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Konnected Clothing Hosts 11th Annual Backpack Event



Approximately 1,500 backpacks will be given away at this year's Char's Konnected Back Pack Event. Photo designed by Magnific

By Abbey Wicks

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Konnected Clothing, a socially-driven, Rio Linda-based clothing line is hosting its 11th annual Char's Konnected Back Pack Event at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug 1.

The event offers free backpacks, school supplies and hair cuts to children in the Rio Linda community before the beginning of the school year. Its organizer, Tommy Hall, is Konnected Clothing co-founder and the 2025 Community Champion for Rio Linda and Elverta.

According to Hall, Konnected Clothing started with the mission of reshaping how people view formerly incarcerated individuals by providing housing and resources.

"We all have a checkered past and

do what we can nowadays to make a difference in our community," Hall said.

The annual backpack giveaway has been a longstanding tradition of the company, as Hall believes this type of work begins with providing children with the tools they need to succeed.

"Maybe they won't ever need me to help them later on when they get out of prison if we can help them get what they need for an education," Hall said.

The event has grown each year, according to Hall. Last year, 1,800 fully stocked backpacks were given away directly to kids in the community. Highlights of previous years included snow cones and donuts, as well as free haircuts by local barbers.

A donation from the Optimist Club of Sacramento cleared just in time

for this year's event, during which 1,500 backpacks will be given away. 300 backpacks were purchased by Konnected Clothing, a registered non-profit, in addition to donations.

Fishing rods will also be given out this year thanks to a community donation. "Maybe we can get some if these kids off the Xbox and out fishing," Hall said.

According to Hall, the event is named in honor of a child in the community who passed away of a fentanyl overdose.

"She loved this event, so we added her name to the top of it," Hall said. "It's gonna be done in her memory as long as I'm doing it."

Char's Konnected Back Pack Event will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 at 998 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, until supplies run out. ★

California Museum Welcomes Erin Clancey as New Executive Director

The California Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Museum is pleased to announce the appointment of Erin Clancey as the Museum's new executive director. Clancey, a visionary museum executive with over 25 years of experience shaping major cultural institutions, will assume the role in September 2026. She will be succeeding Amanda Meeker, who recently retired from her 28-year career at the California Museum.

"Erin brings an exceptional depth of knowledge and a genuine passion for making history, art and cultural experiences accessible to all," said California Museum Board of Trustees Chair, Anne Marie Petrie. "California's story is unlike any other; it's one of remarkable diversity, innovation and influence. It deserves someone who



A Davis native, Erin will be returning home after building a distinguished career in curatorial and exhibitions leadership at institutions across the country. Photo courtesy of The California Museum

understands how to bring that story to life for every visitor, and Erin is that person. We are thrilled to welcome her home to California and confident she is the right person to shape the Museum's future."

"I am honored and

thrilled for the opportunity to lead the California Museum at such an important moment in its evolution," said Erin Clancey. "The Museum is in an extraordinary position to continue telling meaningful stories about the people, ideas

and movements that have shaped our state. I look forward to working with its talented staff, board, partners and communities across California to broaden access and steward the Museum into its next chapter."

A Davis native, Erin will be returning home after building a distinguished career in curatorial and exhibitions leadership at institutions across the country. Erin currently serves as Associate Vice President of Collections & Exhibits at The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she has been based since 2017.

During her tenure, she has led a multidisciplinary team across seven divisions including exhibitions, collections, archives and digital assets and guided the interpretation of collections through tours, programs and exhibitions. Under her leadership,

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SMF Seeks Public Input to Shape Next 20 Years of Growth



The public survey is now open and takes only a few minutes to complete. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) has launched a public survey as part of its Airport Master Plan update, inviting travelers, residents and community members to share their priorities for the airport's future.

The Airport Master Plan is a comprehensive, long-range planning document that guides development and improvements over a 20-year horizon. The plan evaluates existing facilities, forecasts future passenger and aircraft activity, identifies infrastructure needs, and outlines a recommended development strategy shaped in part by input from the public.

"This master plan is about more than buildings and runways. It is about understanding what our community needs from its airport for decades to come," said Cindy Nichol, director of airports for Sacramento County. "We are asking the people who fly through SMF and live in this region to tell us what matters most to them."

The public survey is now open and takes only a few minutes to complete. Residents and travelers are encouraged to share feedback on topics including flight options, terminal amenities, parking, and accessibility.

To take the survey, visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/K78P5PJ

Public participation is a key component of the master plan. Input gathered through the survey and community outreach will help inform facility recommendations, capital improvement priorities and the airport's long-term development strategy.

The survey will remain open through Aug. 14. For more information about the SMF Airport Master Plan, visit the Department of Airports website at sacramento.aero/about/planning_design. ★

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California Museum Welcomes Erin Clancey as New Executive Director

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the museum launched a comprehensive digital collections platform that made the museum’s holdings publicly accessible for the first time.

Before joining the World War II Museum, Erin served as the Chief Curator at the Skirball Cultural Center & Museum in Los Angeles, where she oversaw a collection of more than 85,000 artifacts and led the conception and production of exhibitions spanning ancient history, the Civil Rights movement and contemporary art. She managed a multidisciplinary team of curators, registrars, exhibit designers and gallery educators and built lasting relationships with cultural institutions, scholars, donors and artists across the country.

Erin completed graduate studies in archaeology at UCLA and is currently pursuing a PhD in Art History at the University of St. Andrews. She also holds a certificate in archaeology



Since its founding in 1998, the Museum has transformed from a showplace for the California State Archives into a vibrant cultural center dedicated to sharing the lesser-told stories of the Golden State. Image courtesy of the California Museum

from Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and dual bachelor’s degrees in anthropology and psychology from UC San Diego.

