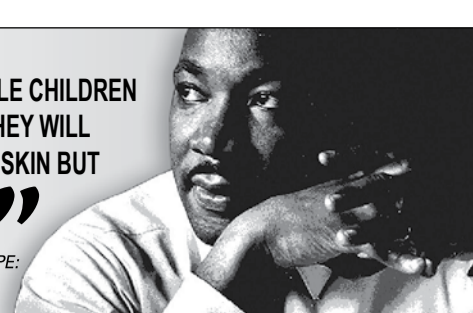




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Un-naturally Human



The Mills Station Arts & Culture Center (MACC) is currently showcasing Rancho Cordova Arts member Valerie Birkhoff's "Un-naturally Human" exhibit. Photo courtesy of Valerie Birkhoff

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Mills Station Arts & Culture Center (MACC) is currently showcasing two compelling art exhibits that delve into the human experience, inviting visitors to reflect on both the beauty and tragedy of our shared history.

"Un-naturally Human:"
Valerie Birkhoff
"Un-naturally Human" showcases the works of Rancho Cordova Arts member Valerie Birkhoff. Running from Jan. 16 to Feb. 1, Birkhoff's exhibit is an exploration of humanity through various artistic mediums, from oil painting to beaded sculptures



"Moon Tide," a Mounted Wall Sculpture, is one of Valerie Birkhoff's art pieces. Photo courtesy of the MACC.

to clay. Birkhoff, a MACC member, expresses her creative evolution by blending her early work in mask-making and oil painting with more recent forays

into sculpture and clay figure studies.

Birkhoff's journey began as a painter working with oil paints and making masks. She then began combining the two, attaching the masks to canvas and painting over them with oil.

Six years ago, Birkhoff delved into working with clay. For the first four years, she focused on the anatomy and expressions of the human face, primarily creating portraits. In recent years, Birkhoff has incorporated more figures into her work, expanding her use of finishes, adornments, and different clay bodies.

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Raley's Announces New Food for Families Grant Program

Raley's Food for Families News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - To assist with the ongoing challenge of safely storing, transporting and distributing food, Raley's is introducing a new Food for Families grant program for its partner food banks and supporting networks.

Starting at a minimum of \$5,000 each, the grants will reflect a wide range of funding depending on the demonstrated need of the requesting food bank. The new Food for Families Grant program is made possible by Raley's and donations from throughout the community. Donations are being gratefully accepted now at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation site to support this important initiative that represents an expansion of the long-time Food for Families effort.

Raley's Food for Families converts customer and team members donations into food for more than 2.2 million people each month through 12 partner food banks in the communities where Raley's serves.

"For years, Raley's customers have provided unwavering support with their generous donations to our Food for Families program. Through experience with our ongoing programs, we recognized the need to further support the crucial food distribution needs within our existing food bank family," said Chelsea Carbahal, executive director, Raley's Food for Families. "This new Food for Families grant program will enable our current partners to more effectively and efficiently serve their communities by equipping them with resources that otherwise may have been out of reach financially."

Grant funds will help support food bank necessities, such as refrigerators, freezers, warehouse racking, transportation crates, shipping vehicles, and other infrastructure items required to safely provide food to communities. Grant applications are accepted now through Feb. 7, with application forms provided directly to and through Raley's Food for Families food bank partners to their partner agencies.

"Our goal at Raley's is to help get food in the hands of as many people in need as possible," said Carbahal. "We know the food that we and our food bank partners provide is only helpful if there is a means to safely store and distribute it. This new Food for Families grant funding effort is all about growing the positive impact in our communities and

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CRPD Supports Families in Transition



Cordova Recreation & Park District staff join Folsom Cordova Unified School District staff with donations. Photo Courtesy of Cordova Recreation & Park District

By Shelby Golden,
Cordova, Cordova Recreation
& Park District

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A New Chapter for District 4

By District 4 Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez

It's official, I am now your Sacramento County District 4 Supervisor! Words can hardly express how honored and grateful I feel to have the opportunity to serve our community. When I decided to run for Supervisor, I didn't begin by reaching out to super-PACs or big donors. Instead, I focused on connecting with real people throughout District 4. I visited neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and community events to listen directly to your challenges, hopes, and priorities. These conversations shaped my campaign and will continue to guide me in office. To me, representation means amplifying the voices of the people, and that starts with truly listening.

As I step into this role, I want to share my top five immediate priorities for District 4 — priorities rooted in the values and concerns you've shared with me.

1. Addressing Homelessness with Real Solutions: Homelessness has touched nearly every corner of our district, from businesses to schools and neighborhoods. The current situation is unacceptable. We need a comprehensive approach that not only addresses the immediate effects on our community but also provides meaningful services to help individuals break free from the cycle of homelessness. This includes funding programs that target root causes like substance abuse and mental health issues, expanding access to supportive housing, and partnering with nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and local governments to create innovative solutions. The time for empty promises is over—it's time to take action.

2. Fighting Crime and Keeping Our Communities Safe: Public safety is essential to any thriving community. As your Supervisor, I will focus on fighting crime and ensuring our neighborhoods are safe places to live, work, and raise families. I will support our District Attorney and Sheriff in cracking down on crime and holding offenders accountable, while also advocating for programs that build trust between law enforcement and the community. Collaboration is key to creating safer neighborhoods for everyone.

3. Improving Roads and Transportation: If you've driven through

District 4, you know how desperately our roads and highways need attention. From potholes to gridlock, our transportation infrastructure has been neglected for far too long. I'll prioritize securing funding to repair and improve our roads and advocate for major projects like completing the Capitol Connector to ease congestion along Highway 50. These improvements will enhance daily life for residents and attract businesses and investors to our region.

4. Supporting Local Businesses and Job Creation: Thriving businesses are the backbone of thriving communities. I'm committed to making it easier for businesses in our district to succeed by cutting red tape, streamlining regulations, and providing the support they need to grow and create jobs. Whether it's a small, family-run business or a larger enterprise, my goal is to foster an environment where entrepreneurs can thrive, employees feel valued, and opportunities are abundant.

5. Engaging with the Community: I believe government works best when it is transparent, accountable, and inclusive. That's why I'm committed to staying connected with you through newsletters, community meetings, and surveys. Your input will shape our decisions and ensure we're addressing the issues that matter most. We'll continue the tradition of quarterly community meetings, with updates to encourage participation and collaboration. Additionally, we're forming citizen advisory committees to focus on pressing issues like homelessness, public safety, and transportation. If you're interested, please join us—we want your voice at the table.

Thank you again for trusting me with this responsibility. I'm excited to get to work and make a real difference for our community. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, don't hesitate to reach out. You can call my office at 916-874-5491 or email me at SupervisorRodriguez@saccounty.gov. I look forward to working with you to make District 4 the best it can be.

Let's get started!

Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez represents the 4th District, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta and Rancho Murietta. ★

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 helping provide the physical means to do so.”
 Raley's anticipates awarding up to \$500,000 in grant funding in the first year of the new program. Grant funding will be made available in two waves, including this current grant application phase and another scheduled for later in the year. The Food for Families grant program is available to Raley's Food for Families food bank partners and their expansive network of more than 2,400 partner agencies, such as smaller food banks, food closets, and church distribution sites.

Growing from a single store opening in 1935, The Raley's Companies now includes brick and mortar locations under Raley's

and Bashas' family of brands, including: Raley's, Bel Air, Nob Hill, Raley's ONE Market, Bashas', Food City, AJ's Fine Foods and Bashas' Diné Markets. In addition to the special hurricane relief efforts, The Raley's Companies are deeply committed to giving back by addressing local hunger needs, advocating for good, and focusing on child welfare, the environment and sustainability, food access, food system education, and total wellness. Between 2022 and 2023, the organization donated more than \$3 million to local and regional nonprofit organizations. For more information about Raley's commitment to give back and their nonprofit, visit Raley's Food for Families website at raleys.com/giving/food-for-families. ★

Un-naturally Human

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“For me as an artist, it was so exciting to have a big space to bring all those various types of mediums together,” said Birkhoff.

Birkhoff's personal connection to her work was evident during the recent artist reception held Jan. 16, where she engaged in vibrant discussions with attendees.

“It was priceless, we had a really great discussion about art and how it brings us together,” said Birkhoff. “I really enjoyed having that interaction with the people that took time out of their day to support me.”

Birkhoff invites visitors to reflect on the interconnection between humanity and nature through her work, expressing a sentiment of coexistence that is often overlooked in today's world.

“We can be a little removed from our planet and I hope this exhibit brings that connection back,” said Birkhoff.

“Bearing Witness:” A Tribute to History and Humanity

Running from Jan. 16 to Feb. 22, “Bearing Witness” is an emotionally charged exhibit aimed at confronting the realities of systemic violence, genocide, and the importance of preserving our humanity. This exhibit is presented in collaboration with the Raritan Valley Community College Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

The exhibit highlights the atrocities of antisemitism, racism, homophobia, sexism and inequity, offering a reflection on the dark chapters of human history.

