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Celebrating a Century of Route 66



A display of a vintage Ford Model T automobile at the California Automobile Museum as part of its Route 66 exhibit.

Story and photos by Stephen B. Clazie

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This year marks the 100th anniversary of Route 66, and the California Automobile Museum is featuring exhibits throughout the year celebrating the historic highway. Even with multiple displays, there is far too much history connected to Route 66 to present

it all. One of the current exhibits is "Route 66: The Black Experience - Navigating the Mother Road During the Jim Crow Era." It explains that the 1930 census identified 44 of the 89 counties along Route 66 as "sundown towns," all-white communities that posted signs stating Black people had to leave by sundown. Many Black travelers in the

West avoided small towns and preferred larger cities, but even there the accommodations were limited. In Albuquerque, New Mexico, only six of the city's 100 motels admitted Black guests.

The exhibit does not mention Victor Hugo Green (1892 to 1960), an American postal worker from Harlem, New York City, who created

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Sunset Sips Program Boosts Downtown Happy Hour

Downtown Sacramento Partnership News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sunset Sips returns this summer as downtown's signature happy hour program, inviting employees, residents and visitors to unwind with discounted drinks every Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. now through Sept. 30.

Participating bars, restaurants and lounges will offer select beer, wine, cocktails and non-alcoholic cocktails for just \$5, \$7 and \$9, making it easier than ever to reconnect with coworkers, meet up with friends or discover a new favorite spot downtown.

Now entering its fourth year, Sunset Sips helps drive foot traffic to downtown businesses during the hot summer months while showcasing Sacramento's growing hospitality scene.

"Downtown's restaurants and bars are full of operators who take pride in creating memorable experiences for their guests, and Sunset Sips is a great way to highlight that creativity and hospitality throughout the district," said Michael Ault, executive director of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership. "The program offers an easy, affordable way to explore these locations, and because it runs until 7 p.m. - later than any other happy hour - it leaves plenty of time after the workday to actually make happy hour happen."

New this year, anyone who votes for their Sunset Sips favorites will be entered for a chance to win a \$25 gift card redeemable at a participating Sunset

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More than 15 bars, restaurants and lounges will offer discounted drinks every Wednesday during Sunset Sips, downtown's summer happy hour program, now through Sept. 30. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership

River District Safe-Camping Site Serves 100



A new Safe Camping site at 291 Sequoia Pacific Blvd. is serving approximately 100 people experiencing homelessness, expanding the city's shelter and service options. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Elected and city officials gathered June 23 in Sacramento's River District to celebrate the opening of a new Safe Camping site that will serve approximately 100 people experiencing homelessness, expanding the city's shelter and service options.

Located at 291 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., the site provides temporary shelter and access to case management, behavioral health services and housing navigation resources.

The site features city-provided tents on raised platforms beneath covered structures designed to provide protection from sun and rain. Additional amenities include showers, restrooms, dog kennels, phone charging stations, community gathering space and 24/7 security.

"Homelessness remains one of our biggest and most unfinished challenges," said Mayor Kevin McCarty. "Too many people continue to languish on our streets, but we are making progress, as demonstrated in our recent PIT Count. Today, 590 fewer people live unsheltered than two years ago. We have expanded shelter and bed capacity and built stronger connections to services, but we still have a long way to go. We need to meet people where they are; this Safe Camping site is one piece of the puzzle."

The Department of Community Response manages intake and operations at the site. Participants are referred through city outreach teams working directly with individuals experiencing homelessness in the River District.

The site was designed using lessons learned from previous Safe Camping operations and includes covered structures intended to improve weather protection and site durability.

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In Celebration and Gratitude



Paul V. Scholl, Publisher of Messenger Publishing Group and President of Western Web, Inc.

By Paul V. Scholl, Publisher
Messenger Publishing Group

July 1st marked the celebration of Messenger Publishing Group reaching its 20-year anniversary of publishing local news, beginning with the American River Messenger in 2006. It all started in my garage and one converted bedroom into an office in my home in Roseville.

MPG is currently 18 publications strong, 15 of those would not exist if we hadn't rescued them from closure. The Sacramento region would be a local print news desert if these local newspapers hadn't been purchased as the years went on. Through all the tough times, good decisions and bad decisions, oppressive government regulations and overreach, MPG forged on. We did not surrender.

Over the years, many other publications ceased to exist or have been greatly diminished. At the same time, we re-organized and kept printing. MPG now consists of Carmichael Times, Citrus Heights Messenger, Rancho Cordova Grapevine Independent, Elk Grove Citizen, The Rio Linda News, The Galt Herald, Land Park News, East Sacramento News, Pocket News, River Valley Times, Gold River Messenger, American River Messenger, The Gridley Herald, Territorial Dispatch (Marysville/Yuba City), Colusa County Pioneer Review, Dixon Independent Voice, West

Sacramento News Ledger, Arden Arcade News. Along with our special publications, we publish 722 issues each year. And we don't work on Sundays.

In January of 2026, I purchased Western Web, Inc., a commercial printing company in Northern California to produce and print our publications. Our new printing team has been awesome, and the products now look fantastic. We also print dozens more local newspapers and publications that serve their communities throughout Northern California all the way up to the Oregon border.

We are growing. Leadership matters. Commitment matters. Foundational principles matter. We are founded on "God, Country, Family", the same foundation that our great nation is founded upon. We are leaders in local print news because we are dedicated to a higher power. We lift people up. We lift communities up.

My teams at Messenger Publishing Group and Western Web and I want to thank all those who support us through their advertising, subscriptions, readership, printing work and contributions. I want to thank my entire team for all their hard work, especially when deadlines loom. It takes great teamwork at both companies to produce great products.

We will continue to grow. We will continue to serve.

God Bless America,
Paul V. Scholl

Sunset Sips Program Boosts Downtown Happy Hour



Bars, restaurants and lounges participating in Sunset Sips will offer select beer, wine, cocktails and non-alcoholic cocktails for just \$5, \$7 and \$9 every Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. through Sept. 30. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership

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Sips business. Participants can cast votes throughout the program for categories including Friendliest Staff, Best Date-Night Spot, Best After-Work Vibes and the location they'd most like to revisit.

Voting is unlimited and open through Sept. 30. People are encouraged to explore as many participating locations as they'd like.

2026 participating locations include: The 7th Street Standard at the Hyatt Centric, Clayton Club at the Hyatt Centric, Amourath 1819 at the Hyatt Regency, Butcher & Barrel, Pilothouse Restaurant at the Delta King, Tropeiro's Grill Brazilian Steakhouse, Fanny Ann's Saloon, Cabana Club, Ten Ten Room, Locked Barrel, Merchant 25 at the Sheraton Grand, Casa Lola, Ella Dining Room & Bar, Willow at The Exchange Hotel, Citizen Capitol Craft House, House Kitchen & Bar and

Foundation Restaurant & Bar.