Erin steps into her role at a pivotal moment for the California Museum. Since its founding in 1998, the Museum has transformed from a showplace for the California State Archives

into a vibrant cultural center dedicated to sharing the lesser-told stories of the Golden State. With attendance and programming continuing to expand every year, Erin’s vision for accessible and dynamic storytelling is poised to build on that momentum and open an exciting new era for the Museum. ★

Twin Rivers Unified Earns National Procurement Award

Twin Rivers Unified School District News Release

MCCLELLAN PARK, CA (MPG) - Twin Rivers Unified School District has earned the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award — a national and international honor recognizing organizations that demonstrate excellence in public procurement. Twin Rivers is one of only four California school districts and just 59 public agencies across the state to receive this year’s award from the National Procurement Institute, Inc.

That distinction puts Twin Rivers among the top procurement organizations in California and highlights the work of a team that has spent years making a behind-the-scenes function work better for schools, staff and students.

The district’s Purchasing and



Warehouse Services department has transformed the way purchasing happens across Twin Rivers. By replacing paper-based processes with a fully electronic procurement system, the department has made purchasing more efficient, strengthened accountability, expanded opportunities for cooperative purchasing, and helped ensure district resources are used wisely.

“Our Purchasing and Warehouse Services team may work behind the scenes, but the impact of their work is felt throughout our schools every day,” said Francine Brissey, director of purchasing and warehouse services. “We’re proud of what our team has accomplished and the difference it makes for our schools. Their commitment to improving systems, streamlining processes, and finding better ways to serve our staff helps ensure our schools have the resources they need while being responsible stewards of public funds.”

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award recognizes organizations that demonstrate strong leadership, innovation, productivity, professional development and the effective use of technology to improve procurement practices. ★

Wheelchairs, Medical Equipment for Veterans

By Abbey Wicks

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Veterans of All Wars in West Sacramento have a growing supply of medical equipment including wheelchairs, crutches and walkers available to veterans and their families across the greater Sacramento region.

The nonprofit specializes in getting medical equipment to veterans in need. The club is not affiliated with Veterans of Foreign Wars, according to Carl Zagar, treasurer. The group offers services to any veterans, not just those who served in combat.

Their stock of medical

equipment is piling up in their West Sacramento storage facility, Zagar said. The club’s current supply also includes a limited number of electric carts.

Interested individuals can contact Carl Zagar at zegarcarl@gmail.com and indicate what type of equipment they are interested in. Equipment can be picked up from the group’s West Sacramento location; deliveries are possible if necessary.

Donations of medical equipment are accepted year-round. Monetary donations to the Veterans of All Wars can be mailed to PO Box 53, West Sacramento, CA 95691. ★



Veterans of All Wars have a growing supply of medical equipment available for veterans in the greater Sacramento region. Photo courtesy of Carl Zagar



Wildfire Mitigation Tool Threatened as Goat Herder Wage Soars to \$240k

California’s minimum wage for goat herders quadrupled this month due to a shift in the state’s interpretation of its labor code and the expiration of a temporary solution. As of July 1, employees who graze goats on fire-prone landscapes will earn \$240,000 a year, according to an estimate by the California Farm Bureau. The regulatory accident, which unintentionally differentiated sheepherders from goat herders, could soon have real consequences. If the mistake is not fixed, ranchers said that within weeks they will be forced to shut down their businesses and sell off tens of thousands of animals. They said the loss of goats could result in hundreds of herders losing their jobs, and it could cripple one of the primary tools California uses to reduce wildfire fuels. “We will ship all the goats out of California and have them slaughtered,” said Robert McGrew, vice president and CEO of Dixon-based vegetation management company Ecosystem Concepts Inc. in Solano County.

Growers Look to Grafted Watermelons to Battle Pests

There is increasing interest among California farmers in seedless watermelon production using scion varieties grafted onto hardy rootstocks, according to researchers and plant nurseries. By grafting a desirable fruit-producing scion onto a rootstock that’s resistant to soil-borne pathogens, producers can sustainably manage pests

without a yield or quality loss. Hande Saganak, who is responsible for grafting at California Masterplant, a wholesale nursery near Tracy, said she’s definitely seen increased grower interest. “It’s been growing really fast,” she said. “It seems we have producers that don’t want to go back to regular plants again.” University of California Cooperative Extension vegetable farm adviser Zheng Wang estimated about 3,000 of the state’s approximately 10,000 acres of seedless watermelons were grafted this year. Driving the growth are the increasing costs and reduced availability of fumigation.

From the Fields: Table Grape Harvest Kicks Off in Kern County

California table grapes have begun arriving in grocery stores after harvest got off to an early start in the San Joaquin Valley. “Normally, I don’t start harvesting Flame grapes until around the Fourth of July and the green grapes about a week later. This year, I’m almost finished with the green grapes, so we started about two weeks earlier than normal,” Kern County grower Mark Hall said in a field report earlier this month. “We’re the first grapes in the San Joaquin Valley because it’s a little warmer down here at the southern end of the valley. We like to harvest early and get our fruit off before the market gets flooded with grapes from the rest of the growing regions. The warm weather early in the season brought the crop on ahead of schedule, but it wasn’t excessively hot.” ★

Community Invited to Celebrate California Admission Day

California State Capitol Volunteer Association News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Visitors to the California State Capitol in downtown Sacramento on California Admission Day, Wednesday, Sept. 9, are in for a special treat. The California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association invites the community to celebrate California’s 176th birthday, which is known as Admission Day. California entered the Union on Sept. 9, 1850, and became the 31st state.