“Our shared human



One of Valerie Birkhoff's art pieces is “Poseidon,” a clay sculpture. Photo courtesy of the MACC.



“Cambian,” a mounted wall sculpture, stands as one of Valerie Birkhoff's featured works. Photo courtesy of the MACC.

history includes a violent and shameful component, with genocide being a central theme. Bearing Witness serves as a call to remember and learn from these horrific events in order to amplify shared humanity and prevent future injustice,” as stated in the

exhibit's description

The exhibit was juried by Robin L. Bernstein. Her art, which has been an ongoing project for the past 13 years, examines the Holocaust through a combination of beauty and brutality. Using thousands of tiny pieces of colored string pressed into wax, Bernstein's labor-intensive process contrasts the delicate beauty of her medium with the grim realities of historical violence. Her works aim to draw in the viewer before confronting them with stories of resistance, survival, and tragedy.

The MACC is located at 10191 Mills Station Road, Rancho Cordova. Gallery hours are from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. ★

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Sacramento State Opens New Art Studio Lab

By Daniel Wilson,
Sacramento State
University

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State University's new Art Studio Lab is officially open and will begin welcoming students for classes for the spring 2025 semester.

A ribbon cutting on Nov. 12 welcomed members of the campus community and public to celebrate the milestone as art department students and faculty prepare to move in.

"This creative space has been designed with purpose," said Christina Bellon, interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters, during the ceremony. "Each square foot, from the studios to the communal workspaces to the indoor and outdoor installation areas, is thoughtfully planned to give students and faculty access to the resources they need to grow as artists and as professionals."

The 20,377-square-foot, \$18.5-million building, between the old Art Sculpture Lab (ASL) and the ASI Children's Center, meets LEED Silver Standards and features large windows, a lobby gallery, a 3D technology lab, drawing and painting labs, a metal shop, graduate studios, an outdoor sculpture yard and more significant amenities.

During the ceremony, art



Sacramento State University President Luke Wood is joined by local dignitaries, university staff and students for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Art Studio Lab building. Photos courtesy of Sacramento State University

department Chair Rachel Clarke thanked many individuals associated with the project.

"The new ASL affirms the Sacramento State Art department's reputation as the preeminent institution to study art in Northern California," Clarke said. "The high level of instruction, along with the excellent new facilities, will give students all the tools they need to succeed, fulfilling the art department's mission to educate the next generation of artists, educators and scholars."

The new Art Sculpture Lab replaces its predecessor, which served as a California Department of Fish and Wildlife warehouse from 1951 until 1971, when Sacramento State University acquired it and utilized it as an art education and creation space.

Sacramento State

University broke ground on the new Art Sculpture Lab, which was designed by HGA and built by Otto Construction, on June 30, 2023. The university continues to offer potential donors opportunities to support the project, including naming the building and its rooms. Clarke said ongoing fundraising efforts, such as selling engraved bricks that are installed in key locations outside the building, have been successful.

"We are still looking for a building and studio naming donors because we would like to have a substantial endowment that we can use to support new initiatives, like the ASL sculpture garden and our 3D technology space," Clarke said. "It will mean that we can continue to invest in and sustain the technology, machinery and equipment we use in our programs."



AI generated the new art building provides students with an advanced artistic environment.

The department originally planned to move students into the building this semester but construction delays altered those plans. Over winter break, the department is moving in more equipment and furniture, including \$300,000 worth of items funded by the university, as they prepare for students to use the new space full-time in the spring.

"We are on target to start teaching there at the beginning of next semester," Clarke said. "In the spring, there will be drawing and painting classes, sculpture classes and all the shops - wood, metal, wood construction, wax and plaster - will be in full use. The kilns will be working and the grads will be in their studios."

The old Art Sculpture Lab will be used by the department for the foreseeable future. The art department produced a book

commemorating the old structure that will be made available to donors of \$250 or more, in addition to an engraved brick. The book will also be available at a donation level of \$75.

The book was a collaboration with photography professor Eliza Gregory and her students. It includes photos from the last time the old Art Sculpture Lab was fully operational, along with photos submitted by alumni and emeritus faculty, as well as interviews with former students and faculty.

Sacramento State University President Luke Wood suggested the new structure will have significant long-term impact.

"This facility stands as a testament to what we can achieve together, and it will serve as a beacon of creativity and innovation for generations of Sacramento

State students for years to come," Wood said. "We are here to celebrate our ongoing commitment to providing innovative, hands-on learning experiences for our students and providing the space for our faculty that they need to guide our students as we they grow the next generation of artists."

Master of Fine Arts graduate student Sokthea Chan, who also earned a bachelor's degree in studio art from Sacramento State University in 2014, talked about the importance of collaborative art spaces.

"I hope for the future of the new ASL, there will be opportunities for artists in all fields to be able to connect with each other, have a collaborative space and also share innovative ideas with one another, regardless of where we are in our academic journey," Chan said.

Amari C. Moore, a Bachelor of Fine Arts student studying studio art, expressed gratitude for all the opportunities afforded by the art department and compared the old and new spaces.

"(The old ASL) has been a place of learning, refining our gifts and talents while building this strong sense of community and friendship," Moore said. "It is my hope that this new space will continue to do just that on an even bigger level." ★

SAFE Accepting Applications for Grant to Support Financial Literacy



SAFE Financial Educators and Volunteers help with a Budget Cents budgeting simulation at Mesa Verde High School. SAFE supports financial education through its own programs like Budget Cents and by awarding grants to nonprofits offering courses to youth and underserved communities. Photo courtesy of SAFE Credit Union

SAFE Credit Union News Release

FOLSOM, CA (MPG) - SAFE Credit Union will grant \$20,000 to a Sacramento-region nonprofit offering financial literacy programs to help people gain the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to build solid financial futures.

Applications are being accepted online through Monday, Feb. 3 on SAFE's website.

"As a financial institution that serves thousands of families, we see firsthand how important it is for people to understand basics like how credit works, saving for emergencies, and budgeting to be sure you can cover all your expenses," said SAFE Credit Union Vice President Community Relations and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo. "Unfortunately, not everyone learns this from their families or in school. We're happy to see more nonprofits offering programs that help people learn how to successfully handle their finances, and SAFE is

ready to help support their efforts."

The grant will be awarded to support a program operated by a nonprofit that provides financial education programs to youth and/or underserved communities.

SAFE Credit Union has four grant cycles a year, awarding up to \$20,000 each round to nonprofits with programs that support financial wellbeing, education opportunities, affordable housing and workforce development. More information on SAFE's grant program and other philanthropic efforts is available at safecu.org/community/community-impact.

Grants are just one way SAFE supports financial education in the community. The credit union offers no-cost financial education programs to high school students and young adults through its interactive budgeting simulation, Budget Cents. It also hosts in-person workshops and webinars on general topics such as saving strategies, handling debt, setting up trusts and home buying. ★

United States Population Exceeds 340 Million

By Daniel Canfield,
Compiled from the
United States Census
Bureau Website

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Census Bureau projected the U.S. population would reach 341,145,670 at midnight EST, on Jan. 1, 2025. This represents an increase of 2,640,171 (0.78%) from Jan. 1, 2024, and an increase of 9,696,329 (2.93%) from Census Day (April 1) 2020.

By comparison, just before the nation's independence nearly 250 years ago, the 13 colonies had about 2.5 million residents.

In January 2025, the United States is expected to experience one birth every 9.0 seconds and one death every 9.4 seconds. Net international migration is expected to add one person to the U.S. population every 23.2 seconds.

The combination of births, deaths and net international migration increases the U.S. population by one person every 21.2 seconds.

The projected world population on Jan. 1, 2025, is 8,092,034,511, up 71,178,087 (0.89%) from New Year's Day 2024. During January 2025, 4.2 births and 2.0 deaths are expected worldwide every second.



The U.S. Census Bureau projected the U.S. population would reach 341,145,670 at midnight EST on Jan. 1, 2025. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

The Census Bureau's Population Clock, located at www.census.gov/popclock/, displays simulated real-time growth of the United States and world populations. The U.S. Population Clock shows the population by age (0 to 100+) and sex, as well as the highest-density states, counties and cities.

At the end of each year, a revised series of population estimates from the census date forward is used to update the short-term projections for the population clock. Once the updated series of monthly projections is completed, the daily population clock values are derived by interpolation. Within each calendar month,

the daily numerical population change is assumed to be constant, subject to negligible differences caused by rounding.

The U.S. Population Clock identifies California as currently the most populous state in the U.S. with a population of 39,431,263, up 466,070 (1.2%) from a year ago.

