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## We Are TR Foundation Awards \$35,000 in Scholarships for Students



At a special state of the district event on April 11, sponsored by the We Are TR Foundation and Twin Rivers Unified School District, 10 students were recognized with a total of \$35,000 in scholarships. Photo courtesy of Twin Rivers Unified School District

By MPG Staff

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - On April 11, at a special state-of-the-district event sponsored by the We Are TR Foundation and Twin Rivers Unified School District, 10 students were recognized with a total of \$35,000 in scholarships to support their continued academic excellence and building brighter futures.

Three students from Rio Linda High School received awards for their outstanding academic achievement. Wania Shah was a recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship; Joshua Ross and Carter Williams were both

recipients of a \$2,500 scholarship.

Here are all the recipients of the \$5,000 and \$2,500 We Are TR Foundation scholarships:

Scholarship recipients for the \$5,000 award include Wania Shah (Rio Linda High School), Melany Navarrete (Grant Union High School) and Leo Garcia Gonzalez (Creative Connections Arts Academy).

Scholarship recipients for the \$2,500 award include Armon Smith (Grant Union High School), Amy Lopez (Grant Union High School), Schonette Sanders (Grant Union High School), Luis Martinez-Cornejo (Foothill High School),

Muskan Khogyani (Foothill High School), Carter Williams (Rio Linda High School), Joshua Ross (Rio Linda High School) and Mohammad Zaki Yousof (Rio Linda High School).

The We Are TR Foundation is a California nonprofit organization that raises charitable funds to support activities, programs and facilities for all the schools operating within Twin Rivers Unified School District.

The foundation provides financial aid to teachers, administrators and students in the form of grants, scholarships, studies and programs, and materials and equipment. ★

## BizX Event Returns May 7 for Small Business Week

Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Entrepreneurs, small business owners and industry professionals are invited to join BizX 2025 from 3 to 6 p.m. on May 7, where local business leaders will share their inspiring path from startup to success.

Hosted annually as part of Capital Region Small Business Week (CRSBW), BizX is the premier business resource and networking event, hosted by Sacramento County's Office of Economic Development and City of Sacramento's Office of Innovation and Economic Development.

This year's theme, "Dream Big, Start Small," highlights the journeys of entrepreneurs who turned their ideas into thriving enterprises.

"BizX is a celebration of the entrepreneurial spirit that fuels Sacramento County's economy," said Crystal Bethke, Sacramento County Director of Economic Development. "As part of Capital Region Small Business Week, this event is more than a networking opportunity, it's a chance to gain real insight, connect with fellow business owners and access valuable small business resources."

Keynote speaker Ginger Elizabeth Hahn, a luxury chocolatier, will share how she built her renowned brand through passion, perseverance and dedication.

Following the keynote, a dynamic panel of local business leaders will offer their firsthand insights.

Panelists include Ernesto Delgado, restaurateur and owner of Tequila Museo Mayahuel, La Cosecha Sacramento, Octopus Baja Sacramento and Mesa Mercado Carmichael; Susan O'Brien, owner of The Kitchen Table and Dante Williams, roaster and owner of The Black Coffee Roastery.

In addition to the speaker lineup, attendees can explore a variety of small business resource booths, connect with service providers and meet peers from across the Capital Region. Light refreshments will be served.

The first 100 registrants will receive free parking validation and a complimentary box of Ginger Elizabeth truffles.

The event will be held at 200 Aggie Square, *Continued on page 5*

## Big Day of Giving Returns

Sacramento Region Community Foundation News Release



SACRAMENTO REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On Thursday, May 1, hundreds of nonprofits across the capital region will unite once again for the highly anticipated Big Day of Giving, an annual movement intended to strengthen the local nonprofit sector brought to you by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

Since 2013, Big Day of Giving has raised more than \$100 million, driving transformative change across the region. What makes this truly transformative is the broad participation. More than half of donations are \$50 or less, proving that small contributions, combined, create a powerful collective impact.

This year, more than 850 nonprofits serving Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado and Placer counties are participating. Each nonprofit organization has a profile at bigdayofgiving.org, where donors can easily explore organizations by cause area, location, demographics served, leadership makeup and more.

This year, Big Day of Giving will offer expanded payment options. Donors can now contribute directly through the website using PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo and other secure, mobile-friendly platforms, making it easier than ever for community members and organizations to support the causes that matter most to them.

"Big Day of Giving is a powerful

reminder of the profound impact generosity can have when we unite as a community," said foundation Chief Executive Office Kerry Wood. "It's more than just making a donation; it's about standing together for the causes that move us and empowering the nonprofits that strengthen our region. When we all show up, we fuel the change we want to see and help our region thrive."

As part of Big Day of Giving, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation will highlight nonprofits participating in its Cultivate program, a year-round initiative dedicated to strengthening Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)-led and -serving organizations. Through Cultivate, these nonprofits gain access to funding, mentorship and leadership training, ensuring their long-term sustainability and growth.

Nearly 85% of Cultivate participants manage operational budgets under \$500,000, underscoring the program's focus on small, grassroots organizations. This program highlights the foundation's ongoing commitment to equity and its role in fortifying the capital region's nonprofit sector, both through Big

Day of Giving and throughout the year.

On May 1, donations made through the Big Day of Giving website are eligible for bonus funds, thanks to a pool of \$100,000 in prizes from Western Health Advantage and match funds secured by participating nonprofits. Additionally, gifts made using Golden 1 Credit Union debit or credit cards will be matched proportionally by Golden 1 Credit Union from a \$100,000 matching pool.

Big Day of Giving is made possible through the generous support of lead sponsor Western Health Advantage. In addition to hosting the giving day, the Foundation provides ongoing resources and services that help donors create lasting philanthropic impact across the region.

Learn more or find out how to give early at [www.bigdayofgiving.org](http://www.bigdayofgiving.org).

As the center of philanthropy in the region, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation leads, serves and inspires enduring philanthropy for a just and vibrant Sacramento region. Learn more at [www.sacregcf.org](http://www.sacregcf.org). ★

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## Court Expands Hours for Traffic, Small Claims, Landlord/Tenant Cases



The Carol Miller Justice Center's expanded hours, effective since April 7, are anticipated to streamline court processes, reduce wait times and make it easier for Sacramento County residents to address their legal cases. Photo courtesy of Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento

### Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -** In an effort to better serve the public, the Sacramento Superior Court has extended its hours of operation at the Carol Miller Justice Center, effective since April 7.

This change is meant to increase accessibility for individuals addressing traffic, small claims and landlord/tenant (also known as unlawful detainer) cases before the court.

Data shows that most users tend to access court services at the Carol Miller Justice Center earlier in the week, with a line often forming outside before the doors open to the public in the morning.

As part of an 18-month pilot program, the Carol Miller Justice Center has

adjusted its operating hours to open one hour earlier at 7 a.m. and close one hour later at 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The courthouse is closed Fridays.

These expanded hours will provide additional options for those wishing to resolve their cases outside traditional business hours, reducing the need to take time off from work, school or other daily obligations.

Key changes include court services now available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Traffic arraignment calendars will start at 7 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Court trial calendars will be added at 7:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Lastly, the courthouse is closed on Fridays.

The expanded hours are anticipated to streamline court processes, reduce wait times and make it easier for Sacramento County

residents to address their legal cases. For example, an individual could attend a traffic arraignment at 7 a.m. to appear before a judge and return to their regular daily schedule by 7:30 a.m.

The new hours only apply to the Carol Miller Justice Center, which processes traffic, small claims and landlord/tenant (also known as unlawful detainer) cases. Other court buildings and divisions of the Sacramento Superior Court will maintain their standard operating hours.

