."

The top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, Jamie Raskin, has fashioned a reason why the Supreme Court needs to be expanded by four justices (supposedly, the number of justices should match the number of federal circuits at 13).

If all these ideas were to become consensus Democratic agenda items in 2028, they would constitute one of the most radical political platforms of a major political party in American history.

Court-packing alone would be a seismic, system-changing event, as would abolishing the Electoral College, which has been foundational to our presidential elections from the beginning.

The common theme of all of this would be guaranteeing outcomes -- four new progressive justices, four new Democratic senators -- in blatant power grabs undermining the legitimacy of the institutions in question.

What would a world look like where a substantial portion of the country thinks the Supreme Court is a sham, and not because the court is issuing unwelcome opinions, but because the court has been arbitrarily changed to produce a predetermined ideological result through a grotesque end-run around the rules?

Democrats will say Republicans have already done this, even though the GOP operated within standard procedures to forge the cur-

rent conservative majority. Did Republicans play hardball? Sure. But their influence on the composition of the court depended on winning presidential and senate elections, and taking advantage of fortuitous timing to confirm justices the way they've always been confirmed.

Manufacturing new seats out of nothing, or forcing the retirements of conservative justices by fiat, would be a blatant rigging of the court. If a portion of the country thinks that it no longer needs to abide by the Court's decisions, that obviously creates the predicate for serious civil strife. The same is true if Congress is no longer seen as legitimate after it is packed with newly minted Democratic senators.

Democrats feel justified in embracing any means to match and exceed Trump's comprehensive aggressiveness. Trump's provocations -- the lawfare, the executive overreach, the wars without congressional authorization, the gerrymandering -- all have ample precedent among prior Democratic presidents. Democrats, of course, don't see it that way, and they fear and loathe Donald Trump more than they have any other Republican president.

In reaction, should they sweep in 2028, they may try to push the American constitutional order past an event horizon from which it will never return. In other words, 12 years after the GOP was told to charge the cockpit or die, the stakes for our system really could be existential.

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BLONDE 6-19-26

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Audai Houssni Hmoud Al Shannaq, 2544 Tower Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AutoNex Motors" 2544 Tower Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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LIPi 6-26-26

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ELLE 6-26-26

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The Dangerous Fantasy of Cheaper Cancer Dosing

By Peter J. Pitts

Doctors around the world are taking risky gambles with cancer patients' lives — as part of a well-intentioned, but misguided, attempt to reduce the cost of treatment.

Hospitals in India, Israel, the Netherlands, and elsewhere have recently experimented with reducing the dose size for blockbuster cancer drugs — and some patients have reportedly responded well. Based on that anecdotal evidence, some activists want more doctors to stretch patients' doses. They claim that this doctor-directed rationing could save billions of dollars in healthcare costs without undermining patient outcomes.

But deviating from dosing regimens approved by regulatory agencies like the FDA and the European Medicines Agency is not a risk-free tweak. Before approving a drug, regulators demand that pharmaceutical companies exhaustively test various doses of experimental treatments to determine which ones are safest and most effective for patients.

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The people advocating for reduced dosing generally mean well. If stretching a monthly dose genuinely had no impact on patients' health, it'd seem like an easy way to save money, since cancer medicines often cost thousands, or even tens of thousands, of dollars per month.

But a drug's efficacy at its standard dose does not guarantee that lower doses will work equally well. The FDA approves specific doses based on extensive evidence from both the initial clinical trials, as well

as follow-on trials conducted after the initial regulatory approval.

For instance, Keytruda — an immunotherapy that's approved for more than 40 different uses — was initially approved with weight-based dosing. But the FDA ultimately approved the current fixed dose because later evidence indicated that it was the most convenient and reliable approach for broad patient populations.

Reversing course — without equally strong evidence — would undermine the

safeguards meant to protect patients.

If researchers believe an immunotherapy works just as well at a lower dose, there is a safe way to prove it. A company or investigator can study that exact regimen in a series of clinical trials. If the evidence shows strongly that the new regimen is safe and effective, FDA reviewers can decide to add it to the drug's official label.

That pathway is not an unreasonable burden. Many drugs have gone through additional clinical testing as their approved uses expanded.

There is no good reason to accept a lower standard now. If anything, the plight of patients in developing countries like India is a reason to demand more scientific rigor, not less. Those patients are depending on scientists and regulators in wealthy countries like the United States to develop and test experimental medicines and determine which doses and delivery mechanisms work best.

That's precisely what Americans have done. When doctors disregard that work, and instead start freelancing, it puts patients' lives at risk.