For more details about Sunset Sips, visit downtownsac.org/downtown-sac-experiences/sunset-sips. To learn about other ways to support local downtown businesses, visit downtownsac.org. Sunset Sips is produced by Downtown Sacramento Partnership with support from Sacramento365.

Downtown Sacramento Partnership is a nonprofit, property-based improvement district (PBID) that serves as the collective voice for the community, including residents, businesses, and property owners located within the 102-blocks of the downtown core. Downtown Sacramento Partnership's programming and activations cultivate a thriving 24-hour district where culture, business, and development collide to make downtown Sacramento a premier destination in the region to live, work, play and invest. ★

River District Safe-Camping Site Serves 100

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"Addressing homelessness requires a range of strategies and a commitment to continuous improvement," said City Manager Maraskeshia Smith. "This site expands our ability to connect people with services and housing resources while adding another option within Sacramento's homelessness response system. It also supports our efforts to improve quality of life

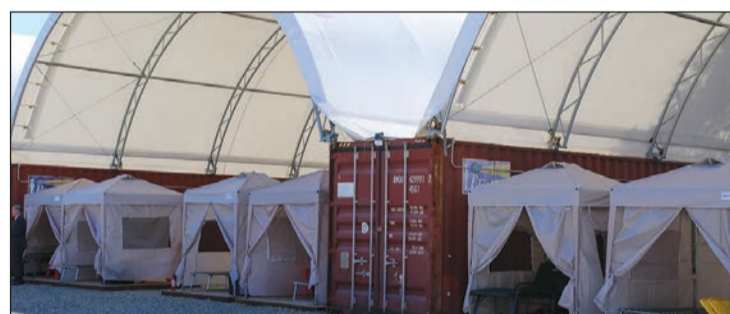
in neighborhoods throughout the city."

Participants will have access to case managers, outreach staff and behavioral health clinicians who can assist with identification, benefits, employment resources, health care and housing navigation.

Through a partnership with Front Street Animal Shelter, participants with pets will also have access to animal support services and resources.

The Safe Camping site is the latest addition to Sacramento's broader homelessness response system, which includes the Roseville Road Service Campus, the Outreach and Engagement Center, the Meadowview Navigation Center, the Grove Avenue Bridge Housing program for transitional-aged youth and the Stockton Boulevard Safe Stay community.

These investments



The new Safe Camping site features city-provided tents on raised platforms beneath covered structures. It also includes showers, restrooms, dog kennels and phone charging stations. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

continue to produce measurable results.

The 2026 Point-in-Time Count found a 19% reduction in unsheltered homelessness within the city compared to 2024, representing nearly 600

fewer people living on Sacramento streets.

Since 2024, the city has added more than 500 shelter beds and interim housing units. The Street to Housing pilot program has also helped more than

120 people move directly from encampments into apartments.

To learn more about the city's homelessness response efforts, visit homeless.cityofsacramento.org. ★

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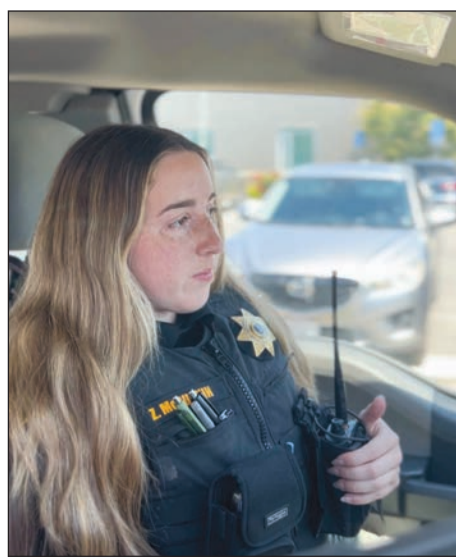
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How Persistence, Partnership and Determination Led to Justice for a Neighborhood Cat



The county recently shared a story that demonstrates the commitment of Sacramento County Animal Care Services and Sacramento County Sheriff's Office to serving justice in a case of animal cruelty against a neighborhood cat. Pictured is Lead Animal Control Officer Zoe McCurnin. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - When a Sacramento County resident contacted authorities after witnessing a horrifying act of animal cruelty captured on her home security camera, she had one hope: that justice would be served for a beloved neighborhood cat.

As of June 30, we're able to share that an arrest has been made thanks to the tireless work of Sacramento County Animal Care Services, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and one incredibly determined Animal Control officer.

Earlier this year, Sacramento County Animal Care Services received a report of a man who walked onto a resident's property, approached the front door, grabbed a neighborhood cat and brutally killed the animal. The disturbing incident was captured on the resident's security camera and immediately reported to both 911 and

Sacramento County Animal Care Services.

Lead Animal Control Officer Zoe McCurnin was assigned to the case.

From the beginning, Officer McCurnin believed that solving this case would require more than reviewing the original footage. After observing that the suspect appeared to be traveling on an electric scooter, she developed a theory that he likely lived nearby. Determined to identify the individual responsible, Officer McCurnin began canvassing the neighborhood, going door to door and speaking with residents who had home security cameras in hopes of piecing together a timeline and tracking the suspect's movements.

Despite extensive efforts, the investigation initially yielded few answers.

Then, approximately two weeks later, the suspect returned to the same home at nearly the same time of day and was once again captured on security footage.

Recognizing an opportunity, Officer McCurnin requested to conduct surveillance in the area. In the early morning hours, she returned to the neighborhood and observed an individual riding an electric scooter who matched the suspect's description.

Throughout the investigation, Sacramento County Animal Care Services had been working closely with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. Officer McCurnin immediately contacted her law enforcement partners, who were able to follow the suspect, identify where he lived and worked, and begin the process of obtaining a search warrant.

The coordinated efforts between Animal Care Services and the Sheriff's Office led investigators to evidence that supported an arrest, bringing a significant and emotional case to a successful conclusion.

This arrest represents more than the resolution of a criminal investigation. It is a

reminder that acts of animal cruelty are taken seriously and that collaboration, persistence and community involvement can make all the difference.

If you witness suspected animal cruelty or neglect, please report it to 311. ★

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Making Every Beat Count

Metro Fire strengthens the chain of survival with HeartSafe Community initiative

By Omella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - When every second counts, Sacramento Metro Fire wants more neighbors ready to answer the call.

A 19-year-old heard an alert on his phone, jumped on his e-bike and raced to a nearby park. Someone was in cardiac arrest. Before paramedics arrived, he began CPR.

For Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District officials, that response represents exactly what they hope to build across the region: a community where ordinary residents are prepared to help save a life.

Through its HeartSafe Community initiative and Citizen Responders Project, Sacramento Metro Fire is working to improve survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest by expanding access to automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, increasing CPR training and encouraging residents to use the PulsePoint AED app.

"Before any professional is actually helping, that is when the majority of people are dying," said Capt. James Ellis, who helps lead the initiative. "The biggest bang for our buck, the thing that you can do to save most lives, is that time period from the incident until we get on scene."