For more information about services available at the Carol Miller Justice Center, visit traffic services online at [saccourt.ca.gov/traffic/traffic.aspx](http://saccourt.ca.gov/traffic/traffic.aspx); small claims services at [saccourt.ca.gov/small-claims/small-claims.aspx](http://saccourt.ca.gov/small-claims/small-claims.aspx); and unlawful detainers (landlord/tenant) at [saccourt.ca.gov/ud/ud.aspx](http://saccourt.ca.gov/ud/ud.aspx). ★



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## Family Paint Night and Pool Bash!



Whether you are a seasoned artist or just looking to try something new, Family Paint Night is a guided paint experience. It is the perfect way to spend quality time with your family while creating your very own spring-themed masterpiece. Photo courtesy of Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District

By MPG staff

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - Looking for fun activities to do with the whole family? The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District has two upcoming events for residents to spend a night of family quality time.

Family Paint Night is a creative and fun-filled evening for the whole family. Whether you are a seasoned artist or just looking to try something new, this guided paint experience is the perfect way to spend quality time together while creating your very own spring-themed masterpiece. It will be from 6 to 8 p.m. May 2 at the Rio Linda Community, 810 Oak Lane. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Each participant will receive all the materials needed to create their own masterpiece, including paint, brushes and a canvas. A step-by-step instruction from a local artist will also be provided.

Family Paint Night attendees can expect a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere filled with creativity and fun. Pre-registration is required to attend family paint night by registering at [rlparks.com](http://rlparks.com). Every individual, including children and adults, must be signed up in advance.

Spots are limited and this popular event fills up fast, so register now and get ready for a colorful night of family fun and artistic expression.

Following that, Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District's next big event will be the third annual Pool Bash, opening day at the pool, on June 13. It is

a fun-filled night of swimming, music, food and family fun at the Rio Linda High School Pool.

The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District is partnering with the Rio Linda Lions Club, sponsor of the event, to provide a free meal to all the families attending. Meal details will be announced as the event approaches.

Grab your swimsuit, bring your friends and family and make a splash at this summer kickoff event. The Pool Bash will be from 4 to 8 p.m. June 13 at the Rio Linda High School pool, 6309 Dry Creek Road. Admission is \$4. ★



The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District is partnering with the Rio Linda Lions Club, event sponsor, to provide a free meal to all families attending the Pool Bash on June 13. Photo courtesy of Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District

## Addressing Homelessness and Crime Through Unified Action



Rosario Rodriguez

From Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez's Newsletter

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - When I took office, tackling the homelessness crisis was my top priority. As a member of the Folsom City Council, I witnessed firsthand how fragmented and uncoordinated the response was between the County of Sacramento and individual cities. Each jurisdiction worked independently, duplicating efforts, lacking coordination, and ultimately failing to drive meaningful change.

This disjointed approach has led to a system that simply doesn't work. Homelessness is a regional crisis, and until we commit to working together as one unified force, we won't see a real decline in the numbers.

According to the most recent Point-in-Time count, Sacramento County has at least 6,615 homeless individuals, though I firmly believe this is an undercount. Even with this conservative estimate, the picture is stark: we have a fraction of the shelter beds, permanent supportive housing, and services needed to meet the demand.

Without a collaborative strategy, we remain stuck in a cycle where homeless individuals are simply moved from one city to another as encampments are cleared, rather than being placed on a meaningful path to stability.

At the same time, we cannot allow illegal encampments and the status quo to continue. Sacramento County residents should not bear the brunt of inaction, whether it's in the form of blight, negative impacts on local businesses and neighborhoods or increased crime. These encampments are unsafe, both for those living in them and for the surrounding communities.

Clearing them isn't just about restoring order; it's about ensuring individuals have access to the treatment and services they need to get back on their feet.

The solution is clear: we must drastically increase the availability of shelter and supportive housing, while ensuring that our local government, county and city, works together in a unified system. This includes:

**Coordinating Resources Across Jurisdictions:** Rather than cities and counties working in isolation, we need a shared strategy to efficiently allocate shelter beds, housing and services where they are most needed.

**Maximizing Existing Shelter Capacity:** We must better manage our available shelter beds to ensure individuals have a safe place to go when encampments are cleared.

**Expanding Services Alongside Shelters and Housing:** Simply providing housing isn't enough. True progress requires robust mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, and job training programs to

help individuals transition back into society. Without these critical services, the cycle of homelessness will continue.

**Holding Ourselves Accountable:** A fragmented approach has failed us. It's time for all local governments to take responsibility and focus on results over bureaucracy. As elected officials, we must ensure real-time data is used to improve efficiency and effectiveness, enabling quick action and problem-solving.

**Requiring Outcomes from Community Partners:** Organizations receiving government funding must be held accountable, with key performance indicators based on measurable and achievable results reported monthly.

**Establishing Effective and Efficient Communication:** Homelessness is the top priority for most of us living in Sacramento County, and addressing it requires clear, concise, and timely communication. We must utilize data to foster dialogue, understanding, and collaboration to drive better outcomes.

Sacramento County has a unique opportunity to set a new standard for addressing homelessness, not through fragmented efforts by individual cities and agencies, but by coming together as a unified force. I've been working to bring leaders together, including recent meetings with Sacramento City Mayor Kevin McCarty, to develop a collaborative strategy that will drive real, lasting change.

We are joining forces to bring leaders from all cities in Sacramento County to identify the gaps and challenges within the current system, uncover deficiencies, and create a cost-effective, long-term plan to significantly reduce homelessness throughout our county.

If we fail to collaborate, the crisis will only deepen. But if we unite, we can build a system that helps move individuals off the streets and into stable, fulfilling lives.

Let's come together and take real action to solve this crisis. I want to hear from you, how can we better coordinate our efforts? Reach out to my office at 916-874-5491 or e-mail at [supervisorrodriguez@saccounty.gov](mailto:supervisorrodriguez@saccounty.gov).

### Major Bust on Watt Avenue

I want to give a big thank you to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and their deputies for a successful human trafficking sting in the Watt Avenue area long known as a hotspot for these crimes.

By going undercover and posing as sex workers, they arrested 53 individuals attempting to buy sex.

This operation is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the demand driving commercial sex trafficking. I'm also grateful to the partner agencies who supported this effort: the Sacramento Family Justice Center, Drive4Impact Foundation, Sacramento County Probation Department and the California Department of Justice.

These coordinated actions are crucial in protecting victims and making our communities safer.

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

## 74th Autorama to Fill Cal Expo with Hundreds of Hot Rods



Starting May 2, hundreds of hot rods, custom vehicles, muscle cars, lowriders, trucks, and motorcycles will take over Cal Expo at the 74th annual Sacramento Autorama. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Autorama

### Sacramento Autorama Media News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The popular Sacramento Autorama returns to Cal Expo for the 74th year on May 2 through May 4. The three-day event presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts will feature more than 500 hot rods, customs, muscle cars, trucks and motorcycles, plus celebrity appearances, vendors, fair food and much more.

Here is an overview of what attendees can look forward to enjoying at this year's show:

The most prestigious award presented by ARP Fasteners, will be awarded to the best chopped, channeled or sectioned vehicle from 1936-64 that embodies the true spirit of a classic custom. Contenders will compete for a \$5,000 prize and a custom trophy.

Participants will also compete for the "Big

B Awards," including the Dick Bertolucci Automotive Excellence Award, Candy Apple Joe Bailon Memorial Award, Sam Barris Memorial Award and the World's Most Beautiful Custom, H.A. Bagdasarian Memorial Award, as well as the King of Kustoms Award. All five awards honor Northern California hot rod legends.