The community is invited to commemorate this special date for the Golden State with free cake and ice cream (while supplies last), served by volunteers dressed in historic attire. Attendees will also enjoy entertaining live music performed by the Capitol’s ukulele group playing songs from the 1850s. The fun,



Commemorate this special date for the Golden State with free cake and ice cream! Photo courtesy of the California State Capitol Volunteer Association

free and family-friendly event runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and takes place on the west steps of the State Capitol Building.

The California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association (CSCMVA) is a volunteer cooperating association partnering with the California State Parks to promote educational and interpretive activities at the California State Capitol Museum. Information about volunteering is available at www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov/about/volunteer. And, for more information about the California State Capitol Museum, call 916-324-0333 or visit capitolmuseum.ca.gov. ★

Sacramento Suburban Water District Opens Vacant Buildings for Rare Firefighter Training Before Demolition

Sacramento Suburban Water District News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Before demolishing two vacant District-owned buildings, Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) partnered with the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire) to transform the site into a unique hands-on training environment for firefighters.

The buildings provided Metro Fire crews with the opportunity to practice critical emergency response skills in actual structures. Over multiple training sessions, firefighters conducted search-and-rescue operations in smoke-filled conditions, practiced forcible entry through security bars, performed rooftop ventilation cuts, established water supplies from nearby fire hydrants and simulated fire suppression under realistic conditions.

Metro Fire first approached SSWD in March, seeking permission to use the boarded-up site for non-destructive structure-fire drills. SSWD agreed and coordinated site access, hydrant availability, security and staff support. Metro Fire conducted an initial multi-company



Metro Fire's partnership with SSWD is one of the most critical relationships, working together to protect the community. Photo courtesy of Mer Carty/Sacramento Suburban Water District

drill in April. Both agencies then began planning more advanced, destructive training once asbestos abatement was complete and the buildings were cleared for use.

“Our partnership with Metro Fire is one of our critical relationships,” said SSWD General Manager Dan York. “SSWD works with Metro Fire to maintain and provide water service to over 6,500 fire hydrants throughout our district. Being able to utilize these buildings to help in their training is another way we are working

together to protect our community.”

By making the property available to Metro Fire, SSWD helped firefighters gain experience in real-world incidents and put a public asset to productive community use.

“Training in acquired structures gives our firefighters the opportunity to practice in conditions that closely resemble actual emergencies,” said Metro Fire Public Information Officer Captain Mark Nunez. “Every realistic training opportunity helps crews sharpen the skills

they’ll rely on when someone calls 911.”

Fire crews practiced search-and-rescue operations in smoke-filled conditions, forcible entry through security bars, roof operations, including vertical ventilation cuts, door breaches and extinguishing fires under simulated fire conditions. The training provided fire crews with a rare opportunity to practice these realistic skills and techniques under conditions similar to those when a building is on fire.

SSWD’s partnership with Metro Fire demonstrates how local public agencies work closely to strengthen emergency preparedness and protect the communities they serve, and how even an old, used asset can be put to productive use before demolition.



Fire crews practiced search-and-rescue operations in smoke-filled conditions, forcible entry through security bars, roof operations, including vertical ventilation cuts, door breaches and extinguishing fires under simulated fire conditions. Photo courtesy of Mer Carty/Sacramento Suburban Water District



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Making Affordability Work: How Builder Incentives Help Buyers Get into New Homes

By President of the North State Building Industry Association, Tim Murphy

Ask prospective homebuyers about the biggest challenge they face today, and you’ll probably hear the same answer: affordability.

Higher mortgage interest rates have certainly made buying a home more expensive, but they are only part of the equation. The cost of land, labor and building materials has increased significantly in recent years. Government fees and regulatory costs now average more than \$100,000 on every new home built in the Sacramento region. Together, those factors have pushed the price of housing beyond the reach of many families.

Homebuilders can’t control most of those costs. They can’t set interest rates, reduce permit fees or eliminate regulations that add thousands of dollars to every home.

What they can do is find creative ways to help buyers overcome today’s affordability challenges. And that’s exactly what many builders are doing.

The most visible example is mortgage rate buydowns. Working with preferred lenders, builders often subsidize interest rates, allowing qualified buyers to finance a home at rates well below current market levels. Depending on the community and the promotion, those lower rates may apply during the first year or two of the loan or even for its full term.

At first glance, some buyers might wonder why builders don’t simply lower the home’s price instead.

The answer is surprisingly simple: lowering the monthly payment usually provides much more value.



Financing incentives have become an effective affordability tool. They help buyers qualify for a loan, make monthly budgeting easier and preserve the home’s long-term value. Photo courtesy of Magnific

Consider a buyer financing a \$500,000 mortgage. A two-percentage-point reduction in the interest rate can lower the monthly payment by hundreds of dollars. Over the first several years of the loan, those savings can easily exceed the benefit of a modest reduction in the purchase price.

That’s why financing incentives have become such an effective affordability tool. They help buyers qualify for a loan, make monthly budgeting easier and preserve the home’s long-term value. Simply cutting the sales price has a much smaller effect on the monthly payment while also influencing future appraisals and comparable sales throughout a neighborhood.

Financing, however, is only one item in builders’ affordability toolbox.

Many builders are also paying some or all of buyers’ closing costs, offering credits toward upgraded flooring, countertops and appliances, including smart-home technology, or waiving lot premiums. Buyers shopping for quick move-in homes often find additional incentives as builders work to sell completed inventory and begin construction on the next phase of a community.

Taken together, these incentives can reduce both

the cash needed at closing and the ongoing monthly cost of homeownership. For many buyers, that’s the difference between continuing to rent and finally purchasing a home.

