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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

[Sacramento Bee: Isn't Sacramento richer if you can afford to live here? She's fighting to make it so](#)

By Marcos Breton // What if Sacramento joined San Francisco in the dismal category of pricing working class people out of decent housing? If that happened, Sacramento would lose what has always been a strength. The ability to rise above difficult circumstances through safe, stable housing has made Sacramento a better community.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

[Sacramento Bee: They are building 11,000 new homes in Folsom. But will there be enough water?](#)

By Ryan Sabalow, Dale Kasler and Tony Bizjak // It's like a new city springing to life: 11,000 homes and apartments, seven public schools, a pair of fire stations, a police station, a slew of office and commercial buildings and 1,000 acres of parks, trails and other open space. Expected population: 25,000. But will it have enough water?

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

[Sacramento Bee: How to solve California's housing crisis: Influencers have ideas](#)

By Dan Schnur // Homeowners are commuting an hour or more to find a house they can afford. Middle-class workers are crowding into San Francisco apartments with multiple roommates. Twenty-somethings are back in their bedrooms at their parents' house.

[One symptom of California's housing crisis? State agency says someone making \\$200K deserves house-buying help.](#)

By Matt Levin // When the California Housing Finance Agency was created in 1975 in Governor Jerry Brown's first term, the mission was simple: help low- and moderate-income families buy their first home. More than 40 years later, amid skyrocketing housing prices and near-record low homeownership rates, that goal is getting harder and harder to attain.

[Will stronger rent control spread across California? Here's what you need to know.](#)

By Angela Hart // California voters are set to vote this November on an initiative that would allow California cities and counties to adopt stronger rent control laws, which limit how much landlords are allowed to raise rents each year.

[CNN: Why West Coast home prices are surging](#)

By Kathryn Vasel // Prices are rising, supply is tight and competition among buyers is fierce. That's all good news for homeowners. Not so much for buyers. Home prices have risen faster than wages in many cities, creating an affordability issues for buyers — especially first timers.

HOMELESSNESS

[San Diego Union Tribune: Good weather not behind California's surge in homelessness](#)

Editorial // California's emergence as the national epicenter of America's homeless problem has made headlines for years. A December story in The New York Times noted that, while there had only been a 1 percent increase in total U.S. homelessness over the previous 12 months, there had been a "dramatic surge in West Coast cities," especially in California. With about 114,000 homeless individuals, the Golden State had more than one-quarter of the nation's total, the Times reported.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

[Los Angeles Times: California gains just 5,500 jobs in May; unemployment stays at record-low 4.2%](#)

By Andrew Khouri // The California economy cooled a bit in May as employers added just 5,500 net jobs. The unemployment rate held steady at a record low of 4.2%, according to data released Friday by the state's Employment Development Department.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

[Can't afford an apartment in California? The rest of America isn't much better](#)

By Erika D. Smith (Opinion) // Just about everyone in California knows the housing crisis is bad. Otherwise we wouldn't be staring down the barrel of a rent control ballot measure this November that could very easily blow in our faces.

[University of California: The rise of California's tent cities](#)

Not only is homelessness more common on the West Coast but it is also more visible, because a higher proportion of homeless people are unsheltered. In the U.S., 24 percent of homeless people sleep outside, in vehicles or somewhere else not meant for human habitation. But that varies greatly from place to place: In California, 68 percent of homeless people are unsheltered, compared to just 5 percent in New York.

POPULATION / CENSUS

[Curbed LA: Voters will decide whether to break California into three states in November](#)

By Elijah Chiland // It's official: California voters will decide later this year whether to divide the state into three new states, tentatively called Northern California, Southern California, and California. Secretary of State Alex Padilla confirmed Tuesday that supporters of the Cal 3 ballot measure had gathered enough signatures to qualify the dramatic proposal for the November ballot.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

[Bloomberg: Climate Change May Already Be Hitting the Housing Market](#)

By Christopher Flavelle and Allison McCartney // Even as President Donald Trump downplays the importance of climate change, there are signs that Americans may be taking it more seriously—at least when it comes to buying a house.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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