The Autorama will also celebrate intricate and incredible lowriders with the World's Most Beautiful Lowrider Award. This year's winner will receive a \$5,000 prize courtesy of ARP Fasteners.

Locals and car enthusiasts are encouraged to show off their rides in the 18th Annual Autorama Drive-In, which welcomes all makes and models of cars and trucks (motorcycles are not permitted).

Vehicles must be driven into the show and can be entered for just one or all three days. Participants will

receive event admission for two people, a goodie bag and the best parking at the event. Over 400 cars are anticipated to join this outdoor portion of the show.

For the third consecutive year, the West Coast Challenge Car Show Series, presented by ARP Fasteners, will crown its grand champion in Sacramento. Eleven vehicles that have competed in at least four or five select car shows in California, Oregon and Washington will be judged for the "Best of the West" award. The top three winners will receive prizes of \$12,500, \$6,500 and \$3,500, respectively, plus other gifts and prizes.

Brandon Flaner of East Bay Speed and Custom will be honored as the 2025 Builder of the Year. Known for building early Ford hot rods and customs, Flaner has been restoring hot rods at East Bay Speed and Custom for over a decade. After winning last year's King of Kustoms Award for

Mike McAuliffe's impeccable 1953 Ford Victoria, Flaner and his team will showcase many of their builds in the Builder of the Year display in building C.

The Cal Expo buildings will be packed with special collections and displays, including a dozen high-horsepower blown, injected, nitrous-powered, tubbed and fat-tired muscle cars in the West Coast Pro Street Outlaws display. The West Coast Kustoms car club will showcase some of its coolest customs in building C, alongside a special display honoring the legendary late customizer and fabricator Gene Windfield. The Traditional Rod & Custom Showcase celebrates hot rods the way they used to be, including styles and history associated with the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Since 1990, Work World has been outfitting California's workers, offering top brands like Carhartt, Dickies, Wolverine, Ben Davis and more. Visit Work World locations in Sacramento and Roseville before the event to enter for a chance

to win a single-day admission ticket. Make sure to visit their booth in building A for a chance to win prizes, including Work World gift cards.

The well-known PinStriper Charity Auction highlights leading pinstripers from across the nation who create unique artwork to be auctioned daily for charity. For a small donation, participants can bring any item and receive a custom pinstripping design. All donations raised go directly to the University of California, Davis Children's Hospital.

The family-friendly event will feature live

music, vendors, food and entertainment.

The Sacramento Autorama opens to the public daily from Friday, May 2, through Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adult tickets are \$25 per day, while tickets for children ages 6 to 12 cost \$10, and children under 5 are admitted for free. Discounted tickets are available at participating O'Reilly Auto Parts stores for \$20 for adults and \$8 for children.

For more information about the Sacramento Autorama and to purchase tickets online, visit [rodshows.com/sacramento-autorama](http://rodshows.com/sacramento-autorama). ★



For the third consecutive year, the West Coast Challenge Car Show Series presented by ARP Fasteners, will crown its grand champion in Sacramento at the annual Autorama, happening May 2 through May 4.

# License to Kill

By Robert Lewis,  
CalMatters.org

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)

Ivan Dimov was convicted of reckless driving in 2013, after fleeing police in Washington state while his passenger allegedly dumped heroin out the window. Before that, he got six driving under the influence (DUI) convictions in California over a six-year period. None of that would keep him off the road.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles reissued him a driver's license in 2017. The next year, on Christmas Eve, he drove drunk again, running stop signs and a traffic light in downtown Sacramento, going more than 80 miles per hour, court records show. He T-boned another car, killing a 28-year-old man who was going home to feed the cat before heading to his mom's for the holiday.

Kostas Linardos had 17 tickets, including for speeding, reckless driving and street racing, and had been in four collisions. Then, in November 2022, he gunned his Ram 2500 truck as he entered a Placer County highway and slammed into the back of a disabled sedan, killing a toddler, court records show. He's now facing felony manslaughter charges.

In December of last year, while that case was open, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) renewed his driver's license.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles routinely allows drivers like these, with horrifying histories of dangerous driving, including driving under the influence, crashes and numerous tickets, to continue to operate on our roadways, a CalMatters investigation has found. Too often they go on to kill. Many keep driving even after they kill. Some go on to kill again.

With state lawmakers grappling with how to address the death toll on our roads, CalMatters wanted to understand how California handles dangerous drivers. We first asked the district attorneys for all 58 counties to provide us with a list of their vehicular manslaughter cases from 2019 through early last year. Every county but Santa Cruz provided the information.

Because California has no centralized court system and records aren't online, we then traveled to courthouses up and down the state to read through tens of thousands of pages of files. Once we had defendants' names and other information, we were able to get Department of Motor Vehicles driver reports for more than 2,600 of the defendants, providing details on their recent collisions, citations and license status.

The court records and driving histories reveal a state so concerned with people having access to motor vehicles for work and life that it allows deadly drivers to share our roads, despite the cost. Officials may call driving a privilege, but they treat it as a right, often failing to take drivers' licenses even after they kill someone on the road.

We found nearly 40% of the drivers charged with vehicular manslaughter since 2019 have a valid license.

That includes a driver with two separate convictions for vehicular manslaughter, for crashes that killed a 16-year-old girl in 2009 and a 25-year-old woman in 2020. In July of last year, the Department of Motor Vehicles issued him a driver's license.

The agency gave licenses to nearly 150 people less than a year after they allegedly killed someone on the road, CalMatters found. And many drivers accused of causing roadway deaths don't appear to have stopped driving recklessly. Records show that nearly 400 got a ticket or were in another crash, or both, after their deadly collisions.

"It is somewhat shocking to see how much you can get away with and still be a licensed driver in the state of California," Placer County District Attorney Morgan Gire said. "I don't think anyone fully understands what you need to do behind the wheel to lose your driving privilege."

Almost as interesting as the information in the drivers' Department of Motor Vehicles records is what not there.

Hundreds of drivers' Department of Motor Vehicles records



Jerrod Tejada holds a framed photo of his daughter Cassi Tejada, at his home in Visalia on March 6. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters

simply don't list convictions for manslaughter or another crime related to a fatal crash, we found. The apparent error means some drivers who should have their driving privileges suspended instead show up in Department of Motor Vehicles records as having a valid license.

The cases we reviewed cut across demographics and geography. Defendants include farmworkers and a farm owner. They include off-duty police officers and people with lengthy rap sheets, drivers who killed in a fit of rage and others whose recklessness took the lives of those they loved most, high school sweethearts, siblings and children.

The tragedies span this vast state. From twisty two-lane mountain roads near the Oregon border to the dusty scrubland touching Mexico. From the crowded streets of San Francisco to the highways of the Inland Empire. From Gold Country to Timber Country, to Silicon Valley, to the almond capital of the world. So much death. More people than are killed by guns.

Dangerous drivers are able to stay on the roads for many reasons. The state system that targets motorists who rack up tickets is designed to catch clusters of reckless behavior, not long-term patterns. And while there are laws requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend a driver's license for certain crimes, like driving under the influence, there is no such requirement for many vehicular manslaughter convictions.

It's often up to the Department of Motor Vehicles whether to act. Routinely, it doesn't.

The Department of Motor Vehicles declined to make its director, Steve Gordon, who has been in charge since Governor Gavin Newsom appointed him in 2019, available for an interview to discuss our findings.

Chris Orrock, a Department of Motor Vehicles spokesperson, said the agency follows the law when issuing licenses. "We use our authority as mandated and as necessary," he said.