The effort officially launched in 2025, but Ellis said the idea began years earlier after his cousin survived a cardiac arrest



In November, the Cordova Recreation & Park District and Sacramento Metro Fire celebrated the installation of the district's first publicly accessible AED cabinet at Hagan Community Park. Photo courtesy of the Cordova Recreation & Park District

while working as a white-water rafting guide on the American River.

"He recognized something was wrong, grabbed an AED from his raft and collapsed moments later. Crew members performed CPR and used the device to restart his heart," said Ellis.

The experience led Ellis to explore why AEDs were often locked inside buildings and unavailable when parks and public spaces were closed. As he researched solutions, he discovered the national HeartSafe Community model and realized Sacramento could benefit from a coordinated approach.

At the same time, Metro Fire data showed cardiac arrest survival rates in the greater Sacramento region were below the national average.

Metro Fire formed a working group that includes Ellis, Community Relations Specialist April West and Director of Government

Affairs Kyle Macdonald. The team presented the concept to the district's board last fall and received strong support.

"We really do view this as an agency priority," Macdonald said. "This is something that we're excited to keep working on."

One major focus is expanding public access to AEDs. In November, the Cordova Recreation & Park District and Sacramento Metro Fire celebrated the installation of the district's first publicly accessible AED cabinet at Hagan Community Park. In May, members of Leadership Citrus Heights class also unveiled an AED at Rusch Park as part of their class project. Additional devices have since been installed at parks throughout the region.

Metro Fire currently knows of nine publicly accessible AED locations, most of them in parks, and expects that number to



Since October, Metro Fire has trained nearly 1,600 people in hands-only CPR, compared with about 100 people annually in previous years. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Metro Fire District

continue growing.

The district is also building an AED registry through the PulsePoint app. Residents can use the app to locate nearby AEDs, while trained users can receive alerts when a cardiac arrest occurs nearby.

"If we can drastically increase the number of people using the app,

we're going to increase the chance that people are going to survive," Ellis said.

Education is another key component.

Without CPR, survival chances decrease by roughly 10% every minute after a cardiac arrest. Metro Fire officials say bystander CPR can significantly

improve outcomes, and combining CPR with an AED can improve survival rates even more.

Since October, Metro Fire has trained nearly 1,600 people in hands-only CPR, compared with about 100 people annually in previous years.

"We can train anybody to do hands-only CPR in 10 minutes or less," Ellis said. Fear is often the biggest barrier, officials said.

"People are not afraid to act. They've never been in that situation. They don't know how they're going to act," Ellis said.

His message to hesitant bystanders is simple: do something.

"If somebody doesn't make that call, that person doesn't have a chance," he said. "Think about it if it's your loved one or yourself. What would you want?"

Looking ahead, Metro Fire hopes to train more residents, expand AED access in schools and neighborhoods, and eventually help communities throughout the district earn HeartSafe Community recognition.

"We know we can't do this alone," Macdonald said. "The more we can create awareness and demystify CPR and AEDs for folks, the better. This is really about helping create a safer community."

For more information and to get involved visit <https://metrofire.ca.gov/citizen-responders>. ★

Learn the Basics of Urban Biking, Scootering with Free City Classes



The city is offering residents free classes on how to confidently ride their bicycles and scooters through the streets of Sacramento's urban neighborhoods throughout the summer. No bicycle or scooter is required to attend. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Residents can build confidence riding bicycles and scooters on-street this summer through a series of free Urban Biking & Scooting 101 classes offered by the City of Sacramento.

Hosted by the City's Transportation Planning team, the classes provide practical tips for riding on the street, traveling through intersections, avoiding crashes, and enjoying the ride. No bicycle or scooter is required to attend. This class also meets the requirements for the Sidewalk Bicycling Diversion Program.

"Our goal is to make it easier for more people to feel comfortable choosing active transportation for everyday trips," said Associate Planner Liza Welsh. "These classes provide practical information

in a welcoming environment so residents can build confidence, learn about local resources, and discover new ways to get around Sacramento."

The one-hour classes cover topics including traffic laws, riding techniques, and local bicycle infrastructure throughout the city. Participants will also receive bicycle-themed giveaways while supplies last.

Summer 2026 in-person class dates include: from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 30 at Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton Blvd.; from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 23 at Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, 7400 Imagination Parkway; and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton Blvd.

A Spanish-language class will also be offered this August. Date, time and location details will be announced soon. ★

"Hosting the Urban Biking & Scooting 101 class in Spanish expands access to the city's transportation resources," said Yadira Galindo Salazar, CivicSpark fellow with the City's Transportation Planning team. "This class is designed for community members of all ages and abilities, whether they are new and looking for an introduction to bicycling or scooting, or a frequent rider in need of a refresher course."

The city also will continue to offer monthly virtual Urban Biking & Scooting 101 classes on the second Tuesday of each month.

Residents can register for an upcoming session and sign up for the Transportation Planning newsletter to receive updates on future classes, including the upcoming Spanish-language session. ★

What Sacramento Tenants, Landlords Need To Know About 2026 Rent Increase Limits



With the city's Protection Program (TPP) in effect as of July 1, tenants and landlords are encouraged to understand the new established protections and clear requirements regarding rent increases. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of Sacramento's Tenant Protection Program (TPP) establishes limits on annual rent increases for covered residential rental units. Effective July 1, the maximum allowable annual rent adjustment will be 8.6% for covered rental units.

The Sacramento Tenant Protection Act, adopted by the City Council in 2019, establishes tenant protections by providing pre-eviction safeguards, limiting rent increases, and setting clear requirements for landlords.

"Changes to rent can have a significant impact on both tenants and housing providers," said Bridget Casey, program manager in the Community Development Department.

"Our goal is to help the community understand how the annual rent adjustment is calculated and ensure everyone has access to accurate information about the Tenant Protection Program."

The annual rent adjustment is based on a formula established in the TPP

that combines a 5% base increase with the annual change in the California Consumer Price Index (CPI). For 2026, the California Department of Industrial Relations reported a 3.6% increase in the April CPI, resulting in the 8.6% maximum adjustment.

Under the TPP, landlords of covered rental units may not increase rent by more than the annual adjustment maximum or more than once every 12 months.

Eligible tenants who have lived in a covered rental unit for more than 12 months and one day are protected from eviction unless a "just cause" reason exists under Sacramento City Code Chapter 5.156.090. Tenants cannot waive these protections.

Landlords who violate the annual rent adjustment requirements may be subject to administrative penalties of up to \$25,000.

For more information about annual rent adjustment limits, tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities, or whether a rental unit is covered by the Tenant Protection Program, visit the City's website, call 916-808-8121 or email tpp@cityofsacramento.org. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Darius Acuff Debut

By V.G. Harris

A new era has begun, and Darius Acuff Jr. will be a focal point in that new era.

Beginning with a rousing 79-76 victory on the Fourth of July over the visiting Nets, Darius Acuff Jr. received by far the most rousing applause from a frenetic Golden One crowd poised to see what the future will look like.