Rounding out the top five most populous U.S. states is Texas in second-place with a population of 31,290,831, Florida in third-place with a population of 23,372,215, New York in fourth-place with a population of 19,867,248 and Pennsylvania in fifth-place with a population of 13,078,751. ★

UC Davis Tallies Record Enrollment Numbers

By Julia Ann Easley,
University of California, Davis

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The University of California, Davis, released systemwide enrollment statistics on Jan. 7. The University of California, Davis, welcomed one of its most diverse entering classes and became eligible to be one of the nation's few research-intensive universities designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, as it enrolled a record 41,239 students in fall 2024.

At Davis, overall enrollment,

including undergraduate, graduate and professional students as well as 1,174 veterinary and medical residents and interns, increased by 391 students, or 0.9%, over fall 2023.

UC Davis enrolled 9,443 new undergraduates: 6,767 as first-year students direct from high school, 2,656 as transfer students and 20 others seeking a second undergraduate degree.

In late October, UC Davis announced Latinx enrollment had reached a new peak of about 8,100 students or 25.1% of undergraduate full-time-equivalent students. That

surpasses the U.S. Department of Education's criteria of at least 25% to be considered a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

The campus has long-sought Hispanic-Serving Institution designation to underscore its commitment to serving Latinx students. The status would also make the university eligible to apply for competitive grants from the federal government and foundations to support student success, innovation and institutional transformation benefiting all students.

The new undergraduates come

from 56 of California's 58 counties, 47 states and U.S. territories, and 48 countries. Approximately 83.4% are California residents, 4.6% are U.S. domestic students from outside California, and 12.1% are international students.

Among new California undergraduates, the percentage of students from historically underrepresented groups (African American, American Indian, Hispanic/Latino(a) and Pacific Islander) increased to 37.5%, the highest percentage in more than 25 years. Last fall, the percentage was 36.2%.

Among the new students, 40.8% indicated they would be in the first generation of their family to graduate from a four-year university. About 31.3% of all new undergraduates were considered low income, and 38.8% were recipients of the federal Pell Grant for low-income students.

Robert Penman, executive director of Undergraduate Admissions, said the average grade point average, or GPA, for first-year students was 4.04, and the median was 4.08. More than 75% of first-year students had a weighted GPA above 3.92. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Who's the hottest team in the NBA right now?! Well, if you're Steve Kerr, he's telling his Golden State Warriors it's the Sacramento Kings, as the former world champs embark on their short journey from the bay area to Golden One Arena on Wednesday night.

Winners of 9 out of the last 10 games, only the Milwaukee Bucks kept the Kings from riding a 10-game win streak.

Solid playoff bound teams like the Celtics, Bulls, and Rockets met with the defensive minded Sactown boys, and each came away wondering what just hit them.

Is there reason for optimism in Sacramento? You bet there is, and if there's one thing the Kings need to be cautious of, it's making an ill-advised trade.

You find many fans or commentators that will argue that the Kings need to strengthen their front court, and the reason is that the current alignment is not living up to their billing.

Third year player, and much lauded Keegan Murray is having a subpar season, and if he doesn't watch out, fans will stop looking at him as a 3-point shooter. As of late, Keegan has made more impact on the boards and on defense than he has as a shooter. Sadly, in a 23-point blow-out of the Wizards, Keegan contributed only 4 points and failed to connect on all 5 of his 3-point attempts.

Not to be left out, Trey Lyles, who has been playing abysmal basketball as of late, scored only 4 points as well, while taking up 20 minutes of play on the hardwood.

Once considered the Kings 3-point assassin, Kevin Huerter took a total of six 3-point shots, connecting on just one. So, Murray, Lyles, and Huerter made exactly one 3-point field goal while putting in a combined 61 minutes of play on the hardwood.

Why do I point out the negatives with the Kings winning 9 out of 10 games and climbing above the 500 mark? Sadly, none of the three just mentioned are likely to bring anything of value on the trade market.

While Keegan Murray held significant value on the trade market just one year ago, his interest and value has dropped to an all-time low, and many teams are likely

not interested in Keegan at all.

Similarly, Kevin Huerter is fortunate to make a basket from 3-point land at all, and the former starter for the Kings and 3-point specialist is likely to fall into the same disinterest category as Keegan Murray.

As for Lyles, like Keegan, he's having a subpar performance in 2024/2025, and his lack of offensive productivity will likely garnish him little interest from other teams.

Unfortunately, while teams turn away from trade offers for Murray, Lyles, and Huerter, they will be coming strong for players like Fox, Monk, and possibly even Keon Ellis.

Of all the players the Kings have currently, it's possible that Keon Ellis has the most prolific upside. Ellis remarkably is supplanting other players on the team, as a Bonafide 3-point shooter. In Sunday night's win over the Washington Wizards, all Keon did was score 18 points in 18 minutes, while connecting on six 3-point shots to lead all players from beyond the arc.

Pay attention Sacramento, and I'm talking to you Monte McNair. Keon Ellis brings game on both ends of the court.

Sabonis remains untouchable if there is such a term in NBA circles today, but the gossip surrounding DeAaron Fox needs to die down, as any trade involving Fox from this writer's perspective is a bad idea.

The Kings need to hold the fort, pay little attention to trades involving Fox and Monk, and hope that Murray, Lyles, and Huerter will return to some form on shooting acumen. Slumps don't last forever, and the fact that the Kings have played with such assiduous vigor and success over the past 3 weeks gives Sactown some much-needed breathing room.

Shout-out to Domantas Sabonis for taking player of the week in the Western Conference last week, and continuing to lead the league in rebounding and double-double's once again. Appreciate this remarkable big man, he's possibly the best we've ever had.

All the best Kings fans and enjoy this team!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

SacRT Awarded Grant to Fund Construction of New Light Rail Station

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The US Department of Transportation (DOT) announced Jan. 10 that Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has been awarded \$9.5 million from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

The grant provides the final funding needed to construct the Dos Rios Station, a new light rail station on SacRT's Blue Line. The station will serve the Mirasol Village housing development and Sacramento's River District, just north of downtown Sacramento.

"SacRT continues to be at the forefront of innovation and community-centric development – making sure our neighborhoods are connected and Sacramentans can get where they need to be," said Congresswoman Doris Matsui. "The new Dos Rios Light Rail Station is a critical investment for the future of the River District. With this transformative project, we are enhancing mobility and igniting economic growth to improve the quality of life for those residents. I was proud to fight to secure this funding and look forward to seeing its positive impact in the near future."

The Dos Rios Station is a \$43 million dollar project at the intersection of Ahern, Sproule and North 12th Streets. Preliminary work has already begun at the site, constructing a retaining wall and leveling ground. Major construction is scheduled to begin this spring, with riders to expect service disruptions this summer. The station is anticipated to open by the end of 2026.

"Expanding public transit infrastructure strengthens our communities," said U.S. Senator Alex Padilla. "Thanks to funding from



Here is a rendering of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit

the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Dos Rios Station will increase access to reliable and affordable transportation for Sacramento residents, connect historically underserved neighborhoods, and boost local economic growth."

State Senator Angelique Ashby, a key supporter of the project, highlighted the station's impact on mobility.

"The Dos Rios Station provides critical access to the families living or working in the River District," said Ashby. "Public transportation provides opportunities otherwise unavailable to many Sacramento residents. We want riders to move about the city for work, school, and recreation – improving quality of life regardless of income level."

"With the strong support of our congressional delegation and our local partners, we've been making tremendous progress to deliver the new Dos Rios Station. This funding award is the last piece of the puzzle to complete project delivery to increase connectivity for the community," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "Thank you to US Senator Padilla, Congresswoman Matsui, and State Senator Ashby for helping Sacramento to lead the way."

"I'm proud that SacRT, in conjunction with our federal partners, has been

able to respond swiftly to the community's needs to secure funding for the Dos Rios Station," said SacRT Board Chair, Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. "This project is a testament to what we can accomplish when we come together with a shared vision and determination."

"We're extremely excited to be part of this long-awaited celebration for the SacRT Dos Rios Station project which will create a key link in connectivity that has been missing in the River District for decades," said La Shelle Dozier, SHRA executive director. "The new station will serve an important transportation need for residents at the new Mirasol Village development across 12th Street to be able to get to work, school, appointments and other places, while also enhancing access to the new housing, public amenities, and attractions in the district."

The Dos Rios Station represents a collaborative effort to improve accessibility and equity in the Sacramento region. The RAISE grant completes the financing required for the project, enabling SacRT to preserve other funding for system operations and maintenance.

For more information on the Dos Rios Station project and updates, visit sacrt.com/dosrios. ★

Disaster-Prone California Should Adopt a Preventive Approach, Rather Than a Reactive One



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As horrific as they may be, the wildfires sweeping through Los Angeles neighborhoods, destroying homes and businesses and killing dozens of people, are certainly not unprecedented.