Of course, incentives are not a permanent solution to California’s affordability challenges. While current interest rates are historically about average, affordability could be greatly enhanced by reducing the cost of producing housing in the first place. That means addressing excessive government fees, streamlining the permitting process and removing unnecessary regulatory barriers that make every new home more expensive before construction even begins.

Until those reforms occur, builder incentives are helping bridge the gap. They don’t eliminate the affordability challenge, but they are making homeownership possible for many families who otherwise might believe buying a new home is out of reach.

So if you’ve considered buying a new home but haven’t thought it was possible, take a look at some of the 200 new home communities in our region and talk to a few builders. You may find that the home of your dreams is more affordable than you think.

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Local Museums Offer Ways to Enrich the Lazy Days of Summer with Plenty of Must-See and Must-Do Experiences

Sacramento Area Museums News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Greater Sacramento region is rich with museums and popular destinations that offer plenty of must-see and must-do experiences to explore before summertime makes way for a busy fall season. The community is encouraged to show support for local museums by making plans to visit favorite locations (or discovering new ones).

The California Automobile Museum is revving up summertime evenings by participating in the monthly Third Thursday program happening throughout the Old Sacramento Waterfront. Guests will get an exclusive chance to explore the “Route 66: California Dreamin” exhibit by the light of the neon moon, celebrating the Mother Road through the lens of 100 years of history, plus admissions are half-off. In addition, there will be special activities for kids and adults 21 plus can tap into an exclusive drink selection for sale (with one free drink ticket per entry.) For more details, visit www.calautomuseum.org/thirdthursdays.

Make plans to experience “Reflecting on the Land,” a powerful new exhibit making its debut Aug. 21 at the California Museum. Highlighting the voices, knowledge and visions of California's Indigenous peoples, the exhibit will challenge visitors to reckon with the stories that have shaped our understanding of this land, and those that have been left out. 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”



An incredible “Play Ball! Sacramento in the National Pastime” exhibit is on display now at the Sacramento History Museum and is filled with historical baseball uniforms, bats, balls and gloves from different time periods and more! Photo courtesy of the Sacramento History Museum

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. Additional details will be posted Aug. 6 at www.californiamuseum.org/exhibitions/temporary/

The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation is fun for all ages and is a great – and fully air-conditioned – place to see an impressive collection of rail equipment, historic locomotives, compelling exhibits, toy trains and more. Plus, a tried-and-true summertime favorite experience is a weekend excursion train ride pulled by an authentic, historic locomotive – either Granite Rock 10 steam locomotive or a historic diesel engine (motive power subject to change without notice.) The memorable experience offers guests the chance to enjoy train travel from an earlier era. For more details about the Museum Mixer, weekend excursion train rides and visiting the museum, visit www.californiarailroad.museum.

At the Crocker Art Museum the community is encouraged to experience the final Summer Family Friday of the season on Aug. 7 from 10:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. This fun-filled morning includes an art and performance extravaganza geared for kids ages 3-12, and the adults who tag along with them. Activities include hands-on art making, sensory activities and special shows from local musicians and a performing arts group. More details are available at www.crockerart.org/events/4722/summer-family-friday-4722. Plus, iconic rom coms will be screened in the Crocker's outdoor courtyard against the Teel Family Pavilion's iconic architecture on Aug. 20; closing the summer series are “Dirty Dancing” and “Clueless.” For more, visit www.crockerart.org/events/series/movies-off-the-wall.

Get ready to savor a lively night at Fairytale Town during a special, end-of-summer Tales and Ales Brewfest on Aug. 22. Local craft breweries from throughout Sacramento

and Northern California will be in the park pouring unlimited tastes while live musicians perform on the Mother Goose Stage. Plus, children will enjoy complimentary root beer floats and hands-on activities in Mr. McGregor’s Garden. Local food trucks will be on-site with food and beverages available for sale and there will be a raffle with exciting prizes. Tales & Ales is an all-ages fundraiser with proceeds supporting Fairytale Town’s education programs and park improvements. For more information visit www.fairytaletown.org/calendar/tales-ales-brewfest-2/

The SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity offers an opportunity to experience favorite musical artists like never before. The UC Davis Multiverse Theater at MOSAC is thrilled to present a music laser series to the planetarium – including a Bad Bunny Laser Concert on August 7-8. The immersive music experience, paired with spectacular full-dome lasers, is the best way to listen to favorite artists outside of a live performance. With

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Always free and open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Museum of Medical History is also open on Second Saturdays (for the same time hours), monthly through September. Guests will journey through time and learn about medical treatment during California's Gold Rush, the flu pandemic of 1918, Prohibition-era medicine, Polio and its groundbreaking vaccine, modern advances in cardiology, radiology, surgery and so much more. Reservations are not required, and physician docents will be onsite giving tours and interpretation of the hundreds of artifacts in the Museum's collection. For more information visit www.museumofmedicalhistory.org.

Baseball and summertime go hand-in-glove especially at the Sacramento History Museum. An incredible “Play Ball! Sacramento in the National Pastime” exhibit is on display now and 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. “Play Ball!” tells the fascinating and fun story of Sacramento’s 175-year baseball history, stretching from the early days of the Gold Rush to the latest inning at Sutter Health Park just across the Sacramento River. For more details about the exhibit and Baseball Talk activation, visit <https://sachistorymuseum.org/>

For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, like them on Facebook, follow on Instagram @SacMuseums or visit www.SacMuseums.org. ★

EMD and Food Safety Take Center Stage at State Fair



Food safety inspections help reduce the risk of foodborne illness by ensuring vendors follow safe food handling practices. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) is conducting food safety inspections throughout the California State Fair to help ensure the fair's more than 150 food vendors are serving food safely.