A lot of pressure on young Darius produced a shot that wasn't falling, and after one quarter Acuff missed all but one shot from the field and contributed a paltry three points.

But this crowd was inspired, and as it turns out, so was Darius. Putting doubters to rest, Darius showcased excellent ball handling skills throughout and exhibited court management like a veteran.

What impressed me the most as I sat and watched the Kings No. 1 draft choice in action, was his determination to get the job done, and seemingly no number of missed shots was going to deter him.

Playing alongside older and more experienced players, this young 19-year-old looked like a much older player as he simply put his head down and refused to quit.

The Nets led this game nearly the entire way, but with less than three minutes to play, Acuff sank his first NBA 3-pointer, and would prove to be the margin of victory.

Last year's No. 1 draft choice Nique Clifford made the deciding bucket with a "nothing but net" three-pointer on an assist from Acuff, but without a doubt Darius had made his presence felt, and his first NBA action ended with a win.

Criticized to some degree for his lack of defense coming in, Acuff showed a natural ability and even looked comfortable on the defensive end of the court.

Overall, the Kings fans were treated to an NBA debut that few will forget, and in spite of not having his best shooting night, Acuff finished the contest with a game high 25 points.

Not to be lost in all of this drama was the electric play of Dylan Cardwell, who picked up where he left off from last year, and kept the Kings in the game with his high intensity

play. Without question, Cardwell is an intrinsic key into the success of this year's team, and his joy for the game is contagious and enthusiastic.

Stepping from the shadows was the almost forgotten man, 45th in the draft Emanuel Sharp, who added a well received 13 points and played a brand of defense the Sacramento Kings have been hoping to see for ages.

Defense seemed to come naturally for young Sharp, and he seemed to be everywhere at once. At 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds., Emanuel looked every bit of the NBA ready guard he appears to be, and what a welcome sight that is for a team that has struggled with defense like few other teams.

Although Alex Karaban did not see action due to a rolled ankle, both Acuff and Sharp carried the day and opened more than a few eyes, as the Kings did something that the Sacramento fans saw little of a year ago. They actually closed out a game.

The second game of summer league saw the Kings face their archrival, the Golden State Warriors, and although Darius Acuff was given the night off, once again Emanuel Sharp came to play, and just as the Kings had done the night before, they came from behind to post a solid 91-85 victory.

The final game at Golden One will take place on Monday night, and I expect to see Darius Acuff back in action. Look for attendance to be good as Kings fans are feeling the crescendo that is taking place with a bevy of rookies that are vying for a spot of the big squad.

It's hard to wish for more positivity than this young squad has presented to the Sacramento faithful in the first two games, but if you haven't been paying close attention so far, it's not too soon to get excited.

These guys don't like to lose, and that kind of energy is contagious.

Now surround them with the likes of Domantas Sabonis, Keegan Murray and Zach Lavine, and watch the temperature go up.

The real question is how many times will this new unit light the beam this year?

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the fun is just getting started!

All the best!

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California Voters will Decide 14 Ballot Measures, Billionaire Tax Included. There Could've Been More



By Dan Walters,
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When California voters in 1978 passed Proposition 13, the iconic property tax limitation, they simultaneously rejected Proposition 8, which had been placed on the ballot by the Legislature as an alternate tax relief measure. While Prop. 13 flatly limited property taxes, Prop. 8 merely empowered the Legislature to lower property taxes on owner-occupied homes.

It may have been the first use of a campaign tactic that later became known as a "countermeasure." Rather than just oppose a measure, a rival interest group could place its own measure on the ballot, thus muddying the waters. Voters would either choose between the two or be confused enough to reject both.

A classic example occurred in 2022 when California's casino-owning Indian tribes proposed a measure to give them a virtual monopoly on sports wagering and digital sports betting companies countered with a measure of their own. Hundreds of millions of dollars were raised for the rival measures and voters rejected both, thus preserving the state's ban on sports wagering.

It also exemplified another aspect of ballot measure politics: the tendency of competing interests

take their issues to the ballot when the Legislature could not resolve them.

Over time, both trends had made the ballot measure process — rather than legislation — California's dominant method of resolving big issues.

Legislative leaders disliked being forced into a reactive role. Thus, in 2016, the Legislature changed the rules of the ballot measure game to reassert its place. It decreed that even after they had qualified for the ballot, sponsors of initiative measures could remove them up to a deadline.

Sponsors of rival qualified measures could negotiate compromises with input from legislative leaders, have them written into law and avoid very expensive pro and con campaigns.

The 14 measures that will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot were going to be as many as 20 before last-minute compromises settled three dueling measure conflicts. One pitted personal injury lawyers against ride-share companies, a second involved hospital executives and a health care union, and the third dealt with vote minimums for local taxes.

Whether the compromises make policy sense or not, contending parties got enough out of them to warrant dropping their ballot measures.

However, the most prominent ballot measure conflict — over whether California should impose a 5% wealth tax on billionaires — defied resolution. The measure, sponsored by the SEIU healthcare workers union, will be Proposition 40 and will compete with two countermeasures sponsored by billionaire Sergey

Brin and other Prop. 40 foes, Proposition 41 and Proposition 42.

They could, if passed with higher vote counts, kneecap the wealth tax.

At one point the wealth tax advocates offered to reduce its bite to 2% as a compromise, but made no headway with opponents, most prominently Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Another tax measure, sponsored by the California Teachers Association, would make permanent a temporary surtax on high-income taxpayers first enacted in 2012 — but it could get caught in the shootout over Prop. 40. Democratic legislative leaders gave it some protection with a last-minute decree that it would be appear on the ballot as Proposition 3. Thus voters will deal with it before confronting Props. 40, 41 and 42 much further down the ballot.

Given its high stakes and the attention it is getting in national media, the wealth tax is destined to be not only the single most controversial ballot measure this year but probably have the most expensive dueling campaigns, possibly setting a record.

At a webinar on Tuesday covering the array of ballot measures voters will face in November, campaign consultant Tino Rossi said "the pace car (for spending) is the billionaire tax."

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 Doesn't My Social Security Record Show All My Military Earnings?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: When I look at my earnings on my Social Security account, I see that in 1955 and 1956 have no earnings. I was in the U.S. Navy as a first officer and have my DD-214 paperwork which shows my military service from Oct. 1954-Oct. 1958. My Social Security earnings record shows that I had earnings in 1954, 1957, and 1958 but doesn't show that I was paid in 1955 or 1956. Shouldn't I have received Social Security credit for all my service years? **Signed: An Older Veteran**

Dear Older Veteran: First, I want to thank you for your military service. Whether your earnings while in the military would provide you with any additional Social Security benefit depends on your career earnings after leaving military service. Here's why:

Your monthly Social Security (SS) benefit is based upon the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime (with earlier years adjusted for inflation). From those highest earning 35 years, SS develops your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (your lifetime

"AIME") which is the basis of the SS benefit you get if you claim for benefits to start at your full retirement age (FRA). So, if - after you completed your military service - you had at least 35 years of other employment where you earned more money than you did while serving, then your military pay won't affect your Social Security benefit.

