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Lisa Hilas has been selected as 2025 Solano County Woman of the Year for 4th Congressional District.

# Hilas, former Vaca resident honored as women of year for their counties

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FAIRFIELD — The founder of Saving Gracie and president of On Stage Vacaville has been selected as 2025 Solano County Woman of the Year for 4th Congressional District.

“Lisa Hilas’ passion, leadership and determination have profoundly impacted our community,” U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, said in a statement.

“Ms. Hilas serves as president of On Stage Vacaville, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering artistic expression and enriching our community through the performing arts. She is also the executive director and founder of Saving Gracie, a nonprofit that supports

families facing emergency veterinary care and enduring financial hardship,” Thompson added.

“Her hard work and leadership better the lives of many in our community. I am proud to recognize her as Solano County’s Woman of the Year.”

Hilas was one of five women honored for their counties. The other honorees are Wilda Shock, Lake County; Norma Ferriz de Massaro, Napa County; Thea Hensel, Sonoma County; and Mary Yin Liu, Yolo County.

Liu is a former Solano County resident, the daughter of CC and Ragina Yin. Liu is the national chief executive officer of the Asian Pacific American Public Affairs Association.

The Women of the Year honors correspond

with Women’s History Month.

“In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women coordinated a “Women’s History Week” during the week of March 8th to correspond with International Women’s Day. In 1980, a group of Sonoma County women founded the National Women’s History Project in Santa Rosa ... The goal of this organization was to highlight and recognize the historical national achievements made by women,” the statement said.

“In partnership with other women advocacy groups and historians, the NWHP successfully



Liu

lobbied for national recognition in 1980, with President Jimmy Carter declaring the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week.

After this accomplishment, the NWHP began advocating for the entire month of March to be designated as Women’s History Month. Seven years later, Congress officially passed legislation designating the entire month of March as Women’s History Month. Every year since, Women’s History Month has been recognized in March to uplift and celebrate the incredible contributions and accomplishments of American women.”

## ‘Day of Play’ set for military children

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VACAVILLE — The Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is hosting a special no-cost ‘Day of Play’ on Saturday for military families.

This event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is open to children, 5-11, “and aims to provide a well-deserved break for parents at home while giving kids an exciting day of activities in a safe and supportive environment.”

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# Buy a Jersey Mike’s sub, help Boys & Girls Club in Vaca

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VACAVILLE — The Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is the chosen beneficiary of the Jersey Mike’s annual Month of Giving campaign in March.

Throughout the entire month, customers at the Jersey Mike’s location, 3035 Alamo Drive in Vacaville, can support local youth by rounding up their purchase to the nearest dollar or donating \$1, \$3 or \$5 at checkout.

On March 26, 100% of the day’s sales will be donated to the club.

“We were excited to be chosen as the selected



Youth play air hockey at the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club at Jepson Middle School, Dec. 6, 2017. Aaron Rosenblatt/Daily Republic file (2017)

charity this year as it is a critical fundraising year for our Club while we work toward opening our new Clubhouse at 107 Peabody Road,” said Anna Eaton, chief executive officer of the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, in a press release.

Jersey Mike’s Month of

Giving has been a nationwide initiative since 2011, raising more than \$113 million for charities.

For more information about the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club and how you can support local youth, visit vnbgc.com.

## Awards

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Adriana are the true embodiment of excellence in the nursing profession – going above and beyond in their dedication, integrity and compassionate care for patients,” Heather Resseger, chief hospital operations officer and

chief nursing officer at NorthBay Health, said in a press release.

“As the first person that many of our patients interact with, our nurses are at the heart of our organization and make a difference every day. On behalf of the entire NorthBay family, we celebrate and thank Lindsay, Erin, and Adriana for the passion, courage, and thoughtfulness that

they bring to their work.”

In 2024, NorthBay received the Magnet with Distinction award – one of the highest honors in nursing and a testament to the collaborative and innovative nursing practices at NorthBay.

The DAISY Foundation was created by the family

of J. Patrick Barnes, who suffered an autoimmune disease, immune thrombocytopenia. It was the first program of its kind to give patients, families and co-workers a way to express their gratitude to nurses for providing compassionate care to patients and their families.

## Stop

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multiple felony narcotics violations – including narcotics for sale – and was out on bail.

McKinney, police said, had been providing false identification in an attempt to avoid arrest. Once his true identity was confirmed, officers said they found he was on probation

with two active felony violation warrants.

Both individuals were arrested and booked into the Solano County Jail. McKinney was being held without bail on suspicion of his probation violations. Howell’s name did not appear in the jail’s custody log on Tuesday.

An investigation is ongoing to determine if additional victims of identity theft are connected to this case, the police said.

# Suisun fun run raises autism awareness

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SUISUN CITY — The city’s Recreation, Parks, and Marina Department is hosting its first-ever “Autism Acceptance Month Youth Fun Run.”

The event is on April 5 at Heritage Park, 613 Village Drive, in Suisun City.

“The intent of the fun run is two-fold: To encourage our local youth to grow an affinity for outdoor exercise, and to recognize April as Autism Acceptance Month,” Marvin Mora, a management analyst with the city, said in a statement.

“This is such a unique opportunity to get families outdoors and in a way where those of all abilities can meet, exercise, and have a memorable experience together. I am excited for this event and

hope that the community will join us.”

The run coincides with the 2025 Neurodiversity and Developmental Disabilities Conference, held at the Joseph Nelson Community Center on April 4-5. Register for the conference at specialcareservices.org/neurodiversityconference.

The fun run is free for youth 3-17, and \$10 for adults 18 or older.

Participants can choose between an untimed half-mile run and a timed 3K run. The half-mile run will begin at 8 a.m., with the 3K starting immediately after. All participants will receive an event T-shirt and a unique event race bib. Register at suisun.recdesks.com.

For more information, contact Mora at 707-421-7200 or by email at mmora@suisun.com.

# TSA PreCheck events scheduled in Solano County

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VACAVILLE — AAA Northern California will be hosting TSA PreCheck enrollment events in collaboration with IDEMIA in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo.

The TSA PreCheck Application Program is open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals and lawful permanent residents.

“We’re happy to provide this service to residents at participating AAA Northern California branch locations,” Shawn Jones, chief sales officer, AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah.

IDEMIA is an autho-

rized TSA PreCheck enrollment provider since 2013.

The enrollment process is quick, convenient and even faster when the application is completed online beforehand. During the in-person appointment, applicants are required to pay an application fee, provide identity and citizenship documents, fingerprints and a photo will be captured. IDEMIA offers TSA PreCheck enrollment for \$76.75, and if approved, travelers get a five-year membership with the program.

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## Davis

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the institution and its traditions.”

President Trump’s conduct, bolstered by a submissive Republican Congressional majority, steps dangerously beyond the traditional norms and practices of the presidency.

**6. Party politics have long been a rollicking and turbulent feature of American governance – frequently tarnished by self-serving behaviors, personal hubris and duplicity**

Harvard law professor Mark Tushnet maintains that over the past generation or so

political parties have become highly polarized and internally unified. This has led to party members acting in service of their party rather than their constituents or the nation as a whole. Moreover, as the imperative of winning takes precedence over the demands of governing, representative government becomes less accountable and democracy suffers.

So, what will become of American democracy during the Trump era? Nobody knows. One thing is certain – it will never be the same.

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