Rather, they join a California continuum of natural and human-caused disasters that have afflicted the state throughout its history — fires most recently, but also earthquakes, floods, dam collapses and deadly riots. It's as if Californians must endure periodic calamities as the cosmic cost of enjoying unmatched attributes of weather, scenic beauty, mineral wealth and enormous amounts of arable land.

Precisely 60 years ago, for example, the ruggedly beautiful northwestern corner of California coped with immensely destructive flooding from epic storms. The Eel River basin received 22 inches of rain in just two days.

Several small towns along the Eel and Klamath rivers were destroyed, drowned in as much as 50 feet of water, and dozens of state and local bridges were demolished, isolating the region. The federal government even sent naval ships, including an aircraft carrier, to bring relief supplies and assist in search and rescue efforts.

Less than a year earlier,

Crescent City, a Del Norte County town afflicted by the floods, had been clobbered by a tsunami touched off by a massive earthquake in Alaska.

The persistence of disasters befalling California is underscored by just one data point: During Pete Wilson's governorship in the 1990s, every California county was declared a disaster area at least once, and several times in some counties.

Wilson's emergencies included the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, the 1992 Rodney King riots and heavy flooding in 1997 that sparked disaster declarations in 48 of the state's 58 counties.

Simultaneously during his time in office, California experienced the worst recession since the Great Depression, a severe drought and was just beginning to recover from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Area that destroyed a section of the Bay Bridge, among other things.

It was as if the four horsemen of the apocalypse were galloping across California, dragging Wilson behind them.

To his credit, Wilson figuratively shrugged his shoulders and assumed the role of crisis manager, even though, ironically, the disasters undermined his plans for "preventive government" that would deal with issues before they became crises.

If disasters of one kind or another are baked into California's existence, what could be done to mitigate their impacts?

When it comes to floods and wildfires, we could — if we had the political will — either stop building homes in areas prone to flood or

fire, or at least impose strict standards on construction to make buildings less vulnerable, as we do for earthquakes.

There is some anecdotal evidence that homes built with fire-resistant materials, including non-flammable roofs, have fared better in the Los Angeles fires. We could start by imposing tough new building standards when neighborhoods scorched by current fires are rebuilt.

We also need to plan for better escape routes and install better systems for warning people to evacuate. The narrow winding streets in Southern California's upscale communities became death traps for some.

Finally, we need a new approach to insurance coverage. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara is finalizing a new regulatory system that would let insurers include estimates of future losses and costs of reinsurance in their premiums, hoping that it would prop up a very unstable market.

Maybe we should go beyond that. Maybe we need the state to provide basic casualty coverage in a master statewide policy financed by mandatory fees on property, with the option for property owners to purchase supplemental coverage.

If disasters are unavoidable in California, we need to accept that fact and adopt Pete Wilson's preventive approach, rather than merely reacting after the fact.

Dan Walters is one of 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 About When to Claim Social Security and Taxation of Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 65 and currently working full-time. Can I apply for and start receiving my Social Security benefit? I'd expect to have to pay income tax on it if/when I do. **Signed: Curious Worker**

Dear Curious Worker: If you are working full time, you should likely delay claiming Social Security at this time. At age 65, you haven't yet reached your SS full retirement age (FRA), so you will be subject to Social Security's "annual earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from work while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and if you earn more than the annual limit, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you earn significantly over the limit, you may even be

temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits. FYI, the annual earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 10 months, or March 2026.

As you obviously already know, a portion of your Social Security may be subject to income tax after you start collecting. The threshold for taxation of SS benefits depends on your IRS filing status — if you file your taxes as a single and your combined income from all sources (including half of the SS benefit you received during the tax year) exceeds \$25,000 then 50% of your received SS benefits are taxable. But if you file taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income is over \$32,000, then up to 85% of your received SS benefits are taxable. Thus, whenever you claim SS, you may wish to consider having income tax withheld from your SS benefit. This is optional, and you can do this by submitting IRS Form W-4V to your local Social Security office, or you could choose to increase your income tax withholding at work or, alternatively, pay estimated income taxes quarterly.

So, whether you can claim Social Security now

depends entirely on how much you will earn from working full time prior to your FRA. If you exceed the annual earnings limit before your FRA, SS will take away some of your benefits or, if you greatly exceed the earnings limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to get benefits (until you either reach your FRA or earn less). But note, if you decide to claim early and any SS benefits are withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit, you will get credit for that (in the form of a slightly increased benefit) after you reach your full retirement age.

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MEMORIAL

ROBERT VEGA ARELLANES (BOB) • 09/20/1933 - 01/05/2025

Bob, age 91 of Rancho Cordova, CA, went on to his final resting place on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Born in Yuma, Arizona to parents born and raised in Mexico, he grew up in East Los Angeles, left home at the age of fourteen and enlisted in the Navy on his 18th birthday. Between leaving home and joining the Navy, Bob washed butcher trucks, pumped gas in a gas station, and at 17 went to work in the Los Angeles City Market with Morita Produce loading and unloading trucks as a Teamster, a labor union membership card he treasured his entire life.

Bob served four years in the United States Navy, largely in the Pacific, followed by enrollment at Long Beach State University, where his life took a dramatic turn for the better. There he met, and following a four-year courtship married a beautiful, bright, energetic, gifted, woman, Joanne, who would be his companion for sixty plus years of adventure, travel and work, domestically and abroad. At Long Beach State University, he studied and came to appreciate German (though fluent in Spanish), world history, geography, economics, Eugene O'Neill, Thomas Hardy, Erich Maria Remarque, John Dos Passos and many other artists and writers. Following Long Beach State, Bob obtained his Master's in Economics from the University of Oregon.

Along the way, Bob and Joanne were blessed with four wonderful children, Paul (Liz), Peter (Barbara), and Lisa (Ron), and grandchildren Brianne (Connor),



Ashley (Dustin), Niko, Haley (Brady), Kate, Cecily and Leah, and great grandson Abel. Added to the family were Luis Barbosa (Cheryl) and their children Rose, Quentin, Bella and Reina. A fourth child, Carol, tragically survived but a week.

Bob had a varied employment career. Besides loading and unloading trucks as a teenager, he delivered dry cleaning to Naval warships anchored off Long Beach, designed roads accessing logging sites in the Willamette National Forest, taught economics at Cal Poly, served as a Peace Corps Associate Director in Northern Peru, followed by Peru Operations Officer with Peace Corps Washington D.C., and Urban Development Office of the Organization of American States. When the opportunity arose to join the administration of Sacramento State University, Bob and family opted to return to California rather than remain in Washington D.C. or relocate to Latin America.

At Sac State, his responsibilities included teaching economics, coordinating the Ethnic Studies Center, serving as Dean of Academic Planning

overseeing the introduction of the new statewide general education program, and finally retiring as Dean of Continuing Education. Aside from his official university responsibilities, accomplishments most dear to Bob included overseeing the establishment of the Air Force ROTC Detachment on campus, relocating the Army ROTC program from its off-campus site to an on-campus facility and administering a graduate scholarship grant program on behalf of the Peace Corps for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Off campus, Bob was active in the Soccer Community serving in a variety of capacities from local league official to chair of the California Soccer Association North, an organization which inducted him into its Hall of Fame. His days actively involved with the California Soccer Association were some of the happiest of his life.

Bob leaves behind a beautiful family, all of whom made him a proud husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and enriched his life beyond measure. He came a long way from East Los Angeles.

Please join us in honoring Bob. The viewing and funeral service will be held at Calvary Cemetery located at 7101 Verner Avenue in Citrus Heights. The viewing is scheduled for January 22, 2025 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Following a one-hour viewing at 10:00 a.m. on January 23, the funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. A brief graveside service and a reception will follow. Flowers can be sent directly to Calvary Cemetery.



By Bob McGarvey

There are many people today who use their phone to take pictures. There are many pictures I have taken with my phone like many others, but that is today. We know when our children were growing up, we had different types of cameras, and like many other people, we have some albums that let us see family and friends from the past. I talked about those pictures, and even though most people are using their photos to take many digital pictures, (and they don't run out of film), I believe that some of our old pictures give us a chance to look back to see people who have passed away.

Sometimes even old pictures on papers are remembered, and most of us are very glad that they have been taken, and their memories have not been lost. Some pictures like those of the fires in LA will never be forgotten. Those pictures may be used for insurance purposes when they replace their

And Another Thing

People today use their Phone to take Pictures

burned homes. There are many more acres being burned in LA than there were in Paradise in 2018, but people in both were caught in those fires when they had to try to run away from the flames. It was frightening to see people being so afraid. I hope there will be some rain soon. Let us all hope for the rain sooner than later.