FYI, Social Security payroll tax has been withheld from military pay since 1957, which is why your SS earnings record shows your military pay only for 1957 and 1958. Your SS record wouldn't show military pay prior to 1957 because you didn't contribute to SS from your military pay during those years. The earnings you see in your SS earnings record for 1954 are likely from non-military employment prior to starting active duty in October 1954.

SS does provide older veterans with "special extra credits for military service," but those credits are only a supplemental earnings amount added to your military pay record during the years you served. It is not a bonus amount added to your monthly Social Security payment; rather it is only an amount added to your military pay record used when calculating your Social Security benefit. For those who served prior to 1957, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those early service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in

the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years. They likely asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your military earnings record for each active-duty month from October 1954 through December 1956, and additional earnings credits for 1957 and 1958.

But that doesn't mean you get a special Social Security bonus for your military service. If you have at least 35 years of civilian employment after serving in the Navy, your service years would only affect your SS benefit if those military service years were among the highest paying 35 years over your entire lifetime. Click here to read more on this topic. And, again, please accept our appreciation for your service to our country.

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Trump's Three Retreats

Last month, the Department of Justice settled Donald Trump's \$10 billion suit against the IRS over the leak of his tax returns. The department agreed to create a \$1.8 billion fund for the compensation of victims of Democratic lawfare, a slush fund for his allies, presumably including Jan. 6 rioters. Faced with adverse legal rulings and opposition in the Senate, the administration abandoned the scheme that it had initially touted as a means to "right the wrongs that were previously done while ensuring this never happens again."

Then, of course, Trump signed a ceasefire with Iran that wasn't close to the "unconditional surrender" that he had once demanded. The 14-point agreement included more U.S. and Iranian concessions, and Trump admitted that the Iranian closure of the Strait of Hormuz had forced his hand.

TITLE: None of these were incidental initiatives. They all involved core commitments of this president -- to mass deportation, to turning on its head the lawfare campaign against him and to denying the Iranian regime a nuclear weapon.

They were also overreaches that displayed a heedlessness born of hubris. Trump had already driven down overall migration when he surged into Minneapolis; already pardoned the Jan. 6 rioters when his DOJ created the weaponization fund; and already struck a punishing blow against the Iranian nuclear program via Midnight Hammer when he launched Operation Epic Fury.

Trump isn't one for incremental progress toward an objective. He prefers the grand gesture and big gamble. He's drawn to the bridge too far when a drive a couple of blocks down the street would do just fine.

The worry about Trump was that he'd be unconstrained in his second term, and indeed, he's fashioned a team that is loath to tell him "no." But he's subject to checks from the other branches of government and, even more, from routine political pressures.

There was nothing that formally compelled him to remove DHS forces from Minneapolis or to relieve the military pressure on Iran, both of which were within his legitimate powers. It was the poor polling and the potential damage to Republican prospects in the midterms that obliged Trump to declare victory and go home.

The president may enjoy thinking of how he can do things that a Roman emperor never would have imagined, yet Marcus Aurelius wasn't hypersensitive to how stories were playing in the mass media, or to the latest public-opinion surveys.

As the creature of a democratic republic, Trump inherently is mindful of those considerations, which is one reason that it's been a year of retreats. Trump, surely, doesn't think of it that way. As Gen. Oliver Smith put it during the Korean War, he's merely attacking in a different direction -- although not the one he'd intended.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Area Museum Experiences

A sampling of must-see and must-do experiences and special activations offered by local museums include:

Aerospace Museum of California – As a proud partner of Blue Star Museums, active military members along with five additional guests can enjoy free admission through Labor Day (Sept. 7). Details at aerospaceca.org.

Sacramento History Museum – “Play Ball! Sacramento in the

National Pastime.” The exhibition is filled with historical baseball uniforms, bats, balls, and gloves from different time periods, along with programs, tickets, awards and trophies, an Edmonds field base, home plate and ticket box, along with scrapbooks, news articles, photos and more. Through October. Details at sachistorymuseum.org.

Crocker Art Museum – Suzanne Adan, “I’m No Spring Chicken,” through Oct. 11. Adan (born 1946) creates personal

universes that combine fantasy, popular culture and autobiography. Approximately 100 of these compelling works, in a variety of media, are included in Suzanne Adan: I’m No Spring Chicken, a retrospective assembled in her 80th year.

A native Californian, Adan was born in Woodland and raised in nearby Yolo. She earned her BA and MA from Sacramento State College in 1969 and 1971, respectively. It was there that she met her husband, sculptor Michael Stevens, and became

influenced by instructor Jim Nutt, a member of Chicago’s Hairy Who.

Details at crockerart.org.

SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity Laser Concert Series – Beastie Boys (18+ event), July 10-11.; Bad Bunny (18+ event), Aug. 7-8; Grateful Dead, Sept. 18-19. This immersive music experience, paired with spectacular full-dome lasers, is the best way to listen to your favorite artists outside of a live performance. Details at vitimosac.org.

Elks Lodge 6 Events

Greenhaven-Pocket Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November: ghpfarmers-market.com.

Sunday Morning Breakfast, 8:30-11 a.m.; \$15.

Classic Car Show, Saturday, July 18.

Sactown Swings: lessons, 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, social dance, 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 to 7 p.m. See elks6.com for weekly menu. ★

Celebrating a Century of Route 66

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“The Green Book” to help Black travelers navigate segregated America safely.

The California State Automobile Association (AAA) became well known for its travel guides, but “The Green Book” served a very different purpose. Published annually from 1936 to 1966, it provided a comprehensive guide to hotels, restaurants, gas stations and other businesses that welcomed Black travelers, offering essential information during an era when racial discrimination

was widespread. Another current display focuses on what many consider the most dangerous section of Route 66: eight miles, 191 turns and no guardrails. Sitgreaves Pass was the only route between Kingman, Arizona, and the California city of Needles. The west side plunges a dizzying 700 feet in two miles through many, many switchbacks.

In the 1940s, people often hired drivers or had their vehicles towed up the grade, usually at night in cooler temperatures.

This pass still attracts the adventurous and the curious, especially motorcycle enthusiasts and even cyclists.

The California Automobile Museum also has an excellent display about American photographer Dorothea Lange.

For more than 40 years, America’s most iconic Dust Bowl migrant remained anonymous until a reporter from The Modesto Bee found her living exactly 76 miles from where museum visitors are standing today.



This display board at the California Automobile Museum is a great place to start a tour of the Route 66 exhibit.

“Migrant Mother” was taken in 1936 at a pea pickers’ camp in California. Lange had been sent by the government to document

the struggles of migrant farm workers who came west.

Lange never asked the names of the 32-year-old

woman and her three children, but she made notes after spending 10 minutes taking seven remarkable photographs.

In 1978, reporter Emmett Corrigan tracked down Florence Owens Thompson, the previously anonymous subject, in a trailer park near Modesto.