Even when the Department of Motor Vehicles does take away motorists' driving privileges, state officials, law enforcement and the courts are often unable or unwilling to keep them off the road. We found cases where drivers racked up numerous tickets while driving on a suspended license and faced little more than fines before eventually causing a fatal crash, even though authorities could have sent them to jail.

Taking away someone's driving privilege is no small decision. It can consign a family to poverty, affecting job prospects, childcare and medical decisions.

Still, the stakes couldn't be higher. More than 20,000 people died on the roads of California from 2019 to early 2024.

Kowana Strong thinks part of the problem is that lawmakers and regulators are too quick to treat fatal crashes as an unfortunate fact of life, as opposed to something they can address.

Her son Melvin Strong the Third, who went by his middle name, Kwaun, was finishing college and planning to start a master's program in kinesiology. He was killed by Dimov, the driver with six prior driving under the influence convictions.

Kwaun was a bright and innocent young man, she said, just starting



Cassi Tejada and Courtney Kendall. Photo courtesy of Butte County District Attorney

his life.

"It's just another accident as far as they're concerned," Kowana Strong said.

Young people think they're invincible. It's the old who know how unfair life is, Jerrod Tejada said.

His daughter Cassi Tejada was just 22. She was months from graduating from Chico State with a bachelor's degree in history and a plan to be a teacher. Outgoing and athletic, she wanted to travel, see the world and make her own life.

She had a girlfriend who was visiting. Courtney Kendall was 24 and a student at Louisiana State University.

On a Sunday afternoon in January 2022, a Volvo sports utility vehicle (SUV) topping speeds of 75 miles per hour ran a red light and smashed into their Jeep, court records show. The collision killed them both.

"The most difficult part, besides the incident, is every day that goes by you're always wondering what if. What would they be doing today?" Jerrod Tejada said. "Would they be married? Would they have developed into the career that they chose? Where would she be living?"

Tanya Kendall lamented not being there to protect her daughter, hold her hand or say goodbye.

"Instead, I was left with the unbearable task of choosing what outfit she would be buried in. Buried, Your Honor. Not the gown she would wear to her graduation from Louisiana State University, the one she will never attend," the mother wrote in a letter to a Butte County judge. She added that she and her husband stood in their daughter's place, accepting her diploma.

Such pain was preventable. The driver of the Volvo, Matthew Moen, had a blood alcohol level more than three times the legal limit, according to court filings. And it wasn't his first time drinking and driving. Moen was caught driving drunk in Oregon in 2016. He never completed the requirements of a diversion program and had an outstanding warrant at the time of the fatal crash, the Butte County district attorney's office said. In January 2020, he was convicted of driving under the influence in Nevada County for driving with a blood alcohol level more than twice the legal limit, given a couple of weeks in jail and put on probation for three years.

His license was valid at the time of the fatal 2022 crash, records show. Across the country, states grapple with how to effectively spot and punish drivers who could be a danger on the road. Often they rely on a basic point system, with drivers

accruing points for various types of traffic violations and thresholds for when the state will take away a motorist's driving privileges. But like many, California has such high limits that drivers with a pattern of reckless behavior can avoid punishment.

The state suspends a driver's license for accumulating four points in a year, six points in two years or eight points in three years. What does it take to get that many points? Using a cellphone while driving is zero points. A speeding ticket is a point. Vehicular manslaughter is two points.

Between March 2017 and March 2022, Trevor Cook received two citations for running red lights, got two speeding tickets and was deemed responsible for two collisions, including one in which someone was injured, court records show. (A third red light ticket was dismissed.) At-fault collisions add a point to a driver's license, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. But the incidents were spaced out enough that none resulted in a suspension.

So Cook had a valid license on April 14, 2022, just a month after his last speeding ticket, when he blew through a Yolo County stop sign at more than 100 miles per hour.

At that exact moment, Prajal Bista passed through the intersection on his way to work after dinner and a movie with his wife, according to details of the crash that prosecutors included in court filings. Bista was driving the speed limit and on track to make it to work 30 minutes early.

The force of the collision nearly split Bista's Honda Civic in half. Investigators determined Bista had been wearing his seat belt, but the crash tore it apart. They found his body 75 feet from the intersection.

On March 28, 2024, Cook pleaded no contest to felony vehicular manslaughter.

Just a month later, on April 30, the Department of Motor Vehicles issued Cook his current driver's license, agency records show. Less than two weeks after that, he got a ticket for disobeying a traffic signal. Melinda Aiello, chief deputy district attorney in Yolo County, said her office didn't know anything about the new license or the red light ticket until contacted by CalMatters. What's more, the manslaughter conviction, like hundreds of others we found, isn't listed on Cook's driving record.

Cook's license was still listed as valid in California Department of Motor Vehicles records as of early 2025. But for now, he's off

the roadways. Last summer, Cook started serving time in state prison.

"It's stunning to me that eight months later, his license is still showing as valid and the conviction for killing someone while driving is not reflected in his driving record," Aiello said. "You killed somebody. I'd think there might be some license implications."

Orrock, the Department of Motor Vehicles spokesperson, said he couldn't speak directly to why so many convictions are missing. But, he said, "we acknowledge that the process and coordination between the judicial system and the Department of Motor Vehicles must continually evolve to address any gaps that have been identified. And we're looking into that."

Roughly 400 drivers accused of causing a fatal crash since 2019 received a ticket, got in another collision or did both after the date they allegedly killed someone on the road. (The reports don't show whether the drivers were found at fault, only that they were involved in an accident.) That's about 15% of the drivers for whom we could get Department of Motor Vehicles reports.

Drivers like William Beasley. From 2011 to 2016, Beasley collected five speeding tickets and a citation for running a red light in Sacramento County, court records show. Then around 9 a.m. on a sunny Tuesday in October 2019, he killed a man.

William and Deborah Hester were crossing the street to go to a dentist appointment at a veterans facility when Beasley's silver pickup sped toward them. They thought they would make it across. But the truck didn't stop. At the last minute, William Hester shoved his wife out of the way. She heard the truck smash into her husband's body and screamed, according to court records.

Beasley still didn't stop. He fled the area and tried to hide his truck. Investigators used nearby cameras and license plate readers to track him down days later. Beasley admitted to being in a collision.

He later pleaded no contest in Sacramento to hit-and-run and misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter. A probation report in the case revealed Beasley was nearly blind in his left eye.

"Mr. Hester is with me every moment of my life," Beasley said in an interview. "I took away a father, a grandfather, a husband, and they consider me a murderer. That's not who I am."

"My accident with Mr. Hester was just that, an accident. Nothing more," he said, adding that he worked as a courier for years and sometimes got speeding tickets because he was rushing.

In May 2020, the Department of Motor Vehicles took away his driving privileges.

In November 2022, Beasley got his license back, "because I could and I needed to," he said, adding that people deserve second chances, particularly for accidents.

Almost immediately, less than three weeks after getting his license, he was in another collision, his Department of Motor Vehicles report shows. In early 2024, he got in yet another. His license was suspended when his car insurance was canceled, records show.

"It makes no sense to me that they would give him a license and give him the opportunity to hurt someone else," said Loriann Hester Page, William Hester's daughter.

Her father's death broke the family, she said. He drove a tank in the Army, played guitar in a band, and liked to ride horses.

"My dad was such a wonderful, kind man," she said. "He would always walk in a room and wanted to make everyone smile."

Beasley said he doesn't plan to drive again.

"I am 75 years old," he said. "I am blind in one eye. I have had a situation where a man was killed, he lost his life. I am not going to repeat that situation at all."