People used to really enjoy joining organizations like the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Elks Lodge and the Optimists. Today, it seems that clubs are losing members because of a generation gap. The older Rotarians, and other organizations like that see them as social clubs, and younger people seem to see them as retirement organizations. As a result, many younger people choose not to join those old clubs. I am sure there are organizations for the younger generations, but many of them today communicate online.

For example, an organization like the Mr. & Mrs. Club was begun in 1946 in Sacramento by ex-servicemen and

their wives. It began in the basement of the Cathedral for a social, and it was enjoyable, and it was enjoyable, so it was continued. Many service clubs were started in the 20th century like Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimists, Soroptimist's and more. It should be interesting to find out what new type of clubs are being started now. I think many people use the social media, and in it everything they hear or learn is truthful. That can be scary when all that is said is considered truth, whether it is true or not.

Our weather this month is looking like there is a good chance for a drought again. Hopefully, the weather will go back to normal rain so things can be normal instead of having to have events change, and we can't water our lawns as usual. I guess we'll have to watch and pay attention to our weather. All of us would rather enjoy the snow in the winter, and enjoy the water we need and want in the summer.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

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Jorge Maldonado-Morales, 10624 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 35, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maldonado Pro Wash" 10624 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 35, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024
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MALDONADO 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09630
Nicamex LLC, 7683 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Panchito Mexican Restaurant" 7683 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024
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PANCHITO 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09623
A Plus Tires, LLC, 5702 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Plus Tires and Wheels" 5702 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024
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TIRES 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08844
Carl Battiste, 637 Kirkstone Court, San Ramon, CA 95482 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Epic Properties Group" 1610 R Street, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
EPIC 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09318
Heravi's LLC, 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cariz Auto Parts/Cariz Auto" 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024
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CARIZ 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09132
Trestles LLC, 599 Menlo Drive Suite 200, Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "City Creek Post Acute" 6248 66th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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CITY 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00037
Veniamin-Oleksii Halperin, Viktoriya Davydenko, Danil Halperin and Oleksandra Devydenko, 7853 Paseo De Aiston, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pan Baran" 7853 Paseo De Aiston, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2025
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PAN 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00046

Anastasios Papadopoulos, 5885 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Papadopoulos Flowers" 5885 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2025
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FLOWERS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09360
TN3 Enterprises LLC, 8215 Auburn Boulevard, Suite A, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TN3 Automotive" 8215 Auburn Boulevard, Suite A, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024
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TN3 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00064
Charles Hewitt, 9475 Golden Gate Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wash Works" 9475 Golden Gate Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2025
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WASH 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00009
999 Thai Inc, 3609 Don Julio Blvd, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yummy Sushi Express" 1501 N C Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025
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YUMMY 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00004
CJVA Construction, Inc, 8219 War Horse Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CVA Construction" 8219 War Horse Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025
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CVA 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08940
Emmanuel Santiago Salas, 2640 29th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Manny General Construction" 2640 29th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2024
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MANNY 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08985
Pocket Pilates, LLC, PO Box 331, Loomis, CA 95650 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Club Pilates, Natomas" 2860 Del Paso Road, Suite 102, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024
Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025
PILATES 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00021
Yvette Estrada-Rocha, 6231 Riverside Boulevard, #12, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Best You Esthetics" 902 Florin Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025
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ESTHETICS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00002
Thanh Tat Nguyen and Lan Phuong Ngoc Nguyen, 2460 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gojee Sandwiches" 2460 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025
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GOJEE 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09501
Daniel Ellison, 3626 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tribe Realty" 1610 R Street, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2024
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TRIBE 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09036
Andrey Kovalenko, 7731 Sayonara Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SimpleNet" 7731 Sayonara Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2024
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SIMPLE 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00096
MKT Brothers Inc, 5135 Archrest Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Expo Car Wash and Detail" 2105 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025
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EXPO 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09672
Chief of Staff Academy LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite 4758,

Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Transcend FX" 2108 N Street, Suite 4758, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024
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TRANSCEND 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00017
OctaHexa Media LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "WP DevOps" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025
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DEVOPS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00090
Nunziato Kuykendall Inc., 639 39th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Actor's Workshop of Sacramento" 639 39th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025
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ACTORS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08504
Aabdara LLC, 8887 Folsom Boulevard Suite 8, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Luca Mart & Cafe" 8887 Folsom Boulevard Suite 8, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2024
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LUCA 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00050
Melina Ghorouri, 161 Buckingham way, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kiddo Learning Castle" 161 Buckingham way, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2025
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KIDDO 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09166
John Bordeaux, 964 Swanston Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "S.D. Records" 964 Swanston Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024
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RECORDS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00124
A and R World, 4800 Steppe Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mr. Pickles" 3200 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2025
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PICKLES 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09413
Ishoniga Boyd, 7470 Sylvia Way, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "iB Kustom Printing" 7470 Sylvia Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2024
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KUSTOM 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00130
Roger Allen Hanney, PO Box 60364, Sacramento, CA 95860 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Roger A. Hanney & Associates" 3581 El Ricon Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2025
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HANNEY 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00112
PCW Ventures, LLC, 9506 Lake Natoma Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pacific Custom Woodworks" 9506 Lake Natoma Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2025
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PACIFIC 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09471
Golden State Price Inc, 5825 Auburn Boulevard, Suite 3B, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Mattress Store/ Mattress Stores Near Me" 5825 Auburn Boulevard, Suite 3B, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 19, 2024
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MATTRESS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08866
Vedaa Inc, 281 Catterline Way, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "American Veterans Community Foundation (AVCF)" 281 Catterline Way, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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AVCF 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00027
Scott Charles Taylor, 6047 Woodminster Circle, Unit 11, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SacPrints"

1912 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025
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SACPRINTS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09301
Short Sale Cooperative Inc, 1800 Camden Road, Suite 107-141, Charlotte, NC 28203 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Lowell Firm" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2024
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LOWELL 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00034
Jamal Strawder and Jessenia Morales-Strawder, 9273 Deddington Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TT Support Group" 9273 Deddington Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2025
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SUPPORT 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08418
Ruben Gallardo, 3760 N Country Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flawless Finish Mobile Auto Detailing" 3760 N Country Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2024
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FLAWLESS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09154
Drew Whitney Harman, 4748 Ravenstone Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "iFixPools - Sacramento" 4748 Ravenstone Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024
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IFIXPOOLS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00152
Elite Product LLC, 5625 Manzanita Avenue, Apt 89, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Boogeyman" 5625 Manzanita Avenue, Apt 89, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2025
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BOOGEYMAN 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00098
Bogdan Ozhevan, 5326 Hemlock Street, #241, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bogdan's Guitar & Piano Music Studio" 5326 Hemlock Street, #241, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025
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BOGDAN 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00140
Footology Ony Care, 650 Howe Avenue, Suite 1010, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Footology Ony Care" 650 Howe Avenue, Suite 1010, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2025
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FOOTOLOGY 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09610
Atheist Alliance of America Inc, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SecularHelp.org/SecularHelp" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024
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SECULAR 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00290
Esperanto League for North America, 2014 Capitol Avenue, #100, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Esperanto-USA" 2014 Capitol Avenue, #100, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 15, 2025
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ESPERANTO 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00092
Vitalii Krystyniuk, 4725 Amber Lane, #2, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vitos Home Services" 4725 Amber Lane, #2, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025
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VITOS 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00302
Jose A. Lopez, 9349 Zambra Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pro Handyman & Cleaning Services" 9349 Zambra Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 15, 2025
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HANDYMAN 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00008
S.A. Woodworkers, 7357 Souza Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business

under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Area Woodworkers" 7357 Souza Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025
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WOODWORKERS 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09329
SFC Crossing Investors, LLC, 533 Airport Boulevard, Suite 505, Burlingame, CA 94010 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crossing at Riverlake Apartments" 1070 Lake Front Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024
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CROSSING 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00232
Stonesfair Financial Corporation, 533 Airport Boulevard, Suite 505, Burlingame, CA 94010 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Riverview Ranch Apartments" 2763 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 13, 2025
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RIVERVIEW 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00062
DC Mack, Inc., 8475 Lois Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pirtek Power Inn" 4191 Power Inn Road, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2025
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uplifting our community.

The Families in Transition Services program provides essential resources to students and families facing hardships and offers support that gives students the stability they need to focus on their education.

“At CRPD, we are not just public servants, we are neighbors, parents and community members who care deeply about making a difference,” said Cordova Recreation & Park District General Manager Patrick Larkin. “This donation is

a reflection of the compassion and generosity of our staff and board members, who wanted to personally support students and families in need.”

Cordova Recreation & Park District’s partnership with the Families in Transition Services program is part of a larger tradition of giving. Earlier this year, Cordova Recreation & Park District staff also organized a donation drive that collected more than 500 self-care items for the program. These collective efforts showcase the power of community-driven support and

the impact of individuals coming together to help others.