From corn dogs and funnel cakes to barbecue, fresh lemonade and specialty desserts, every temporary food facility at the fair must meet the same food safety standards as restaurants operating year-round in Sacramento County.

“Fairgoers should be able to enjoy their favorite foods with confidence,” said Rolando Villareal, Environmental Health Division Chief. “Our inspectors work closely with vendors before and throughout the fair to verify safe food handling practices, proper cooking and holding temperatures and compliance with California's food safety regulations.”

Wondering how Sacramento County keeps food served at the California State Fair safe? Inspectors verify that vendors are keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold, preparing food safely and in compliance with California Retail Food Code,

washing hands properly, using food from approved sources and maintaining safe water supplies and proper wastewater disposal.

Environmental health inspectors conduct routine and unannounced inspections throughout the California State Fair. They also investigate food-related complaints and provide education to vendors to help maintain safe food handling practices.

EMD inspectors work directly with vendors to correct violations. Depending on the severity of the issue, inspectors may require immediate corrective action or temporarily suspend food service

until the violation is resolved to protect public health.

Food safety inspections help reduce the risk of foodborne illness by ensuring vendors follow safe food handling practices. Regular inspections help protect the hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend the California State Fair each year.

The 2026 California State Fair opened July 17 and runs through Aug. 2 at Cal Expo. EMD inspectors will remain on-site throughout the event to help protect public health and ensure food vendors continue meeting California food safety standards. ★

City of Sacramento Police Department News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, July 14, just before 12:30 a.m., Sacramento Police Department officers responded to reports of an assault with a weapon in the 3500 block of 5th Avenue.

Responding officers located an adult male victim with at least one stab wound. Despite lifesaving measures, the victim was pronounced deceased on scene. An adult male suspect was detained on scene.

Due to the circumstances, Homicide Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators responded to take over the investigation. They processed the scene, collected evidence and interviewed witnesses. The circumstances of the incident remain under investigation.

The suspect, 21-year-old Maximus Morgan of Sacramento, was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on homicide related charges.

The Sacramento County Coroner’s Office will

release the identity of the deceased after next-of-kin have been notified.

The Sacramento Police Department encourages any witnesses with information regarding this investigation to contact the dispatch center at 916-808-5471 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at 916-443-HELP (4357).

Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000. Anonymous tips can also be submitted using the free “P3 Tips” smartphone app. ★

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41. Of low pH

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A Stellar Summer League

By V.G. Harris

Well, Kings fans, the 2026 NBA summer league is officially over, and the No. 1 draft choice of the Golden State Warriors, Yaxel Lendeborg, shined as he led the Warriors to the 2026 championship over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Lendeborg was only the second player to ever play in an NCAA championship and an NBA summer league championship in the same year. The other player? None other than Davion Mitchell in 2021.

Still a sore spot with me, trading Davion away for basically nothing will go down as one of the dumbest moves the Sacramento Kings have ever made.

But on to the more positive parts of this year’s summer league.

The Sacramento Kings got what they were hoping for and so did the Kings faithful. Coming out of the gate strong in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena, Sacramento treated their fans to back-to-back victories and showcased their No. 1 draft choice Daius Acuff jr.

Darius did not disappoint, averaging 19 points and 4.6 assists throughout, and although his field goal percentage of 35% was less than desirable, Darius comported himself admirably, and considering the hype and his age, I give Darius a B++ for his summer league effort.

At only 19 years of age, Darius showed up and gave the Sacramento fans plenty to cheer for, and without a doubt Golden One will be filled to the brim with the start of the preseason to see what this young baller can bring to this young team.

Not to be overlooked are three players that stood out and surprised many fans. Drafted late in the first round, Emanuel Sharp showed Kings fans why GM Scott Perry traded down to snatch this young guard who shined in every aspect on both ends of the floor.

Sharp scored 15.7 points per contest, boasting 2.6 steals and three rebounds, while looking more like an NBA veteran than the rookie he is. Look for Sharp to make a significant contribution to the full squad in the upcoming season.

Likewise, newcomer Jonathan Mogbo made a splash as he seemed to be all over the court and gave the Kings a much-needed defensive

effort in the paint. At six-foot-nine and 225 pounds, Mogbo is a great complement to crowd favorite Dylan Cardwell, and suddenly an area of great concern appears to be getting noticeably better.

The Kings are looking balanced for the first time in memory, as their once weak backcourt is showing up and giving fans a real reason for optimism.

One player that every Kings fan should be watching with real excitement is rookie Marquel Sutton who at six-foot-nine and 225 pounds came out of nowhere to literally steal the show. Marquel showed an aptitude for not only rebounding and low post scoring but had no problems hoisting the threes with regularity.

Will Dylan take a big step forward this year and not only help Domantas Sabonis on the boards but add to the scoring column as well?

Dylan has had his troubles scoring down low and hasn’t much of a midrange game, but can he improve in this area and learn to shoot free throws? He needs to, and as much as he represents a crowd favorite, he has the ability to energize the team as well with his tenacious defense and crowd-pleasing enthusiasm.

Fans buy tickets to see players like Cardwell perform, but the name of the game is “getting better.”

The same is true for Keegan Murray who is about to embark on his fifth NBA season, and after a tepid season last year when he was rarely on the court due to injuries, Keegan needs to find his stroke and become the player the Kings have always believed he can be.

Everyone is rooting for Keegan, but 2026-27 becomes a critical time for Keegan to demonstrate why he was a first round draft pick, and another season like the last one will likely end his time in Sacramento.

Have heart Kings fans and get ready to do some significant hand clapping because there is reason to celebrate and we’re just getting started.