*This is the first piece in a series about how California lets dangerous drivers stay on the road. Sign up for our License to Kill newsletter to be notified when the next story comes out and to get more behind-the-scenes information from our reporting.* ★

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lenced, some are still with us. When Ken came up with the idea I listened to a few of those voices from my past Radio and TV work, and even some wild and crazy interviews. I loved how they shared their innermost secrets with me. These interviews are not the typical PR stuff. They go to the heart and soul of these folks. Here's a tiny sample of the interviews you'll hear. Tippi Hedren from the movie "The Birds", Impressionist Rich Little, Shirley Jones from "The Partridge Family" and "Music Man," Gossip Columnist Rona Barrett, Marian Ross from TV's "Happy Days" and Melissa Gilbert from "Little House on the Prairie, Art Linkletter, Carol Channing, even Nancy Reagan and Roslyn Carter. And that's just a fraction of the wonderful times I had getting to know them, even becoming friends with them. Now I want to share their hopes and dreams, their sorrows and heartaches, and their joys too. I will also contact them to update their lives if they are still with us. It brings back great memories, and I am even surprised at how those interviews could fit right into what is going on today. I hope you will join Ken and me for a walk back in entertainment time with celebs that will bring back wonderful memories of yesteryear. Again, just google **PoppStarTalk** and I look forward to our getting together for some wonderful times gone by...today! ★

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



There are the times in the life of an NBA city, when sadness becomes an almost overwhelming reality. For some it is a different emotion because as fans we come in all shapes and sizes. But for those of you that are simply angry, let me say to you that life is too short, and if anything, this franchise needs your positive energy more than your anger.

The person responsible for giving away Davion Mitchell and then trading away the heart of the franchise in DeAaron Fox, has been given his walking papers, and many would say rightfully so.

Yes, the Sacramento Kings have a new general manager, and his name is Scott Perry. Unlike his two predecessors, Perry comes to the Kings with a resume of experience.

Sacramento is not new to Scott Perry, as he spent a short stint as the Kings vice president of basketball operations in 2017. After only three months in the head office, Perry was hired by the New York Knicks as their general manager.

Make no mistake about it, the position of GM with any NBA club is a chess piece of invaluable proportion. Fortunately, Scott Perry comes with not only experience in his role, but NBA respect as well. This bodes well for a franchise in desperate need of a captain that can navigate a ship.

Fans immediately wonder what Perry's first moves will look like, and will Doug Christie remain as the head coach of the Kings moving into the 2025/2026 season? Many believe the answer is yes, as Vivek Radadive apparently holds Christie in high esteem.

Whether it's choosing the coach or draft choices, the Kings owner has shown a penchant for being centrally involved in all moves involving this team. He has been criticized for being too involved and has even been given credit for the decision to draft Marvin Bagley over Luka Doncic in the 2018 draft.

At the end of the day, virtually every owner has the final decision as it relates to all moves, but the most successful organizations know the value of the basketball minds they hire, and those people need to know they have a level of autonomy when it comes to decision making. In short, let

people do the job they've been hired to do, and respect their ability to do it.

Every NBA team has a culture, and as a new general manager walks in the door, that culture is about to change.

What fans want and hope for, is a culture that not only fosters comradery and cogent decision making, but an environment that says loudly, "we know what we're doing and we're good at it."

Poor decision making has robbed the Kings of a first-round draft choice in the upcoming draft, so before Scott Perry sits down at his new desk, he will have to decide if he needs to reconcile a pathway that includes a move that can secure a first-round draft pick. Easier said than done, and there will need to be a player in this draft that makes a move like this necessary.

NBA insiders say this draft is a better than average class, so this is not a good time to be sitting on the sideline.

After making the playoffs just two seasons ago, the Kings finished 40-42 this season, and many might say that it was overachieving considering the upheaval that was the 2024/2025 season.

Without question, the team and the fans are looking for a steady hand that can create not just confidence, but genuine excitement as the 2025/2026 season begins.

I believe this is possible, and I want to give this new GM my utmost support as he steps in at a difficult time and knows without a doubt, he has a big job to do.

Very soon Sacramento Kings fans will discover if players like Keegan Murray and even newcomer Zach Lavine have a future in a Kings uniform.

Attempting to reassemble a team in mid-season while making dramatic changes to the lineup proved too much the Sactown ballers, and this offseason will be one of the most critical in many years.

Take a deep breath Kings fans but don't lose hope. More changes are undoubtedly in the offing, and shortly you will see if the experience that Scott Perry brings to this team will pay the dividends fans are praying for.

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

# Social Security Matters

## When Should My Wife Claim Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** My wife was born in July 1959, and her recent SS benefit estimate is \$3,337 at her full retirement age, or \$4,397 at age 70. She is presently employed full-time and intends to continue working until she is aged 70. She is wondering when the most financially advantageous time would be to draw her SS retirement. **Signed: Planning Ahead**

**Dear Planning Ahead:** Obviously, the best time for your wife to get the highest possible monthly Social Security benefit would be age 70. Provided your wife's life expectancy is at least average (about age 87 for a woman her current age), she will likely receive the most in cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until age 70 to claim.

For clarity, if your wife were to choose to claim before her full retirement age (FRA), her monthly amount would be less and she would be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much she can earn before her FRA. If the AET is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 for every \$2 her earnings are over the limit (they take away by

withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied). The AET (\$23,400 for 2025 but changes yearly) is in effect until your wife reaches her full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months, after which she can earn as much as she likes without penalty. Since she plans to work full time until age 70, your wife should likely not claim Social Security before her FRA. As mentioned, claiming at age 70 is probably a more prudent financial option.

Since your wife expects to continue working, she should also know that her estimated benefit will likely increase assuming her more recent earnings are among the highest over her lifetime. Social Security will review current year earnings annually to see if her current earnings warrant a benefit increase (SS benefits are always based on the highest 35 years of work earnings, and that includes earnings even after SS benefit are started). Also, the estimates provided by SS do not include Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) which typically occur annually. FYI, the average annual COLA increase over the past two decades has been about 2.5%.

Based on her estimated FRA benefit, it is also evident that your wife will not get additional benefits as your spouse. For that to occur, your benefit at your FRA would need to be more than twice your wife's FRA amount, which it likely is not. Thus, your wife should make her claiming decision based

only on her own benefit opportunity, considering her personal financial needs and her life expectancy.

FYI, your wife's "breakeven age" – the age at which she will have collected the same amount of SS money by claiming at age 70 vs. claiming at her full retirement age (FRA), is about 82 years of age. Thus, assuming her life expectancy is more than 82, it would be prudent to wait until age 70 to claim Social Security.

In the end, the "best" time to claim Social Security depends on a few factors – most notably, life expectancy, and financial need. If the SS money isn't urgently needed now, and your wife's life expectancy is at least "average," then it appears from what you've shared that her best choice would be to wait until age 70 to claim Social Security. If life circumstances change over the years, your wife can take comfort knowing that she can also claim her Social Security at any time before age 70 and she will get benefits right up to the month she claims. Note that by waiting until after her FRA to claim, she will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) of .667% more benefit for each month of delay (about 8% more for each year of delay).

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# Salmon Fishing Shutdown Marks a Grim Milestone

By Charlton H. Bonham

This week, a public federal process determined there will be no commercial salmon fishing off California's coast for the third year in a row. It's a grim milestone for our state.

While we will see some recreational ocean fishing, we're at the low-water mark. With so few fish available, we know this won't be enough to meet the demand of our state. That's hard news in hard times.

Thirty years ago, the idea we would be implementing, yet alone discussing, these restrictions would have been unthinkable. Back then, millions of salmon swam through the rivers of California every year. It was a bountiful, thriving species.

But last year, the number of adult salmon in the Sacramento Index, a critical measure of the Sacramento River salmon population and an indicator of the overall health of California's salmon, shrank to roughly 100,000 fish. It's a tiny fraction of salmon's former might.