Although many may not recognize Lange’s name or know the identity of the “Migrant Mother,” they recognize the face as a wordless testament to the hardships endured by travelers and migrants during a defining chapter of American history. ★

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California Museum Exhibitions, Events Through September Announced

California Museum News Release

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Here are the exhibitions and events facilitated by the California Museum, 1020 O St., now through September.

run from Aug. 25 to Oct. 4. From the landscapes of 250 years ago to hard-won victories like the restoration of the Klamath River, the exhibit traces the living legacy of more than 200 tribes across the state and looks ahead to radical, hopeful visions of what sovereignty and self-determination can look like on this land.

Thought-provoking, timely and deeply rooted in community, this is an exhibit for anyone ready to engage with California's past, present and future on its own terms. "Reflecting on the Land" was developed by Exhibit Envoy in partnership with California Humanities, and tours through Exhibit Envoy thanks to generous funding from the 11th Hour Project, By the People: Conversations Beyond 250 and the Weingart Foundation.

Community Appreciation Day (Free Admission)

In celebration of surpassing our Big Day of Giving fundraising target, the California Museum is offering free admission for all on Sunday, Aug. 30 during regular business hours, noon to 5 p.m.

Stop by and explore our new temporary exhibit, "Reflecting on the Land," on its opening



The California Museum, 1020 O St., announced several exhibitions and events that are happening now through September. Photo courtesy of California Museum

weekend, then explore permanent exhibits such as "Women Inspire," "California Hall of Fame" and more! Details will be posted by Aug. 1 to CaliforniaMuseum.org/Events.

Alebrije Painting Workshop

Kick off Hispanic Heritage Month in September with a hands-on alebrije painting workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 20 at the California Museum.

Led by Balam Arts, this bilingual (English/Spanish) program explores the history and folklore behind alebrijes, the fantastical, vividly painted wooden figures rooted in Zapotec tradition. Then pick your very own creature and bring it to life

with brushes, sponges and acrylic paint. You'll also take home a guide to the art and stories that have shaped Mexican culture for generations. Details will be posted by Aug. 25 at CaliforniaMuseum.org/Events.

Blue Star Museums Free Admission Through September

A collaboration between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense, the Blue Star Museums program provides free admission to all active-duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel and up to five family members from Saturday, May 16 (Armed Forces Day) through Sunday, Sept. 7

at the California Museum. Note the Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Advance ticket registration is encouraged but not required. Learn more or purchase tickets at CaliforniaMuseum.org/BlueStarMuseums.

Field Trips Fall 2026

The California Museum is now booking seven unique in-person and online field trip experiences to inspire and educate students on California's rich and diverse history and culture during the 2026-27 school year.

Bring learning to life with a one-of-a-kind interactive learning experience, aligned with state

standards. To learn more about each experience and how to book, visit CaliforniaMuseum.org/FieldTrips.

Docent On Duty

Join docents Steve Sasaki and Kris Sasaki in "Uprooted: An American Story" at designated times each month. Steve and Kris will be in the exhibit, ready to share their unique family experiences of life in the incarceration camps and returning home after World War II.

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Fourth Fridays

The California Museum invites all current California state employees to visit for free on the fourth Friday of each month from noon to 3 p.m. Free admission will be provided to the first 100 state employees with a current state employee ID badge who visit the Museum during the noon to 3 p.m. Fourth Friday timeframe. Walk-in only. Offer does not apply to advance ticket purchases. For more, visit CaliforniaMuseum.org/FourthFridays. ★

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Keep Kids Safe Around Water This Summer



As temperatures rise and families look for ways to stay cool, Sacramento County reminds parents and caregivers that water safety should be a top priority throughout the summer months. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- As temperatures rise and families look for ways to stay cool, Sacramento County reminds parents and caregivers that water safety should be a top priority throughout the summer months. Drowning is one of the leading causes of injury-related death for children, but many incidents can be prevented through awareness, preparation and active supervision.

Whether spending time at a swimming pool, lake, river, water park or even at home, it's important to take steps to stay safe. Drowning can happen quickly and quietly. An adult should always be supervising children when they are in or near water.

Parents and caregivers are

encouraged to talk with children and teens about water safety this summer. These conversations should include the importance of following safety rules, swimming with a buddy and listening to lifeguards or supervising adults.

Before spending a day on the water:

Parents should take a few minutes to make sure they are prepared. Children under 13 in Sacramento County must wear properly fitted life jackets when boating or spending time in lakes, rivers or other open water. While floatation devices and water toys can be fun, they should never replace close adult supervision or a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Start the conversation with your kids:

It's also important to talk with children about what to do around water. Remind them to stay

where adults can see them, avoid rough play near pools or waterways, and never enter the water without permission. Having these conversations before a family outing can help children make safer choices when they are excited and distracted by summer activities.

Drownings can happen in unexpected places:

Water safety discussions should not be limited to pools, lake rivers and oceans. Drownings can happen inside the home as well. Bathtubs, buckets, large containers and other sources of standing water can pose serious risks to young children. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water. Parents and caregivers should never leave infants or young children unattended around water, even for a moment.

To help keep children safe, parents and caregivers should:

Always provide close, undistracted supervision when children are in or near water.

Designate a responsible adult as a "water watcher" during gatherings and swimming activities.

Ensure pools and spas are secured with proper fencing and self-latching gates.

Use properly fitted life jackets when boating or recreating near open water.

Enroll children in age-appropriate swim lessons when possible.

Learn CPR and know how to respond in a water emergency.

Talk with children regularly about water safety rules and expectations.

Empty buckets, kiddie pools and other containers after use and store them safely.

When visiting Sacramento

County Parks:

Sacramento County Regional Parks reminds residents to use extra caution when visiting local waterways. Rivers can have strong currents, cold water temperatures and hidden hazards that make them dangerous, even for experienced swimmers. Parents should talk with children about these risks and make sure they stay in approved recreation areas. Remember: County ordinance requires that all children under 13 wear an approved life jacket before entering lakes and rivers. Life jackets are also stationed in several areas along the river.

As families enjoy the summer season, a few simple precautions and conversations can go a long way toward preventing accidents and keeping children safe while they have fun in and around the water. ★

Jacqueline White Appointed as Next County Superintendent of Schools

Longtime educational leader selected following planned retirement of Superintendent David Gordon

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Education announced June 23, the appointment of Jacqueline (Jackie) White as the next Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, effective Sept. 1. White, who currently serves as Assistant Superintendent of Court and Community Schools, Career Technical Education (CTE) and Adult Education for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), was selected by the Board by a 6-0 vote (1 absent) following a comprehensive application process and nationwide search. SCOE is one of only five county offices of education in California where the superintendent of schools is appointed by the Board, not elected.

The appointment follows the announcement by Superintendent David Gordon that he will retire in 2027 after serving more than 22 years as Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. White will assume the role of Superintendent on Sept. 1 allowing for a planned transition period with Gordon before his departure.