“A big thank you to the amazing team at CRPD for going above and beyond to support Families in Transition at FCUSD. Your generosity and dedication are sincerely appreciated. It’s incredible to see what a team can achieve when we work together to serve our community. You’re making a real difference and we’re so grateful for all you do,” said Folsom Cordova Unified School District Superintendent Erik Swanson

The FIT Services program

continues to welcome contributions and community members and organizations are encouraged to join in supporting these vital efforts. More information can be found on the program at fcusd.org/educational-services/social-emotional-learning-sel-and-educational-equity/families-in-transition.

“CRPD continues to inspire us with their incredible generosity and unwavering support. They remain trusted and valued partners in serving FCUSD’s most vulnerable families. We are deeply grateful

for CRPD’s ongoing partnership, which exemplifies the power of community collaboration to achieve the collective good. Thank you for making such a meaningful difference,” said Folsom Cordova Unified School District Director Social Emotional Learning & Equity Dr. Iyanna Pease

Cordova Recreation & Park District is humbled and honored to contribute to such an impactful program. Together, as a community, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09322
 Sherry Dickhoff, 4080 Truxel Road, #100, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “River Mist Realty” 4080 Truxel Road, #100, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024
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 MIST 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00228
 Esbeydi Aguilera and Yesenia Aguilera, 3820 Nisenan Lane, Wheatland, CA 95692 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “The Eagle’s Janitorial Faster Service” 3820 Nisenan Lane, Wheatland, CA 95692. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 13, 2025
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 JANITORIAL 2-14-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV019103
 Sharlee Bates and Timothy Bates have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Myah Beatrice Bates to Aquarius Beatrice Bates.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: December 9, 2024
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 BATES 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV024603
 Leilani Bailey and Parambir Singh have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zara Dove Singh to Zara Dove Bailey.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: December 4, 2024
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 BAILEY 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV026271
 Christopher Alan Glaubig has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Christopher Alan Glaubig to Christopher Alan Gray and Arianne Michelle Ortegaray to Arianne Michelle Gray.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: December 24, 2024
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 GLAUBIG 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV000430
 Joshua Kenneth Kent has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Joshua Kenneth Kent aka Joshua Kenneth Blackwell aka Joshua Kenneth Beachem to Jai Edwards.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 7, 2025
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV000170
 Deyanira Nava Nixon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Deyanira Nava Nixon to Deyanira Nava.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 3, 2025
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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 NIXON 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV001304
 Valjean Marie Bryant aka Valjean Marie Breinke Reinke aka Valjean Marie Bryant Breinke Reinke has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Valjean Marie Bryant aka Valjean Marie Breinke Reinke aka Valjean Marie Bryant Breinke Reinke to Valjean Marie Bryant Breinke Reinke to

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV000215
 Javid Vahdat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Javid Vahdat to Yaqob Naseri and Nahideh Vahdat to Wahideh Naseri and Masihullah Naseri and Manewereh Vahdat to Manewereh Naseri.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 3, 2025
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 NASERI 2-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV000578
 Diego Antonio Cruz-Ramos has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diego Antonio Cruz-Ramos to Diego Antonio Cruz.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 8, 2025
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 CRUZ 2-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV000785
 Linda Michelle Francis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Linda Michelle Francis to Linda Michelle Babski.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 10, 2025
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 BABSKI 2-7-25

CHANGE OF NAME

#24CV026597
 Fatemeh Mohammadi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Muhammed Ahmadi to Mahdi Ahmadi.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: December 27, 2024
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
 MOHAMMADI 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV026708
 Karina M Herrera has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Armani Jordan Pablo Espinoza to Armani Jordan Pablo Herrera.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: December 30, 2024
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
 HERRERA 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV025998
 Stepan Gorodnyy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Stepan Gorodnyy to Stepan Kovalchuk.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: December 20, 2024
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
 STEPAN 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV000170
 Deyanira Nava Nixon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Deyanira Nava Nixon to Deyanira Nava.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 3, 2025
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
 NIXON 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV000430
 Joshua Kenneth Kent has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Joshua Kenneth Kent aka Joshua Kenneth Blackwell aka Joshua Kenneth Beachem to Jai Edwards.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 7, 2025
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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 #25CV000785
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 Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025
 BABSKI 2-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 #25CV000215
 Javid Vahdat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Javid Vahdat to Yaqob Naseri and Nahideh Vahdat to Wahideh Naseri and Masihullah Naseri and Manewereh Vahdat to Manewereh Naseri.
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 NASERI 2-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 #25CV000578
 Diego Antonio Cruz-Ramos has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diego Antonio Cruz-Ramos to Diego Antonio Cruz.
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 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 CRUZ 2-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #25CV001304
 Valjean Marie Bryant aka Valjean Marie Breinke Reinke aka Valjean Marie Bryant Breinke Reinke has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Valjean Marie Bryant aka Valjean Marie Breinke Reinke aka Valjean Marie Bryant Breinke Reinke to Valjean Marie Bryant Breinke Reinke to

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. FBNF2020-06725
 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Fenton Consulting, 2641 Riverpine Court, Carmichael, CA 95608.
 Fenton Baker Inc, 2641 Riverpine Court, Carmichael, CA 95608
 The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 9/23/2020 in the County of Sacramento.
 Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 9/23/2020.
 Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
 FENTON 1-31-25

REQUEST TO CONTINUE COURT HEARING

REQUEST TO CONTINUE COURT HEARING (TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER) (CLETS-TRO)
 CASE NUMBER: S-DR-0066245
 Filed January 6, 2025, in the Superior Court of California, County of Placer Hon. Howard G. Gibson Courthouse 10820 Justice Center Drive Roseville, CA 95678
Protected Party: Keana Artero
Restrained Party: Andrew Wooster
 The request to reschedule the court date is granted. The new court date February 10, 2025, at 8:30 am, at 101 Maple Street, Auburn, CA 95603 Dept. 2
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 Published 01/17/2025, 01/24/2025, 01/31/2025, 02/07/2025
 WOOSTER 2-7-2025

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. FBNF2019-01368
 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Butterfly Soul Healings, 6205 Kieman Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608.
 Lauren Navarro, 6205 Kieman Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608.
 The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 2/11/2019 in the County of Sacramento.
 Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 1/06/2025.
 Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025
 BUTTERFLY 2-14-25

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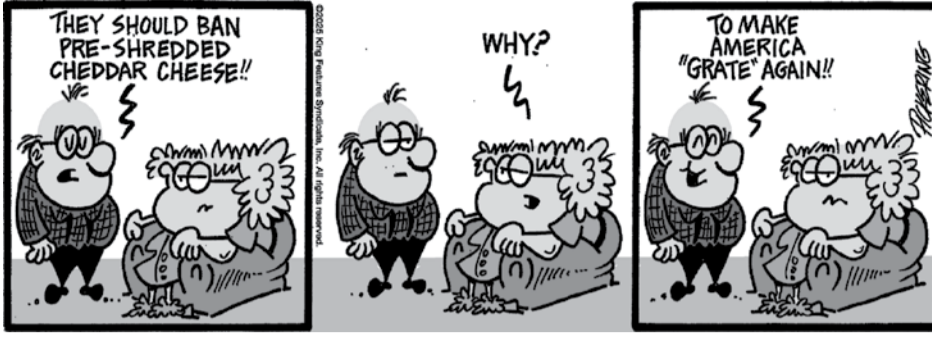
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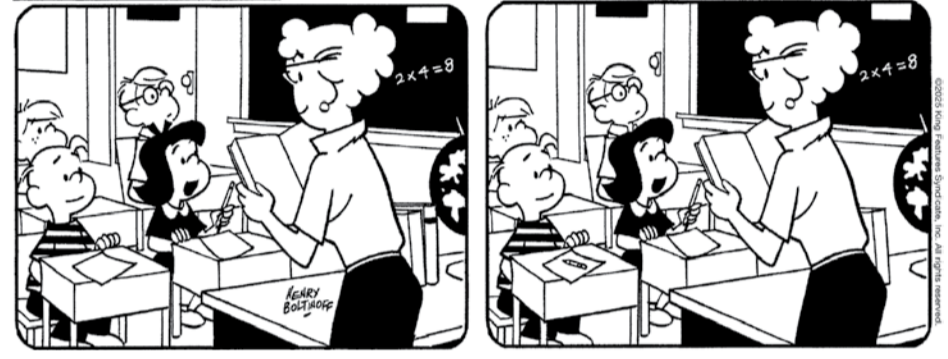
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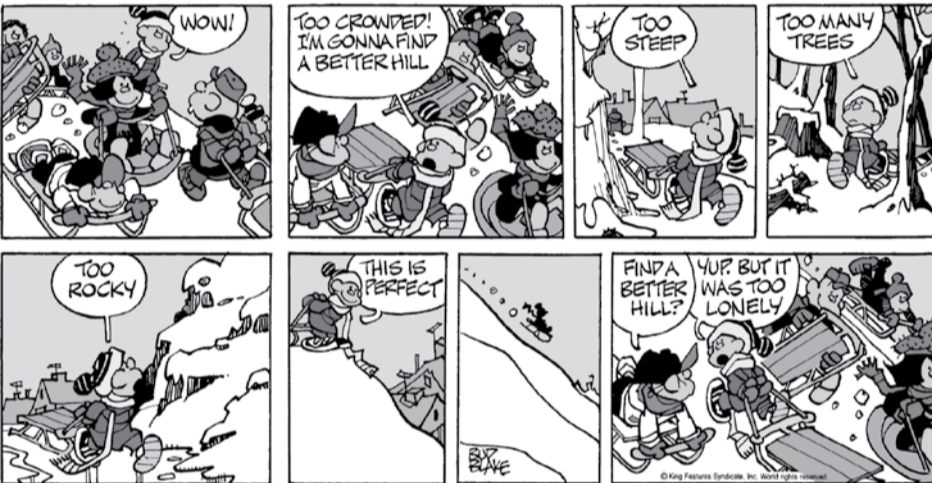
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California Continues to Prioritize Young Children