What will a healthy Sacramento Kings team look like and can some of the young veterans up their game. That’s why we buy tickets, and although the pundits are already predicting a less than stellar year for Sacramento, I remain the eternal optimist.

All the best! ★

Does Crowning California’s Governor the Education Czar Mean Academic Results Will Improve?



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

In late June, after only a few minutes of discussion, both houses of the Legislature completely overhauled how California manages the nation’s largest public school system and its nearly 6 million students.

The votes for Assembly Bill 181 — 21-4 in the Senate and 52-4 in the Assembly — reflected a bipartisan consensus, rare for major issues, that the system has been failing California’s children. The votes were based on an implicit, perhaps even desperate, hope that streamlining administration might raise the state’s mediocre levels of academic achievement.

The measure demotes the elected state superintendent of schools from the head of the state Department of Education to a member of the state school board and replaces the superintendent with an “education commissioner” appointed by the governor.

Assemblywoman Darshana Patel, a San Diego Democrat, research scientist and local school board member, cogently expressed that hope during the Assembly’s brief floor debate.

“We can’t keep doing the same thing and expect different outcomes for our students, our schools and our communities. They are the ones who are the real victims of this misalignment of our systems and structures,” she said,

adding, “The proposal before you today would promote a more coherent policy making. The change will allow policy makers and the public to hold the governor accountable for educational outcomes.”

The last sentence of her remarks is the key element. While the governor has always been an important member of California’s complex education leadership structure, the multitude of other participants has made it easy to pass the buck when academic test results and other measures expose academic shortcomings.

Suddenly undoing many decades of managerial status quo, as first proposed in Gov. Gavin Newsom’s state of the state address last January, is a remarkable feat unto itself. Doing so over the opposition of the California Teachers Association elevates it to a minor political miracle.

“The proposal would divert attention away from the real needs of students and schools by introducing a significant governance change that is both unnecessary and counterproductive,” the powerful union wrote in a statement before AB 181’s approval. “This proposal does nothing to improve student outcomes or strengthen public education.”

For decades, the teachers association and other education unions have easily gotten their favored candidates for state superintendent elected. And those chosen officials have faithfully echoed the unions’ position that the key to increasing outcomes is allocating more money.

School funding has increased sharply since the turn of the century, but test scores have not followed suit. Some categories, such as elementary school reading levels, remain embarrassingly low.

The first hint that change was on the table came late last year, when Policy Analysis for California Education, a consortium of education faculty at five major universities, issued a lengthy critique of the current system. The report said California’s complicated mélange of state and local authority “often results in overlapping responsibilities, fragmented authority, and challenges in ensuring streamlined decision-making.”

By design, the consortium’s recommendations closely resembled Newsom’s proposal and the final legislation.

The obvious question is if streamlining education governance and making the governor accountable, at least on paper, for academic outcomes will merely rearrange chairs on a sinking ship, or actually generate more achievement for the \$25,000-plus that the new state budget will be spending on each public school student.

California’s education establishment has been reluctant to change its mantra that more money is needed to boost results and equally reluctant to embrace improvements in instructional techniques, such as using phonics to upgrade elementary reading ability.

The onus will be on Newsom’s successor, most likely Xavier Becerra, to become the new schools sheriff in town.

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

Can my spouse file at 63 and then get half of mine when I later claim?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My spouse is 63 and I am 65. I am planning to take my Social Security benefits at age 70. Can my lower earning spouse take his own benefits now, and then - when I take my full benefits at age 70, can he then file for 50% of mine instead of the lower benefit he is getting because he claimed at age 63? **Signed: Higher Earning Spouse**

Dear Higher Earning Spouse: Yes, your lower-earning spouse can take his benefits based on his personal lifetime earnings record at any time (i.e., age 63) and, when you later claim your own SS at 70, your spouse will be evaluated to determine whether he is eligible for a “spousal boost” based on your Social Security record. But to be sure you are clear, if you claim at age 70, your spouse will not get 50% of your age 70 benefit amount.

Spousal benefits are always determined by comparing each partners’

full retirement age (FRA) entitlement and, if your spouse’s FRA entitlement is less than half of your FRA entitlement, your spouse will get a “spousal boost” to bring his monthly SS retirement payment up to what he is entitled to as your spouse. The amount of the “spousal boost” would be the difference between his FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which would be added to his own (age 63) SS retirement amount. And that means that his total benefit amount would be less than half of your age 70 amount (less also than 50% of your FRA amount, because he claimed at age 63).

One caution for your spouse to be aware of: if he is still working and claims at age 63, he will be subject to Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much he can earn before SS takes away some benefits. The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes annually) and if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 of benefits for every \$2 he is over the limit. FYI, Social Security will “take back” by withholding future benefit payments, so he will not get his benefits for some months if he exceeds the annual earnings limit. And if the

annual earnings limit is significantly exceeded, your spouse could even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits (until he either earns less or reaches his full retirement age (the earnings limit goes away when FRA is reached)).

The only way your spouse can avoid both a reduced personal benefit and the annual earnings test limitation is to wait until his own full retirement age to claim Social Security. However, if he’s not working full time and needs the Social Security money sooner, then claiming at age 63 may be a good choice. In any case, he won’t get half of your age 70 amount.

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An early period of World War II was known as “the phony war.” What we may be witnessing now in the U.S.-Iran war is the end of a “phony peace.”

The nearly five-month-long conflict has featured a couple of sham cease-fires, each marked by supposed Iranian pledges to reopen the Strait of Hormuz that came to nothing.