After Sept. 1 Superintendent Gordon will serve as a Special Advisor to the Board and Superintendent White until June 2027 to ensure continuity in fulfilling the complex responsibilities being triggered by the Sacramento City Unified School District's fiscal distress and potential insolvency. He will also assist with a smooth handoff to Superintendent White and support select strategic initiatives where his connections with local, regional and statewide leaders and partners are essential.

"The Board overwhelmingly agreed that Jacqueline White is the right leader for this moment and for the future of Sacramento County's students," said Mariana Corona Sabeniano, President, Sacramento County



Jacqueline (Jackie) White will assume the role of Superintendent on Sept. 1. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento County Office of Education

Board of Education. "While at SCOE, Jackie has led important work, and she has done it with excellence, compassion and vision. The Board is proud to elevate a leader who knows this organization, knows our communities and is deeply committed to every student we serve."

About Jacqueline White

Jacqueline (Jackie) White is an educational leader with extensive experience spanning K-12 education, Adult Education, Career Technical Education, Student Services, Arts Education and College and Career Readiness. As Assistant Superintendent for Adult and Student Programs at the Sacramento County Office of Education, she oversees programs that support students, families, schools and districts across Sacramento County, including Career Technical Education, Adult Education, Court and Community Schools, Computer Science and specialized student services.

A 20-year educator who began her

education career as a 5th/6th grade teacher in the Twin Rivers Unified School District, White has dedicated her career to educating students (children and adults) in Sacramento County. Over the course of her career, Jacqueline has served as a teacher, principal, district administrator and county leader. This broad experience has given her a deep understanding of teaching and learning, school operations, workforce development, student support systems and organizational leadership. She is known for bringing people together around shared goals and building partnerships that improve opportunities for students.

"It is the honor of my career to be selected as the next Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools," said White. "I am deeply grateful to the Board of Education for their trust and confidence, and to Superintendent Gordon for his mentorship and the remarkable organization he has built over 22 years. I have

dedicated my professional life to serving the students of Sacramento County, particularly those who face incredible obstacles. I am eager to bring that same commitment, energy and heart to this role every single day. The students and communities of Sacramento County deserve nothing less, and I am ready to get to work."

White earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics from Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga in 2001. She also has a Clear Administrative Services Credential from Sacramento County Office of Education Leadership Institute and a Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with English Language Authorization from California State University, Sacramento. Jacqueline is married and the proud mother of five children.

Honoring Superintendent David Gordon's Legacy

Superintendent David Gordon has led the Sacramento County Office of Education since 2004, dedicating more than 22 years to serving the students, educators and communities of Sacramento County. He currently serves as a Governor's appointee to the State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). Mr. Gordon has also been an active volunteer in the Sacramento area and currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sierra Health Foundation, Commissioner on the Sacramento First 5 and Vice Chair of the AVID Board of Directors.

"Superintendent Gordon has given 22 years of his life to the students, educators and families of Sacramento County, and the impact of that commitment simply cannot be overstated," said Board President Corona Sabeniano. "The Board is deeply grateful for his leadership, his integrity and his enduring dedication to this community." ★

Students Honored with Scholarships from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union has awarded \$207,750 in college scholarships to 245 students, including six from Sacramento County, through its 2026 Member Education Award scholarship program.

The program, now in its 26th year, awards students based on grade point average, rigor of coursework, letters of recommendation, community involvement, school activities

and leadership experience.

"For more than 25 years, the Member Education Award scholarship program has recognized students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and a commitment to their communities," said Josh Smith, vice president of school and community relations for SchoolsFirst FCU. "We are proud to support these outstanding Members as they continue their educational journeys and work toward achieving their goals."

The Sacramento County

recipients are as follows.

Luke Gerber of Elk Grove, CA; attending Elk Grove High School

Elianna Young of Sacramento, CA; attending Jerusalem Arise Christian Academy

Zoe Corder of Fair Oaks, CA; attending Bella Vista High School

Camden Montgomery of Sacramento, CA; attending Jesuit High School

Lillian Curtis of Sacramento, CA; attending Sacramento City College

Lexi Cloward of Galt, CA;

attending Saint Mary's High School

The scholarships help cover tuition, books and other educational expenses. All recipients are Members of SchoolsFirst FCU and must be enrolled in an accredited college or university for the upcoming fall term.

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Members and is the largest financial institution dedicated to serving school employees and their families. SchoolsFirst FCU has been named California's top credit union by Forbes for seven consecutive years and recognized by J.D. Power as the #1 Credit Union for Member Banking Satisfaction for two years in a row. With more than \$36 billion in assets, SchoolsFirst FCU is the largest credit union in California and the third largest in the United States. For more information, visit schoolsfirstfcu.org. Insured by NCUA. ★

Sacramento County Mixed Team Championship Crowns 2026 Winners

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The 2026 Sacramento County Mixed Team Championship was held Sunday, June 21 at Mather Golf Course under sunny skies and ideal playing conditions. The tournament featured coed two-player teams competing in the Chapman format. Morgan and Eric Pittman claimed Low Net honors over the field with a score of 65.5. Taylor and Quinn Baker took home Low Gross honors over the field with a round of 69.



Morgan and Eric Pittman claimed low net honors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



Taylor and Quinn Baker took home low gross honors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council

In the A Flight, Kate and Daven Phelan earned first place with a net score of 67.5. In the Flight, Tracy Callahan and Scott Pierson captured first with a net score of 67. The event was contested in the Chapman format, where each player tees off, partners then hit each other's drives, and one ball is selected to complete the hole using alternate shots. The championship was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, with Patty Mitchell serving as Tournament Chairman. Stretch Zone sponsored the tournament. ★

Nicole Tanoue Wins the 91st Sacramento City Amateur Women's Golf Championship



The Handicap Championship winner, Ramona Marshall, scored a net 146. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council



Nicole Tanoue secured the title with an outstanding gross score of 66/73/139. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council



Lynne Cowan captured the Senior Championship (ages 50-plus) title with a gross score of 144. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The 91st Sacramento City Amateur Women's Golf Championship was held June 27-28

at Bing Maloney Golf Course, drawing top amateur women golfers from across the region. In the Championship Division, Nicole Tanoue secured the title with an outstanding gross score of 66/73/139. In the

first round she had a hole-in-hole on hole No. 3. The Handicap Championship winner, Ramona Marshall, scored a net 146. Lynne Cowan captured the Senior Championship (ages 50-plus) title with a

gross score of 144. The tournament was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, with Sean Wong serving as Tournament Chairman. The Beth Hightower perpetual trophy was first awarded in 1935 to Barbara Ransom. ★