2025-2026 Budget Highlights Initiatives for All California Kids

First 5 California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - First 5 California thanks the Governor and administration for their ongoing dedication to early childhood education, infant and early childhood health, and the protection of early childhood care systems outlined in the 2025-2026 budget proposal.

“As a champion for children aged 0 to 5, First 5 California commends the Governor and Legislature for advancing a budget rooted in values that prioritize young children and families,” said Jackie Thu-Huong Wong, executive director of First 5 California. “We are grateful for the Governor’s commitment to initiatives that provide meaningful support to families, such as free diapers for newborns, smaller class sizes and expanded learning opportunities in Transitional Kindergarten, and English proficiency tools for multilingual learners. These investments, along with First 5 California’s statewide programs like Raise CA Strong to address the childcare



First 5 California remains steadfast in its mission to support the well-being of children during their critical early years. Image by kp yamu Jayanath from Pixabay

crisis, the Fatherhood Initiative and This Is How Dads Do It podcast to support fathers, and the Dragon Song campaign to promote young children’s mental health, create a lasting foundation for California’s families and communities.”

First 5 California remains steadfast in its mission to support the well-being of children during their critical early years. The organization drives impactful statewide initiatives such as the Stronger Starts campaign, which raises awareness of toxic

stress response in young children. Additionally, programs supporting maternal health, educator professional development, and parenting resources are further strengthening California’s early childhood landscape.

Wong added, “While the

decline in tobacco tax revenue challenges the sustainability of our programs, this budget represents a vital step in protecting and expanding essential services that reflect a deep commitment to equity and opportunity for all.”

The budget proposal underscores significant long-term investments aligning with First 5 California’s mission to deliver healing-centered, equity-focused programs. Recognizing that 90 percent of brain development occurs during the first five years of life, First 5 California provides essential services to children ages 0 to 5, including family strengthening programs, infant and early childhood mental health services, and high-quality early learning and literacy initiatives.

To maintain this momentum, First 5 California will continue advocating for robust state investments that help ensure the future of these essential programs so that all of California’s youngest children thrive for generations to come.

To learn more, visit www.cfcf.ca.gov. ★

Nonstop Flights to Anchorage Offered



Sacramento International Airport will offer seasonal direct flights to Anchorage starting June 14. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Beginning June 14, Sacramento International Airport (SMF) will offer a new seasonal nonstop flight to Anchorage, Alaska with Alaska Airlines. This marks the first-ever nonstop service from Sacramento to the State of Alaska in the airport’s history.

Perfect for a summer vacation, Anchorage offers a wide range of exciting activities, from breathtaking cruises to wildlife viewing, hiking and exploring the majestic landscapes that make Alaska so special. Whether you’re an adventure-seeker or simply looking to relax in nature’s beauty, Anchorage has something for everyone.

“We’re thrilled to partner with Alaska Airlines to announce Anchorage as our newest nonstop destination from SMF,” said Stephen Clark, C.M., deputy director of Airport Commercial Development at the Sacramento County Department of Airports. “This new route reflects the strong partnerships we’ve built to deliver travel

options that balance the needs of our business community and the growing demand for family-friendly and leisure destinations. It’s another step in our commitment to serving our region with convenient and exciting travel opportunities.”

The new nonstop service to Anchorage comes on the heels of Alaska Airlines starting four new flights, including the launch of new nonstop service to Orlando, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and Tucson, Arizona. Additionally, this past Saturday, Alaska Airlines began nonstop services from Sacramento International Airport to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

This new flight is just one of many recent additions as Sacramento International Airport continues to grow and enhance its offerings. By July, Sacramento International Airport expects more than 196 daily nonstop flights on 12 domestic and international carriers, connecting travelers to 36 destinations across the globe.

For more information, visit the Sacramento County Department of Airports website at <https://sacramento.aero/smf>. ★

Supervisor Chair, Vice-Chair Elected



At the Jan. 7 Board of Supervisors meeting, Phil Serna and Rosario Rodriguez were elected as chair and vice-chair respectively. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The annual vote to elect a new chair and a new vice-chair of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

This year’s elected chair is Supervisor Phil Serna of District 1, and Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez of District 4 was elected vice-chair.

“I am honored to be sworn as the 2025 Chair of Sacramento County’s Board of Supervisors,” said Serna. “As we move forward, my priority will be to foster collaboration and unity in our community and ensure that all voices are heard. I am ready to address the challenges our county faces and build a stronger, more inclusive future for all residents. I look forward to serving with my colleagues and continuing the important work that lies ahead this year.”

Board chair responsibilities are listed below.

The board chair presides over the board

meetings; the vice-chairperson assumes the role in the chairperson’s absence or inability to act. If the chair and vice-chair are absent or unable to preside, the members present will select a member present to act as temporary chairperson.

The board chair also acts on procedural matters or questions, recognizes a board member desiring to speak on an item; is entitled to vote on all matters before the board, participate in discussion relating to any matter, make motions without relinquishing the chair, and second any motion without relinquishing the chair.

The board chair also sits on other boards/commissions as a representative of Sacramento County and is the point of contact for questions from the public regarding the meetings (i.e., coordination of resolutions/presentations and general questions not specific to a district).

The chair and vice-chair serve annual terms. ★

California Farm Bureau Elects Three New Board Members

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three new members joined the California Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and another seven were re-elected, during the organization’s 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey.

Richard Schmid, a beekeeper from Homeland, replaces Scott Hudson in serving District 2, representing Farm Bureau members in Inyo-Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Schmid is the past president and a longtime member of Riverside County Farm Bureau. He has served on the California Farm

Bureau Rural Health and Safety Committee for many years.

Steve Kafka, a forester from Avery, replaces Paul Sanguinetti in serving District 12, representing Farm Bureau members in Calaveras and San Joaquin counties. Kafka is a graduate of Leadership Farm Bureau, a longtime member and chairman of the Forestry/Public Lands Committee, and past president and a longtime board member of Calaveras County Farm Bureau.

Martin Spannaus, a hay farmer and cattle rancher from Corning, replaces Jim Morris in serving District 20, representing Farm Bureau members in Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and

Trinity counties. He is a past president and current board member of Tehama County Farm Bureau.

Each will serve two-year terms.

Daniel Jones of Dixon was elected to a one-year term as chair of the Young Farmers & Ranchers State Committee. He is a member of the American Farm Bureau YF&R Committee, a Leadership Farm Bureau graduate and a member of Solano County Farm Bureau. He works full time as an insurance adjuster and raises cattle, almonds, hay and olives.

Re-elected to two-year terms on the California Farm Bureau

board were Kevin Merrill of Los Alamos in District 4 (Santa Barbara and Ventura counties); Roger Everett of Porterville in District 6 (Tulare County); April England of Hollister in District 8 (Monterey, San Benito and San Luis Obispo counties); Jan Garrod of Saratoga in District 10 (Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and San Mateo counties); Joe Fischer of Auburn in District 14 (Amador, El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento counties); Garrett Driver of Woodland in District 16 (Colusa, Glenn and Yolo counties); and Daniel Suenram of Kelseyville in District 18 (Lake

and Mendocino counties).