The reasons for the decline are numerous and complicated. Decades of severe drought, climate disruption, water management challenges and habitat loss threaten the future of salmon in California. The loss of salmon would wound California deeply.

Salmon are the basis of a multibillion-dollar fishing economy that creates jobs across the state. They support thriving forests, rivers and floodplains and serve as one of the most popular seafood choices across the country. Salmon provide vital subsistence to numerous California tribes. Recreational salmon fishing trips form the basis of family legend and lore.

For the salmon lovers among us, these are dark times. But I see glimmers of hope.

Two weeks ago, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife revealed the progress on California's "Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future." It was an update on the strategy Gov. Gavin Newsom released last year, which outlined dozens of key action items the state must take to better support healthy salmon populations.

In the last year alone, state fish and wildlife and its partner agencies have made critical headway on nearly 70% of the action items set by Governor Gavin Newsom. Another 26% are already done.

California finished removing the

outdated and obsolete Klamath River dams, allowing for a free-flowing river and access to cold-water habitats blocked for more than a century.

California's initiative to fast-track approvals for salmon restoration projects led to the streamlining of more than 60 important projects to support salmon populations over the past year.

Fish and wildlife has also worked with the State Water Resources Control Board to develop flow recommendations in drought-prone watersheds like the Scott and Shasta rivers and Mill and Deer creeks. This ensures salmon populations have enough cold water to survive during dry periods.

Investments to expand and modernize the state's fish hatcheries, ensuring California is supporting the production of a resilient salmon population, have increased fall run production from state-operated hatcheries in the Central Valley by over 9.7 million fish.

The state's salmon strategy was designed for long-term salmon support. But we're already seeing early benefits, some that even surprised fish and wildlife officials. Ten days after the final Klamath dam came down, state scientists spotted salmon swimming north of the dam sites into Oregon.

Experts originally estimated that would take 10 years.

Data shows that, while salmon numbers from 2024 are down, California saw the highest number of jacks (2-year-old fish) returning to the Central Valley since 2019. Jacks are an important predictor of the number of adult salmon that will return to spawn the following year.

In Lagunitas Creek, there's been a 60% increase in spawning of endangered Coho salmon. In Mendocino County, adult salmon returns have almost quadrupled their 15-year average.

To be clear, these wins are just the beginning. The road to reviving California salmon will be long. But these successes give me hope and the drive to keep fighting for salmon.

*This commentary appeared on CalMatters.org on April 18, written by Charlton H. Bonham, director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.* ★

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David Popudrebko, 5438 Kohler Road, Apt 40, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MonteWoods" 5438 Kohler Road, Apt 40, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 6, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
MONTE 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02322  
Orangecrest Community Church, 5695 Glenhaven Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Beacon Church" 4467 Cash Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
BEACON 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01963  
J Guadalupe Soto Ramirez, 5840 Garfield Avenue, Apt 22, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JS" 5840 Garfield Avenue, Apt 22, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 14, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
JS 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02215  
MIG Group LLC, 11432 Elks Circle, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MIG Auto Center" 11432 Elks Circle, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
MIG 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02213  
Luis Valenzuela Perez, 6437 Rexford Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Luis Perez Construction" 6437 Rexford Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
LUIS 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02298  
Gabriel McCrea LLC, 4505 Armadale Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kyleiram Supply Company/Retoure Fashion's" 4505 Armadale Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
KYLEIRAM 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02317  
Hector Mendoza, 2411 Seamist Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the

Fictitious Business Name(s) "M2A Builder" 2411 Seamist Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
M2A 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02118  
Michael Mosley, 4005 Manzanita Avenue, Suite 6 #30, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Right Spices/The Right Spice" 4537 Amberley Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
RIGHT 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02243  
Christopher Fatur, 6300 Kiernan Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Carmichael Realty" 6300 Kiernan Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025  
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CARMICHEAL 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01053  
Couve Healthcare Consulting, LLC, 4601 NE 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Vancouver, WA 98662-6736 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Evergreen Healthcare Group" 4601 NE 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Vancouver, WA 98662-6736. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 14, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
EVER 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01396  
Kevin Vang, 4540 Florin Road, Suite E/377, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Deeds of Hope Foundation" 7000 Franklin Boulevard, Suite 1240, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
DEEDS 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01563  
Fernando Moreno, 2400 Darwin Street, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "F & J Quality Auto" 2400 Darwin Street, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 3, 2025  
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F&J 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02400  
Khachatur Y Khidiryan, 2717 Riesling Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Handyman Pro/Hauling Pros" 2717 Riesling Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2025  
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PRO 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02407  
Alexandra Rodriguez, 6777 Villa Juarez Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sac Flower Company" 6777 Villa Juarez Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2025  
Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
FLOWER 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01790  
Apex Siding LLC, 7687 Kilamey Lane, Apt 67, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Intera Homes" 7687 Kilamey Lane, Apt 67, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 10, 2025  
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INTERA 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02202  
Kershaw Talley Barlow, PC, 401 Watt Avenue, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kershaw Talley Barlow, PC" 401 Watt Avenue, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025  
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KERSHAW 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00975  
Joseph Aiesi, 3636 Edison Avenue, #105, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shaggy Carpet" 3636 Edison Avenue, #105, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 11, 2025  
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SHAGGZ 4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02036  
Nicholas Alvarado, 5945 Kenneth Avenue, Unit 6, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DrGloss Car Detailing & Ceramic Coatings" 5945 Kenneth Avenue, Unit 6, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 17, 2025  
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GLOSS 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02218  
Vista Oaks Realty, Inc., 5217