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California State Fair Uncorks 2026 Commercial Wine Competition Winners

California State Fair News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Fair proudly announces the winners of the 2026 Commercial Wine Competition, recognizing exceptional wines crafted from California-grown grapes that showcase the state's rich agricultural heritage, distinct climates and soils, and world-class winemaking excellence.

Since 1854, the California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition has celebrated the quality, innovation, and craftsmanship that continue to define California as one of the premier wine-producing regions in the world. Open exclusively to wines made from fruit grown and produced in California's 11 wine-growing regions, the competition highlights the remarkable extent and diversity

of the state's wine industry.

A distinguished panel of wine professionals, led by Chief Judge Michael Franz and Competition Director Rich Cook, evaluated 1,516 wines from 278 of California's leading wine brands during a three-day blind tasting held May 5 - 7 at Cal Expo in Sacramento.

In total, judges awarded 129 Double Gold medals, 326 Gold medals, 645 Silver medals, and 303 Bronze medals. Additional honors included 5 Best of Show Awards, 20 Best of Region Awards, 24 Best of California Awards, 3 Best of Micro Winery Awards, and 1 Best Value Award.

"This competition continues to showcase the incredible talent, dedication, and innovation within California's wine industry," said Tom Martinez, CEO of the California Exposition &



Chief Judge Michael Franz (pictured) and Competition Director Rich Cook were the panel leaders for the 2026 California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition. Photo courtesy of California State Fair

State Fair. "From legacy wineries to emerging producers, these award-winning wines reflect

the passion and craftsmanship that have made California a global leader in winemaking. We are proud to celebrate the individuals and families who continue to elevate the industry year after year."

The 2026 Top California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition winners: Silt Wine Company of Clarksburg (Golden State Winery of the Year), Inkblot of Lodi's 2023 Carnet Franc (Best of Show Red), Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards of Mokelumne River's 2025 Grenache Blanc (Best of Show White), Aimee of California's 2023 Bollicine Brut (Best of Show Sparkling), Pedroncelli of Dry Creek Valley's 2025 Rosé Wine (Best of Show Pink), Quady Winery of Madera's 2023 Elysium (Best of Show Dessert), Alma Sol Winery of Adelaida District's 2023

Graciano (Best Micro Winery Red), Omega Road Winery of Alta Mesa's 2024 Torrontes (Best Micro Winery White), Great Bear Vineyards of Yolo County's 2025 Fleur Rouge (Best Micro Winery Other), Barefoot Cellars of California's NV Merlot (Best Value).

The California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition remains one of the most respected and historic wine competitions in the nation, honoring excellence while celebrating the innovation and stewardship driving the future of California wine.

For more information and a complete list of winners, visit the California State Fair website www.castatefair.com.

The California State Fair runs July 17 - Aug. 2 at the Cal Expo fairgrounds. Gates open at 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday and at 10 a.m. Friday - Sunday. ★

Defendant Convicted of 21 Counts Child Sexual Assault

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 10, Phillip Pherigo was convicted by a jury of 21 counts of child sexual assault charges. The jury also found that Pherigo committed substantial sexual conduct, the victim was particularly vulnerable, the crimes were conducted with planning and sophistication, and that Pherigo took advantage

of a position of trust or confidence.

Phillip Pherigo sexually abused the victim from age 5 to 9 years old. The assaults included oral copulation and attempted sexual penetration. The victim was 15 years old when the abuse was reported and investigated.

Pherigo faces a maximum sentence of 135 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. in Department 13B before the Honorable Helena Gweon. ★

Man Convicted of Shooting Murder in Wingstop Parking Lot

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 2, Alimohammed Hamid was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder. The jury also found true a use of firearm allegation.

On February 24, 2024, the victim, Joseph Soto, parked in a Wingstop parking lot and began walking toward the restaurant. Alimohammed Hamid was parked in the next space. As Hamid backed out of his parking spot and drove toward the lot exit, he rolled down his rear passenger window and began a verbal exchange

with the victim. The victim responded, which led to a brief argument. When the victim turned around to walk back toward the restaurant, Hamid retrieved a firearm from the center console and fired one shot out of the back window, striking the victim in the back. Hamid immediately fled from the scene and discarded the gun and shell casing. On March 21, 2024, the victim succumbed to complications from the gunshot wound.

Hamid faces a maximum sentence of 40 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for July 1 at 3 p.m. in Department 12B before the Honorable Ernest Sawtelle. ★



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