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass and First Vice President Shaun Crook were elected to serve as delegates at next month’s American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention in San Antonio. Second Vice President Ron Peterson and Mary Lou Coffelt of Hollister, San Benito County, were elected to serve as alternate delegates.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

Farm Bureau Responds to State Budget Plan

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA STATE (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass commented on the budget plan announced Jan. 10 by Gov. Gavin Newsom: “Fees, taxes and increasing labor costs continue to negatively impact

California food producers. The latest data shows that the state lost more than 7,000 farms and fallowed nearly 1.5 million acres of productive lands in the past five years, all while costs increased more than \$150,000 per farm in the same timeframe. These are family farms and businesses disappearing from California at an alarming

pace, preventing opportunities for beginning farmers and underserved populations from any pathway to launch agricultural businesses. We’ve heard promises from legislative leaders about focusing on California’s affordability, and we hope that every regulation and law that the governor and Legislature propose keeps affordability top of

mind. It’s clear that any action on key issues such as Cap-and-Trade reauthorization, the insurance crisis and agricultural overtime laws must work for farmers and ranchers and, importantly, the employees who put food on our tables. Only with agriculture as a partner will the governor’s goals to advance economic development in rural

communities find success. The future of California’s rural economy depends on it.”

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Hornet Softball Releases 2025 Schedule



The Sacramento State Softball team is scheduled to play 50 games in 2025. Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State University Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Softball's 12th-year head coach Lori Perez announced the team's 2025 schedule, which is comprised of 50 games, including 27 at Shea Stadium.

This year's regular season schedule, which also includes 17 road games and six at neutral sites, runs from Feb. 6 until May 9. The Hornets will play in three preseason tournaments, including a pair of annual home events, NorCal Kickoff (Feb. 6-9) and Capital Classic (Feb. 28-March 2).

The Big Sky Tournament will take place in Greeley, Colo., May 6-9, and should

the Hornets win the title, they would compete at NCAA Regionals beginning May 16.

Sacramento State is coming off a 2024 season in which the team finished with a 28-20 overall record and 7-4 in the Big Sky Conference. The Hornets went 2-2 at the Big Sky Tournament and fell one victory shy of reaching the tourney title game.

Sacramento State returns just 12 players from a year ago, as the team welcomes 14 new players to the program. The Hornets graduated 11 seniors from last season's team.

Of the Hornets' 35 non-conference games, 26 will be played in the state of California. The Hornets will travel to

Hawaii for the Spring Fling (Feb. 13-15) and play a three-game set at Oregon State (March 15-16). Sacramento State will play 18 non-league games at home, including the two tournaments, and home dates with UC Davis, BYU, Fresno State, Cal, Stanford, Pacific, Loyola Marymount and Columbia. The LMU games are a three-game set the weekend before conference play begins.

Sacramento State will play 15 Big Sky games featuring the usual three-game series format with doubleheaders on Fridays and single games on Saturday between March 28 and April 26.

In conference play, the Hornets will host three-game series vs. Idaho State (March 28-29), Northern Colorado (April

11-12) and Weber State (April 18-19). Road series will take place at Portland State (April 4-5) and Montana (April 25-26).

Sacramento State's coaching staff has two new additions, first-year assistant coach Marina Demore, and first-year student assistant Lewa Day. Demore will serve as the pitching coach after spending the 2024 season as interim head coach at Nevada. Day recently completed her playing career at Sacramento State (2020-24) in which she established herself as one of the greatest players to wear the Green and Gold.

Every home game (schedule permitting), and road games against a Big Sky opponent, will stream on ESPN+. ★

Hornet Named Gymnast of the Week



Sacramento State gymnast Kara Houghton was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week on Jan. 7. Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State gymnast Kara Houghton was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week, it was announced on Jan. 7. The honor was the first for Houghton during her career.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, the junior from Parker, Colo., helped the Hornets record their highest score in a season-opening meet and defeat both UC Davis and UW-Oshkosh in the process, at The Nest. Sacramento State totaled 194.700,

topping the previous record of 194.475 which came at the 2017 NorCal Classic.

Houghton scored 9.800 in each of her three events. She finished in second place on bars and tied for second on beam and floor. Her scores on bars and beam are tied for the eighth highest by a Sacramento State gymnast in a season opener.

The Hornets followed up their success in the season-opening meet with a 194.625-193.825 win over San Jose State on Sunday, Jan 12, at The Nest.

The Hornets are scheduled back in action at The Nest on Friday, Jan 17, against Cornell University and Alaska-Anchorage, after press time. ★

Athletics Season Tickets Sell Out

By Martín Gallegos, MLB.com

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Ahead of their temporary move to Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento for the next three seasons, the Athletics got a taste of the passion from sports fans in the area while attending a Sacramento Kings game just down the road at Golden 1 Center.

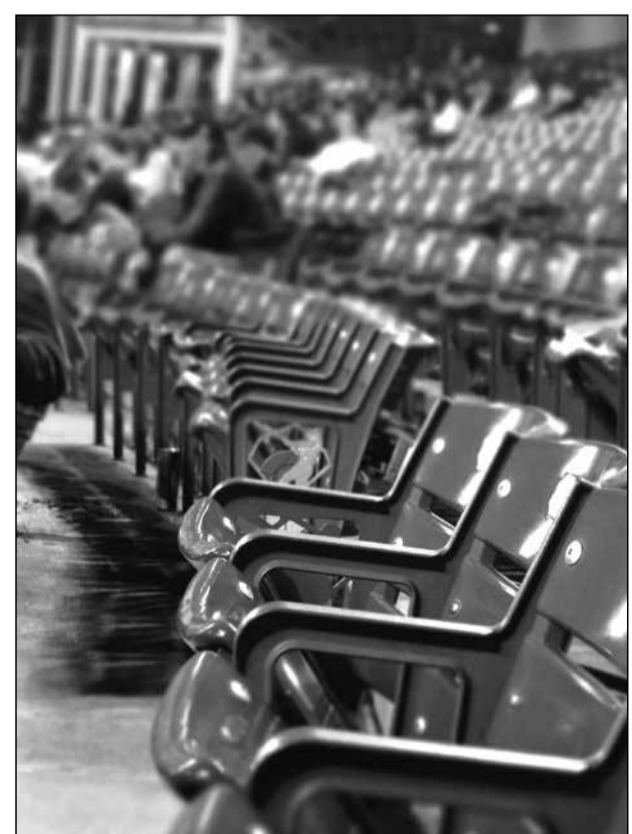
A's manager Mark Kotsay and players Brent Rooker, Lawrence Butler, JP Sears and JJ Bleday were treated to courtside seats and took in a thrilling Kings victory in double overtime. Throughout the night, the group was frequently stopped by fans in the arena who expressed their excitement about having a new Major League team in town.

"Going to that [Kings] game was our first taste of Sacramento as a sports town," Rooker said. "Seeing the passion that the fans had for that team made us hungry to get out there and put a good product on the field so we could experience the same thing."

That Sacramento sports fan fervor is expected to translate to baseball, as the Athletics announced on Friday that 2025 season tickets for their inaugural season at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento have sold out.

Limited single-game tickets will go on sale in late January. Further details on the pricing of those tickets and promotional and fan events will be shared ahead of the on-sale date.

Sutter Health Park, which the Athletics will share with the



With demand for season tickets so high, the A's have already created a waitlist for 2026 season tickets. Image by Wendy Luby from Pixabay

Sacramento River Cats, Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, is undergoing extensive renovations to bring the stadium's facilities up to Major League standards. Its current capacity is 14,014, which includes 10,624 permanent

tickets that fans can join at www.athletics.com/seasontickets.

The A's inaugural game at Sutter Health Park is set for Monday, March 31 against the Cubs. The home schedule includes matchups against the Padres (April 7-9), Mets (April 11-13), Phillies (May 23-25), Giants (July 4-6), Braves (July 8-10), D-backs (Aug. 1-3), and Reds (Sept. 12-14).

"I think it'll end up playing to our advantage," Sears said of playing at Sutter Health Park. "It seems like they're going to pack it out every night and support us pretty strong. The clubhouse facilities and those facilities we toured looked really nice and upgraded. ... I haven't been this excited for a baseball season in my life." ★



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River Cats Conducting National Anthem Auditions

River Cats News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The opening of every ballgame starts with the National Anthem, and the Sacramento River Cats want to give you the chance to perform. The River Cats have announced their National Anthem auditions for the 2025 baseball season will take place at Sutter Health Park on Sunday, Feb. 16.

Auditions are open to all soloists and instrumentalists, and those interested in performing prior to a River Cats game must submit an audition demo by Friday, Jan. 31. Demos received past this date will not be considered.

All demos submitted must be an A cappella version or original performance of

the "Star Spangled Banner," sung in full, with clear, consistent and correct lyrics. The full performance must not exceed 90 seconds.

To submit a demo, please email an mp3 or YouTube link to Logan Flair at lflair@rivercats.com. The email subject line should read "2025 National Anthem Demo" and include a name, phone number and email address in the body of the email.

The River Cats will invite the top demos submitted to Sutter Health Park for a live audition on Feb. 16. Due to the volume of applicants, performers will only be contacted if they are selected to audition in person. Selected performers will be contacted the week of Feb. 10 with further instructions. ★