With the Iranians firing on shipping in the Strait again, Trump has declared the so-called memorandum of understanding signed about a month ago to be a dead letter. After lifting sanctions on Iranian oil and ending the U.S. blockade of Iranian ports, Trump has reinstituted both. He maintains that the U.S. will control the strait and, at some point, charge a 20% fee on all shipping for our trouble (a bad idea that Trump appears already to have abandoned).

It was clear a couple of days into the war that the Strait of Hormuz had become the key strategic variable and that President Trump wouldn’t easily be able to walk away from the conflict without reopening the strait again.

The MOU was an illusory means of achieving this goal via diplomacy. The problem is that we thought -- or wanted to believe -- that the agreement said the Iranians would allow unobstruct-

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ed passage again, while the Iranians thought -- or wanted to believe -- that it said they would control the strait. That the MOU was subject to these starkly divergent understandings made it a memorandum of obfuscation.

The Iranians, of course, aren’t operating in good faith, but it is a point in their favor that the MOU didn’t simply say, “There shall be freedom of navigation in the strait.” Instead, it talked of how the Iranians would “make arrangements” for ensuring “the safe passage of commercial vessels, with no charge for 60 days only.” In other words, the Iranians held the whip hand in the strait and could charge a fee for transit after a two-month interval. Furthermore, Iran would conduct dialogue with Oman “to define the future administration and maritime services in the Strait of Hormuz.”

Amazingly enough, then, a war that had started with optimistic talk of toppling the Iranian regime was ending with an agreement allowing the Iranians to figure out how to run a waterway vital to the international economy that they hadn’t controlled at the outset of the conflict.

Is it any wonder that the Iranians, who must have been stunned at the success of their gambit in the strait, have been pressing their luck? It must have emboldened them even more to hear Trump say that he was so eager for the MOU be-

cause the economic costs of Iranian disruption of the strait threatened to make him a new Herbert Hoover.

Effectively turning over the control of the strait to the Iranians -- coupled with the inconclusive U.S. war against the Houthis to try to eliminate their threat to shipping in the Red Sea -- would have been a black mark on the Trump administration’s record regarding a long-standing tenet of American grand strategy.

Freedom of navigation has always been considered essential to U.S. national security and a linchpin of global commerce. Trump is right to want to take back the Strait. The question, though, is whether he will be willing to apply enough force and have the staying power to bring a battle for the strait to a successful conclusion. The domestic politics are difficult, given that the American public is not supportive of the war and has now been repeatedly told that it is about to end with a brilliant diplomatic deal.

While we have an enormous firepower advantage, the Iranians have proven that they can disrupt the Strait with threats and a few projectiles. They aren’t going to give up their strategic windfall easily, as two bogus but highly touted peace deals now demonstrate.

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CA 95608 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “La Bou Bakery
and Cafe” 7250 Fair Oaks,
Boulevard Suite G, Carmichael,
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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Sheree R. Gingell, 8249 Olivine
Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA
95610 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“ATELIER/SHEREE” 8249
Olivine Avenue, Citrus Heights,
CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk
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ATELIER 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04788
Robin S Weck, 2074 Gray Eagle
Court, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“R.S. Weck & Associates” 2074
Gray Eagle Court, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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Yonder Creative LLC, 12200
Paint Horse Court, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95742 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Red Hare
Studio” 12200 Paint Horse
Court, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 12,
2026
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RED 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05155
Jennie Nguyen, 8456 Cortadera
Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Forever Dirty” 8456 Cortadera
Drive, Orangevale, CA
95662. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 6, 2026
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FOREVER 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05126
Mikhail Ermolaev, 7361
Huntington Square Lane
Apt 170, Citrus Heights, CA
95621 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Sakha Outdoor”
7361 Huntington Square Lane
Apt 170, Citrus Heights, CA
95621. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 2, 2026
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SAKHA 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04695
Maria Elena Garcia Perez, 8118
Prairie Hills Court, Antelope, CA
95843 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Nenas’ Cleaning” 8118 Prairie
Hills Court, Antelope, CA
95843. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 15,
2026
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NENAS 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05229
Alina Stewart, 8516 Madison
Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Sherwood Florist & Gift Shoppe”
8516 Madison Avenue, Fair
Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the
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SHERWOOD 8-7-26

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Magaly Medina Garcia,
3623 Maggie Lane, North
Highlands, CA 95660 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Chulos
Cleaning Service” 3623 Maggie
Lane, North Highlands, CA
95660. Filed with the Clerk of

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Making the Gut Punch of Inflation Personalized Just for You

By Josh Cook

Californians have suffered through a troubling period of rising consumer costs, commonly referred to as inflation. Over the past three years—June 2023 to June 2026—consumer prices have risen about 9.5% cumulatively.

If you are eager to blame bad government monetary policies, you might want to check in on the latest exploits of AI and big Tech companies. The pricing technology and market power of large retailers increasingly out-match shoppers. Two recent developments show how these tools can drive up the cost of everyday goods.

Maryland is set to become the first state to ban dynamic pricing in grocery stores. The Protection from Predatory Pricing Act, championed by Governor Wes Moore, targets the practice of adjusting prices in real time based on demand, time of day, or personal data gathered through loyalty apps and electronic shelf labels. Once signed, the law will require prices to stay fixed for at least one business day.

Questions remain, however, about loopholes and enforcement.

In California, the Attorney General’s office has released unredacted evidence in the

state’s 2022 antitrust suit against Amazon. California alleges the company illegally fixed prices by pressuring vendors and major competitors—including Target, Walmart, Chewy, Best Buy, and Home Depot—to raise prices or pull discounted products from rival platforms, protecting Amazon’s margins at consumers’ expense.