Heather Ranch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vista Oaks Realty" 5217 Heather Ranch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025  
Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025  
VISTA 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02440  
Daphni Ames Photography, LLC, 6617 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Illuminated Images by Daphni" 6617 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2025  
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IMAGES 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02130  
Shiella Velilla, 1721 Devonshire Road, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grazing Craving" 1721 Devonshire Road, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2025  
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GRAZING 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01841  
Diversify Venture Company, LLC, 3575 Sue Pam Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Homevisors/Homevisors Real Estate & Loans" 10017 Prairie Dunes Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2025  
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HOME 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02444  
Gh Naqshband Afzali, 3721 Marconi Avenue, Apt 21, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crystal Pressure Wash Services" 3721 Marconi Avenue, Apt 21, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2025  
Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025  
CRYSTAL 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02303  
Shwr LLC, 2513 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Apt 4, Santa Monica, CA 90405 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shwr Ppf" 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025  
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SHWR 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02505  
Jonathan Gomez, 8225 Danbury Park Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Regal Handyman & Hauling" 8225 Danbury Park Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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REGAL 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02099  
Ahmad Almhamed, 5409 Parkville Court, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cooool-Shop" 5409 Parkville Court, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 18, 2025  
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COOOL 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02325  
Elena Arroyo, 5541 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Arroyo LMFT" 5541 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2025  
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ARROYO 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02304  
Xpert Home Lending Inc., 1100 Satellite Boulevard NW, Suwanee, GA 30024 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BG Home Loans" 1100 Satellite Boulevard NW, Suwanee, GA 30024. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025  
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BG 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02260  
Xpert Home Lending Inc, 1100 Satellite Boulevard NW, Suwanee, GA 30024 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Summit Mortgage Group" 1100 Satellite Boulevard NW, Suwanee, GA 30024. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025  
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GOLDEN 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02083  
Heela Payab, 5014 Heather Ranch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rancho Little Stars Home Daycare" 5014 Heather Ranch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 18, 2025  
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RANCHO 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02488  
Speed Plumbing Pro, Inc, 7431 Poirier Way, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Speed Plumbing Pros" 7431 Poirier Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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SPEED 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02485  
Sam Daniel, 253 Baurer Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CommuTech Dynamics" 253 Baurer Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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COMMU 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02373  
Kalia Lor, 10655 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Thai Fresh 2 U" 10655 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2025  
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THAI 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02482  
1800 Bozeman LLC, 1800 S 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 120 #661, Bozeman, MT 59718 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Container City" 1800 S 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 120 #661, Bozeman, MT 59718. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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CONTAIN 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02348  
Serena Parra, 601 Oak Ridge Drive, Roseville, CA 95661 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Emerald Haus Collection" 9604 Enchantment Lane, Stockton, CA 95209. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2025  
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HAUS 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02542  
AMC.Tattoos LLC, 6610 Folsom-Auburn Road, Suite 1, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AMC.Tattoos" 6610 Folsom-Auburn Road, Suite 1, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2025  
Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025  
AMC 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02533  
Laura E Anderson, 4949 Shae Court, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Notary-2-U/K9 Raw Coach" 4949 Shae Court, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2 2025  
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NOTARY 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02397  
Samone Marshalek, 5640 Verner Oak Court, Unit 2, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Serene Oasis Therapy" 5640 Verner Oak Court, Unit 2, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2025  
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SERENE 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02480  
Valentina Demidenko, 3728 Red Eagle Court, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SnowBengal" 3728 Red Eagle Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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SNOW 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02177  
Lincoln-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc., 650 North Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pyorre Insurance Agency" 310 S Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2025  
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PYORRE 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02460  
Vickie Wilson, 7711 Greenback Lane, #107, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Healing Missions Foundation" 7711 Green Back Lane, #107, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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HEALING 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02158  
J3 Financial LLC, 4311 N Ravenswood Avenue, Suite 329, Chicago, IL 60613 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ClearFi Loans" 4311 N Ravenswood Avenue, Suite 329, Chicago, IL 60613. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2025  
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CLEAR 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02502  
Its Floor Inc, 5705 North Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Its Floor Inc" 5705 North Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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FLOOR 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01763  
LGAA, LLC, PO Box 130, Cedar City, UT 84721 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Leavitt Affiliated Independent Insurance Agency" 136 W University Boulevard, Cedar City, UT 84720. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2025  
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LEAVITT 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01908  
Serenity Mobile Blood Services, LLC, 705 Gold Lake Drive, Suite 250, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Serenity Mobile Blood Services" 705 Gold Lake Drive, Suite 250, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 13, 2025  
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SERENITY 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02582  
Teresa D. Powell, 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street, #6242, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Surrender The Mind Life Coach" 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street, #6242, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 3, 2025  
Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025  
SURRENDER 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02441  
Astra Force Guards Inc, 4781 Pell Drive, Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Astra Force Guards" 4781 Pell Drive, Suite 4, Sacramento, Ca 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2025  
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ASTRA 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02465  
Shirin Beauty Inc, 7840 Madison Avenue, Suite #150 #151, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shirin Salon Suites" 7840 Madison Avenue, Suite #150 #151, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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SHIRIN 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02333  
Golden Moments Care Home Inc., 3128 Merrywood Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Moments Care Home Inc/ Golden Moments Care" 2651 Armstrong Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2025  
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GOLDEN 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01820  
Burgett Incorporated, 11290 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pianodisc" 11290 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2025  
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PIANO 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02717  
Gabriel McCrea LLC, 4505 Armadale Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Savage Vogue" 3626 Fair Oaks Boulevard, #100, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2025  
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SAVAGE 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02477  
Vinh Xuan Tran, 3700 Rosecrest Circle, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pho 32" 6035 Stockton Boulevard, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025  
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PHO 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02684  
John T Price, 3485 Orange Grove Avenue, Suite H, North Highlands CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "John T Price DBA USA Replacement Auto Glass/Golden West Glass" 3485 Orange Grove Avenue, Suite H, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2025  
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JOHN 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02730  
Galina Furdul, 2961 Weston Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Haircut by Galina" 4800 Manzanita Avenue, B7, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2025  
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GALINA 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02625  
Sac City Builders Group LLC, 1017 L Street, #738, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gamer Real Estate/River City Lending" 1517 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit #3, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 4, 2025  
Publish: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025  
GARNER 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02674  
Soto Family Tile Inc., 3351 Tropicana Court, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Soto Family Tile" 3351 Tropicana Court, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2025  
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SOTO 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02455  
Sacramento Vagabond Inn Executive Oldtown, LLC, 705 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vagabond Inn/Vagabond Inn Executive" 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2025  
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VAGABOND 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02269  
Protegis, LLC, 1812 Cargo Court, Louisville, KY 40299 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Alarm Source" 1812 Cargo Court, Louisville, KY 40299. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025  
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ALARM 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02696  
GV&K, Inc., 7225 Chestnut Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cozy Blooms" 7225 Chestnut Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2025  
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COZY 5-9-25

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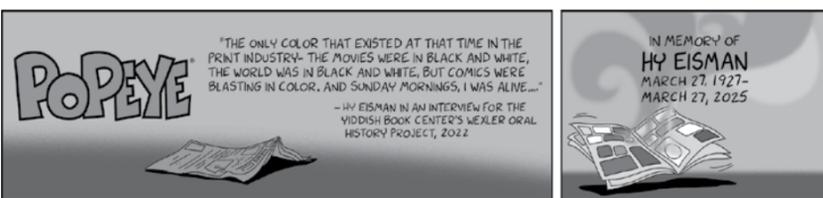
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- Speak up
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- \*Batman's \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ Cod
- What, in Oaxaca
- Whimper
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- Like debatable point
- \*Stem to \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ parent
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- Famous fabulist
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- Relating to mole
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# Spring Football Sets Record Attendance



The Sacramento State football team completed its off-season practice with the annual Spring Game at Homet Stadium on April 12. Photo by Sacramento State University Athletics

## Sacramento State University News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**- In front of a record-setting spring game crowd of more than 7,000 fans, the Sacramento State football team completed its off-season practice with the annual Spring Game at Homet Stadium on April 12.

In a controlled setting, the offense accumulated over 500 yards and scored 10 touchdowns while the defense intercepted a pass and forced five tackles-for-loss, including three sacks.

“Sacramento is a football town and we’re going to continue to make sure we have a great fan experience to bring fans here and give them a great product on the field to be proud of,” Sacramento State head coach Brennan Marion said. “I just told the players that’s it’s really about their work and commitment to the program that’s got excitement going and the buzz and the energy. None of this

happens without the players’ hard work and what they’ve done. I’m just very grateful to everybody in Sacramento who showed up and supported us.”

The scrimmage began with the offense starting at their own 25-yard line. After allowing the offense to convert a third-and-2 for a first down, the defense responded with a third-down sack from Xavier Williams to end the drive.

The next series saw Cardell Williams lead the offense on an 11-play drive which was capped by a 1-yard rush of his own for the game’s first touchdown. The two big plays in that series were an 18-yard rush from Michael Johnson and an 11-yard scamper from Williams. The defense again had a response as Jayland McGlothen sacks Williams on the final play of the first quarter.

The second quarter placed the ball at the defense’s 40-yard line, but the defense struck first when Koa Akui intercepted Carson

Conklin along the sideline for the only turnover of the game. Williams started his next series with a 40-yard toss to tight end Logan Tanner deep across the middle of the field for a touchdown.

After halftime, the offense was hard to slow down. Rodney Hammond caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from Conklin on the opening drive and Damian Henderson II found the end zone on a 4-yard rush on the second offensive series.

The defense then produced back-to-back stops with an incompletion on third-and-10 and later a sack by Hunter Boeddeker on third-and-5.