Pierre Reedy Announces Retirement



Sacramento Republic FC announced on June 29 that midfielder Pierre Reedy has elected to retire from professional soccer. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC announced on June 29 that midfielder Pierre Reedy has elected to retire from professional soccer. In conjunction with his retirement, Reedy has been released from the remainder of his contract with Republic FC by mutual consent of the club and player. Reedy notes in his farewell, "The boots may be hung up, but the friendships, lessons, and memories will stay with me forever. Thank you to everyone who's been a part of my journey. Here's to the next chapter." "We want to congratulate Pierre on a distinguished professional career and thank him for his contributions to our club this season. He has approached every day with professionalism and standout character, and we are grateful that he will forever be a part of the Indomitable Family," said Republic FC President and General Manager Tim Holt. "Pierre has an enormously bright post-playing career ahead of him and we'll be cheering him on as he begins this next chapter of his life." Reedy joined Republic FC in December 2025 after two seasons with USL League One club Spokane Velocity, where he

helped the expansion team reach back-to-back appearances in the league Final. Across all competitions, he recorded 35 appearances, four goals and five assists for Spokane. He also previously featured in USL Championship for Charleston Battery in 2023 and helped the Eastern Conference team close out the year in strong form to claim its first-ever Eastern Conference Championship. Reedy's career also includes stints with Real Salt Lake (MLS), Real Monarchs (MLS NEXT Pro) and Dundee FC (Scottish Championship). Across all competitions, he has recorded 75 appearances, four goals and six assists in his professional career. After missing much of the season due to a preseason injury, he made his Republic FC debut on June 6 and helped the club claim two points in USL Cup. After coming up through the New York Red Bulls Academy, Reedy became a three-year captain at Penn State, where he earned five All-American selections. In 2021, he was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor, one of the most prestigious student-athlete awards in the country. While in college, he also featured for USL League Two side Reading United FC and helped them reach the 2018 National Championship Final. ★

Women's Basketball Welcomes Erica Adams

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - As UC Davis women's basketball prepares for its transition to the Mountain West Conference, head coach Jennifer Gross has strengthened her staff with the hiring of former Division I student-athlete Erica Adams as an assistant coach. "We're thrilled to welcome Erica to our Aggie family!" said head coach Jennifer Gross. "From the moment we began getting to know her, it was clear that she would be a perfect fit for our staff and culture. Erica's positivity, enthusiasm and authentic approach to building relationships make her a tremendous addition to our program. She has a natural gift for connecting with people, and we're excited for the impact she'll have on our student-athletes, alumni and the entire UC Davis community." A Bay Area native from Oakland, Adams is already familiar with the Aggies after competing against UC Davis during her collegiate career at CSUN from 2023-25. As a senior, she appeared in two contests against the Aggies while also earning numerous academic honors, including recognition on the 2024 Dean's List, selection to the 2024-25 Big West Academic All-Conference Team, placement on the Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll with Highest Honors, and serving as CSUN's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee



Former Division I student-athlete Erica Adams has been hired to join the UC Davis women's basketball team as assistant coach. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

(SAAC) Co-President. Adams graduated in 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Prior to joining the Matadors, Adams spent three seasons at Pacific. As a freshman in 2020-21, she earned All-West Coast Conference Freshman Team honors after leading the Tigers with a 50 percent three-point field goal percentage. Following graduation, Adams began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Concordia University Irvine while pursuing a master's degree in organizational leadership. In her lone season with the Golden Eagles, she helped guide the program to a 14-14 record and a berth in the PacWest Conference Championships. Before her collegiate career, Adams was a standout student-athlete at California High School in San Ramon. She earned All-League honors in each of her four seasons and was named East Bay Athletic League MVP in 2020 after helping lead the program to its first league championship. Off the court, Adams gained early coaching experience working with her high school's girls basketball summer league, where she developed a passion for mentorship and leadership. "I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join head coach Jennifer Gross and the UC Davis women's basketball program," Adams said. "My experiences as a Division I student-athlete and collegiate coach have cultivated a deep passion for mentoring and empowering young women through the game of basketball. Coach Gross has built a championship culture rooted in joy, excellence and meaningful relationships, and I am honored to be part of it. I am excited to get to work, invest in our student-athletes and help continue the tradition of success at UC Davis." ★

East Sacramento Native to Complete Final 760 Miles of Five-Year Walk Across America

Walk USA for Health Equity News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - East Sacramento native Dennis Godby, ND, MA, a graduate of Sacred Heart Grammar School and a naturopathic doctor who has cared for patients in Midtown Sacramento for the past 21 years, will begin the final 760-mile leg of his five-year Walk USA for Health Equity on Aug. 24 in Bozeman, Montana.

The journey will conclude in Seattle on Sept. 24, completing approximately 3,450 miles walked across America.

Born and raised in East Sacramento, Godby, 70, says his commitment to serving others began early. His mother, Rita Godby, spent 34 years as a registered nurse at Mercy General Hospital, loving and compassionate to all, where, Godby said, "no one ever left our house without being fed, whether they were hungry or not when they arrived, and her dedication to her patients was well known." She inspired his walks and runs for justice, as she told him many times, "to stand up and be counted."

Godby became a California-licensed naturopathic doctor at age 48 and has spent more than two decades helping patients at his Midtown Sacramento practice. During the COVID-19 pandemic, national conversations about health disparities inspired him to ask himself a simple question: "What am I doing about it?"

The answer became



Pictured to the left is East Sacramento native and Midtown Sacramento naturopathic doctor Dennis Godby, who is leading a national movement for health equity by walking 760 miles. Photo courtesy of Walk USA for Health Equity

Walk USA for Health Equity, a five-year journey across America to make health equity visible and encourage conversations about why factors such as zip code, income, education, housing and access to healthcare continue to influence health and life expectancy.

Since 2022, the walk has crossed South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana. The final 760-mile leg will travel through Bozeman, Helena,

Missoula, Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Moses Lake and Ellensburg before culminating in Seattle on Sept. 24.

The journey has also included personal challenges. During the five-year project, Godby's sister, St. Francis High School graduate Mary Rita, died following an 18-year battle with ovarian cancer. After completing the second leg of the walk, Godby was unexpectedly diagnosed with severe congenital mitral valve regurgitation and underwent open-heart surgery at

Sutter Hospital. Following months of recovery and rehabilitation, he returned to training and is now preparing to complete the final leg.

"This walk," Godby said, "is about building a movement that makes health equity visible so that zip codes and discrimination no longer determine who gets to be healthy. Every person deserves a fair opportunity to achieve their highest level of health."


The Seattle finale on Sept. 24 will begin at the Northwest African

American Museum and conclude at Pier 62 on Seattle's waterfront, where healthcare professionals, students, faith communities, runners, walkers and community members are expected to gather in support of health equity.

For Sacramento residents, Godby's journey represents more than a cross-country walk. It is the story of a hometown boy whose roots in East Sacramento, education at Sacred Heart School and inspiration from his mother's morality and father's discipline have grown

into a national movement dedicated to creating healthier and more equitable communities.

Walk USA for Health Equity is a five-year grassroots movement dedicated to making health equity visible so that zip codes and discrimination no longer determine who gets to be healthy. Through public education, community engagement and cross-country walks, the initiative encourages action toward healthier and more equitable communities. ★



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