The report called the conduct “strong-arm tactics” that stifle fair pricing amid broader affordability struggles. A preliminary injunction hearing is set for July, with trial scheduled for January 2027.

Together, these cases point to a troubling pattern: new technology and market dominance allow retailers to manipulate prices quietly, and consumers foot the bill. Two people look at the same thing but get two different prices.

Assemblymember Chris Ward (D-San Diego) introduced AB 2564 on February 20, 2026, targeting “surveillance pricing” — the use of consumers’ personal data (age, gender, location, browsing history, etc.) to charge individualized prices. Ward’s efforts and Maryland’s ban and California’s lawsuit are real progress. Still, they underscore how much sustained consumer protection oversight it will take to keep “new” innovations working for the public rather than against it. ★

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It’s a small act, really -- showing up. Yet, showing up might be the most powerful thing we can do for both our own well-being and the health of our communities. Face-to-face, regularly met, is how people build trust in neighborhoods, find shared purpose and learn how to live with others who think differently.

We recently explored how joining a club, group or recurring social space can benefit you personally and strengthen a divided democracy -- one community at a time.

When we connect face to face, around things we love, regularly, and talk about things that matter, we tend to stay in relationship even when we disagree. As Robert Putnam, author of “Bowling Alone”, observed: we’ll all still meet for choir practice later. These relationships build trust and keep us accountable, hallmarks of healthy community.

First steps of anything new, especially with people we don’t already know, can feel intimidating -- yet those second and third steps, when taken regularly, settle into a feeling of home, while also having new experiences.

“I wouldn’t have known I needed it,” one bowling league member reflected. “I had friends, and that felt like enough. But they weren’t totally different from me. I wouldn’t have come to the place where I realized that’s a good thing.”

Finding, and Keeping, the Community Connection for You

Start where people are and come regularly. Whether a formal club or informal meet-up, consistency matters most. I’ve seen family-like bonds form among regulars at restaurants, weekly gym classes, farmers markets, or walkers at the same park. The key is showing up with intention -- and the courage to act when that generous thought to say hello arises. When people notice you’re not there, connection has taken root.

Look for a group at annual community events like Citrus Heights Sunday Funday or Fair Oaks Chicken Festival in September or Orangevale Open House (Jan. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Orangevale Grange). They offer a “sampling buffet” of local organizations. The menu is as wide as the community itself. Sitting in on a community council offers another look.

Websites like JustServe.org and Meetup.com list local volunteer and interest-based groups. Public libraries host a variety of regular events, for all ages and interests. Faith-based communities have study, service and social groups.

Check the fit. Healthy, sustainable groups have patterns you can spot early. Meetings happen regularly. Members are engaged, and responsibilities are shared, not shouldered or kept close, by one person. Differences are met with respect, and new members are welcomed intentionally, including their ideas. The best groups adapt as they go and stay connected to the wider community. Look for transparency, laughter, and people who follow through -- signs that people not only show up -- but want to.

Truly connecting: It can seem like community-building requires grand purpose or

complex structure. But research says otherwise. What matters most is repetition. And showing up with intention.

Trust and belonging come from repeated, low-stakes interactions. Like any relationship, community grows not through one big moment -- but through the next conversation. As one Odd Fellows Lodge member put it, “It’s not instant gratification. You have to go do stuff. Just do something small. It adds up.”

While today’s pace often feels stretched thin, regular connection builds us up to keep going. That’s why making connection a habit -- not just a hope -- is so important. And why doing so is vital. Not just for our own lives, but for our shared future.

Former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy calls this a moment of transformation: “We have to imagine being together differently... Not as an abstract idea, but here on the ground. It’s an opportunity to move from a social recession to a social revival -- powered by individuals who decide they want to invest their time and attention.”

That might mean taking risks. Showing up when it’s awkward. Trying again if we feel unseen. And loving ourselves -- and each other -- into a different way of being together.

You don’t even need to choose a new resolution. You can bring community around the one you already have. The most important resolution might be to show up somewhere, again and again, say hello -- growing better in shared resolutions, together.

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CHP Awards More Than \$41 Million to Combat Impaired Driving Across California

Funding Supports Enforcement, Education and Forensic Testing Statewide



California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) today announced more than \$41 million in grant funding for 183 California law enforcement agencies, crime laboratories, local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to strengthen efforts to prevent and reduce impaired driving.

Funding comes through the

voter-approved Proposition 64, which directs the CHP to administer grants for impaired driving education, prevention and enforcement programs. The grants also fund forensic toxicology testing at crime laboratories. Program revenue comes from taxes on cannabis and cannabis products sold in California.

“The substantial increase in grant funding this year will help even more communities keep California’s roadways safe. These grants support education, strengthen enforcement efforts

to remove impaired drivers from our roads and expand research and forensic testing to improve traffic safety across the state,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee.

The CHP awarded grants to 160 law enforcement agencies to support impaired-driving enforcement across California. In addition to enforcement operations, agencies will use the funding to train drug recognition evaluators, expand their ability to identify drug-impaired drivers and conduct public education

campaigns through community events and presentations.

The CHP awarded grants to expand public education. Twelve agencies received education grants to raise public awareness of impaired driving laws and to educate Californians about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The CHP grant funds also support improved forensic testing and advancing DUI data collection. Ten agencies received two-year toxicology crime laboratory grants to reduce forensic

testing backlogs, improve laboratory capacity and purchase or upgrade testing equipment. Additionally, one medical examiner’s office received a two-year grant to improve data collection for impaired-driving cases.

A complete list of the 2026 grant recipients is available on the CHP website. The CHP expects to open the next grant application period in early 2027. Additional information on the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program is available on the CHP website at chp.ca.gov. ★

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