Santino Chavez made his debut on the following series and completed all five of his pass attempts for a total of 40 yards. Chavez capped the series with a 4-yard fade to Tommy Poe for a score.

With ball starting at the defense’s 25-yard line, Jamar Curtis tallied rushes of four, eight and 13 yards to score an offensive touchdown. The defense then got a stop

and saw the offense miss a 41-yard field goal attempt to keep the team off the board. Conklin responded with a 23-yard run of his own and the drive was sealed with a 2-yard plunge from Hammond.

The offense continued to pile on points as Williams had a 24-yard completion to Ajon Bryant to set up a 1-yard quarterback sneak for a score. Conklin added a 4-yard touchdown pass to Sammy Norris and Hammond had a 1-yard plunge for his second score.

The quarterback trio of Conklin, Williams and Chavez completed 22-of-37 passes with four touchdowns and an interception. The completions were spread between 14 players with Onterio Smith, Jr., leading the way with four receptions for 42 yards. Ten players had carries with Williams rushing for 99 yards and two scores and Curtis compiling 50 yards.

“I was proud of all three (quarterbacks) to just put it together today and go out there and give us a chance to go down

the field and score,” Marion said. “Today was just our base generic offense. I always say that’s what you’re going to know, when the game’s on the line, that’s what you’re going to depend on, and I was proud of how the guys operated it.”

Defensively, Brodie Tagaloa, Xavier Williams and McGlothen each had sacks while Jalen Williams, Diego Davis and DeSean Watts combined for two tackle-for-losses.

“The guys flew around and made big plays,” Marion said. “The first team defense shut out the one offense in the beginning and really got after it and I was proud of how they competed and how physical they were. We’ve got to continue to shore some things in the back end, but I like the way that the front seven is playing right now.”

Sacramento State will start its season on Aug. 30 at South Dakota State. The team’s first home game will come on Sept. 13 against Mercyhurst. ★

## Beavers Sweep Singles and Doubles

### American River College News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - American River College’s Gavin Sonntag won the singles, and Tarang Sharma/Arjun Sivakumar won the doubles, at the Big 8 Individual Championships played on April 3-5.

The tournament, hosted by American River College, is an individual event comprised of six singles players and three doubles teams from each team in the Big 8 Conference. Sonntag won in singles for the second consecutive year, becoming only the second player in school history to win the event twice.

Sonntag defeated Beaver teammates in the semifinal and final. In the semifinal he beat Sharma 6-3, 6-2 and in the championship match he beat Sivakumar 6-1, 7-6 (3) in a very high



Above left: American River College’s Gavin Sonntag won the singles event, at the 2025 Big 8 Individual Championships. Above right: Tarang Sharma (left) and Arjun Sivakumar won the doubles event at the Big 8 Individual Championships hosted by American River College on April 3-5. Photos by American River College Athletics

quality and tightly contested second set.

In the doubles, Sharma/Sivakumar dominated the draw, losing a total of seven games in the four matches on their way to the title. In the championship match, they beat last year’s conference champions, Enrique Silveira/Sonntag.

Silveira was battling through an ankle injury and was not at full strength for the tournament. Other

highlights from the tournament included Declan Moley beating Folsom Lake No. 2 Caleb Ion in three sets to reach the quarterfinal, Landon Arendt reaching the quarterfinal in singles, and Arendt/Moley advancing to the doubles semifinal.

All six Beaver singles players and all three doubles teams qualified for the individual championships at Ojai which are set to begin on April 24. ★

## Aggies Lead Academic All-Conference Awards



Twenty-three members of the University of California Davis women’s swimming and diving team were named in the Academic All-Conference list for the winter quarter by the Big West Conference. Photo by University of California Davis

### University of California Davis News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On a list released on April 14th by the Big West Conference, 23 members of the University of California (UC) Davis women’s swimming and diving team were named in the Academic All-Conference list for the winter quarter.

In the discipline, 84 total athletes earned this nod across the entire conference. The Aggies lead the numbers by far, the only team to break into the twenties out of the rest of the conference competitors.

The Big West recognizes individuals academically per season, fall, winter, and spring, for all conference-sponsored sports. The Fall Academic All-Conference

Team was announced in January, and the Winter Academic All-Conference Team honors student-athletes from men’s basketball, women’s basketball, and women’s swimming and diving. The aquatic athletes also headlined the UC Davis numbers, making up most of the 31 individuals whom earned this award from the school.

In order to qualify for the Academic All-Conference honor, a student-athlete must carry a minimum 3.00 cumulative institutional grade point average, must have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the season for which the award is being received, and must have competed in at least 50 percent of the institution’s contests in the student-athlete’s respective sport. ★

## Native American Heritage Scholarship Announced

### By Grace Ogata-Beutler, Sacramento Republic Football Club

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Ahead of the club’s annual Native American Heritage Night on May 17, Sacramento Republic Football Club (Republic FC) and Wilton Rancheria announced a new scholarship initiative that will support the educational aspirations of a local student.

The club is expanding the Republic Rising Scholars series with a new \$1,000 scholarship for a regional student of Native American descent. The application process for the 2025 Indigenous Future Leaders scholarship is open at SacRepublicFC.com/Scholarship and all entries must be completed by May 2.

“Creating opportunity and access to education is one of the most important steps we can

take in supporting our youth. Lack of access to funding should never be the barrier that stops them from becoming the leaders, creators and changemakers they want to be,” said Jesus Tarango, Chairman of Wilton Rancheria. “Our youth are our future, and they should feel empowered to dream big and pursue any path they choose. We’re honored to partner with Republic FC to help close the gaps and support their education goals.”

“We are proud to join Wilton Rancheria to launch a new scholarship in our annual series,” said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. “Empowering Indigenous students through education is not just an investment in individual aspirations, but it is also a commitment to honoring the heritage of those who have inhabited the Sacramento area for centuries, creating a more equitable future

for our region, and building a stronger community for generations to come.”

California is home to 109 federally recognized tribes, the most in the contiguous United States, and has the largest Native American population in the nation, accounting for over 12 percent of the total Native American population.

With over 26,000 American Indian K-12 students, California also has one of the largest American Indian student populations in the country. However, Native students face significant educational disparities, their college-going rate is about half that of their peers in other racial or ethnic groups, and only 42% graduate from college within six years, compared to 64% of all students, according to the Post-Secondary National Policy Institute.

Native American K-12 students also significantly trail their

peers in nearly every educational indicator. Nationally, American Indian and Alaska Native students experience a poverty rate 10 percent higher than the U.S. average, demonstrating the need for support through policy change, scholarships and more.

To be eligible for the Indigenous Future Leaders scholarship, applicants must be of Native American descent and a resident of the six-county Sacramento region. They must also be enrolled at an eligible high school or in a minimum of six units at a California Community College and intend to enroll in a four-year college or university, or a California Community College (minimum 12 units).

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 2. A special committee of Republic FC representatives and Native American leaders including Chairman Jesus Tarango and Chief Operating Officer Chris

Franklin will select the grant winner.

In addition to the \$1,000 grant, the scholarship recipient will get the VIP treatment and a special halftime recognition at Republic FC’s Native American Heritage Night match on Saturday, May 17. During the match, the club and Wilton Rancheria will showcase the different cultural traditions and heritage of the Indigenous People who have been the original stewards of the region for centuries.

Fans will have the opportunity to shop in the pop-up makers market showcasing local, indigenous businesses. A new merch collection featuring the artwork of former Chairman Andrew Alejandre from the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians will be available at the team’s retail locations. A limited-edition scarf developed by Alejandre will be given to the first 2,000 fans in attendance. ★