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Whether you're walking, biking, running or riding horseback, Sacramento County Regional Parks Rangers, the American River Bike Patrol and the American River Equestrian Patrol work behind the scenes, and on the trails, to keep everyone safe and informed. From left are Ranger Avendano, Ranger Commander Spencer, JeanLaurie Ainsworth (Equestrian Patrol) on Song Singer, Michelle Canfield (Equestrian Patrol) on Duke, Rich Fowler (Bike Patrol) and Vic Massenkoff (Bike Patrol). Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Regional Parks staff reminds residents and visitors that enjoying the county's trails safely and respectfully is a shared responsibility. Whether you're walking, biking, running or riding horseback, three key groups work behind the scenes, and on the trails, to keep everyone safe and informed. Sacramento County Regional Parks Rangers serve as the lead law

enforcement agency for the trail system. Rangers patrol the American River Parkway, Dry Creek Parkway and other regional parks, enforce trail regulations, respond to emergencies and ensure the safety of all trail users. Joining the Rangers are two volunteer organizations that help serve as the eyes and ears of the community: the American River Bike Patrol and the American River Equestrian Patrol. The American River Bike Patrol volunteers use their own bicycles to patrol the paved multi-use trails, offering first aid, assisting with

mechanical issues and educating users about trail rules. Their presence provides both reassurance and support, especially in busy areas or during community events. The American River Equestrian Patrol provides a similar service on horseback. These volunteers patrol designated equestrian trails, assist fellow riders and help ensure that these more natural and sometimes remote areas remain safe and serene for horse and rider. A growing issue that these groups are seeing is mountain bikers using

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District Attorney's Office Holds Youth Shadow Day

By Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - High school students in Sacramento County can shadow an array of positions within the criminal justice system through a pairing process at this year's Criminal Justice Shadow Day and Crime Lab Shadow Day, according to the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. The one-day events are on July 11 and July 25. Spaces are limited and the deadline to register for both events is June 27.

The DA's office partnered with different programs agencies to coordinate a comprehensive and engaging learning experience and has offered the program for many years. According to the DA's office, the DA's Youth Academy has had great success and an overwhelming positive response from the thousands of students reached from schools and neighborhoods across the county. The program's goal is to encourage students to pursue a career within the criminal justice system and steer them away from criminal conduct, according to the DA's office.

The Criminal Justice Shadow Day takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 11 at the Jan Scully Training Center on 906 G St., Sacramento, according to a flier from the DA's office. For the Criminal Justice Shadow Day, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, probation officers, law enforcement officers, investigators and judges will provide students with first-hand experience regarding different processes in the criminal justice system, according to the DA's office.

The Crime Lab Shadow Day classes will take place on July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch provided between noon and 1 p.m. Two sessions will be offered for the Crime Lab Shadow Day with one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Registration for each session will take place 30 minutes prior to the start of the class and lunch will be provided during both sessions, according to the DA's office. During the Crime Lab Shadow Day, students can expect to learn the importance of evidence preservation and the chain of custody, observe bullet

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Brian Anderson, Banjo Man

Story and photos by Margaret Snider

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Keep an eye and an ear on the parks in Rancho Cordova and you might come across Brian Anderson, 65, playing his banjo. Anderson has been playing the banjo since he was a high school senior. When he was 19 years old, Anderson got a call from the leader of Gloryland Gospel Band, who asked Anderson if he would be interested in auditioning since their banjo player had just left. "I went with Gloryland for a year," Anderson said. "I left home and was traveling around the western U.S. doing concerts." In 2004, Anderson decided to compete in the Rocky Grass Banjo Championship in Colorado. "(That year), I competed and came in third-place," Anderson said. "In 2005, I competed and came in second-place, and 2006, I competed and finally won it. It took three years to do it."

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Brian Anderson practices the banjo frequently at parks in Rancho Cordova and around the Sacramento Area.

CHP Unleashes Six New K-9 Teams

California Highway Patrol
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly trained K-9 teams May 22 at its West Sacramento K-9 training facility, marking a significant step in bolstering public safety across the state.

After months of intensive training, five Belgian Malinois and one German Shepherd join their human partners on a mission to detect narcotics, explosives, and criminal suspects. This graduating class is the first to include canines trained to detect the scent of fentanyl from the beginning of their instruction, a proactive move to combat California’s opioid and fentanyl crisis.

“These new K-9 teams have demonstrated incredible dedication and skill throughout their training,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “They’re not just protecting our communities; they’re enhancing our department’s ability to fight crime and save lives.

The new teams represent various regions across the state, with officers from



The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly-trained K-9 teams on May 22. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

the CHP’s Coastal, Golden Gate, Valley, Border, and Inland field divisions. These handlers bring between six and 17 years of departmental experience, ensuring seasoned leadership behind each K-9.

The class includes three Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, one Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine

team and two Narcotics Detection Canine teams.

The Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed at least 440 hours of criminal apprehension and narcotics detection training, while the Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine team completed 600 hours focused on criminal

apprehension and explosives detection. The Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed a minimum of 240 hours of training.

All teams adhered to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) guidelines and will continue to train at least eight hours each week to maintain peak readiness.

The CHP’s K-9 program now includes 50 active teams statewide. Those teams are 34 Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, nine Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine teams, five Explosives Detection K-9 teams and two Narcotics Detection K-9 teams.

In 2024 alone, CHP K-9s helped seize nearly 823 pounds of fentanyl, showcasing their critical role in the fight against illegal drugs.

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CHP Expands Ranks With 133 New Officers

California Highway Patrol
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On May 30, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) welcomed 133 new officers who completed 26 weeks of intensive training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento.

“This graduation marks the beginning of a commitment to protecting and serving others,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “These officers have demonstrated their dedication to keeping California’s communities safe and upholding the CHP’s core values.”

The officers will now report to one of the CHP’s 102 Area offices across California to begin



The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

their law enforcement careers.

During academy training, cadets receive instruction in traffic enforcement, collision investigation, defensive tactics, firearms, emergency



The officers will now report to one of the CHP’s 102 Area offices across California to begin their law enforcement careers. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

vehicle operations, and community policing. The curriculum also focuses on legal responsibilities, communication, ethics and cultural awareness to prepare cadets to serve California’s

diverse population.

The CHP has sworn in 364 officers in 2025 with this graduating class.

Nearly 300 cadets continue training at the West Sacramento

facility, and another 160 are scheduled to begin instruction on June 9 as part of the department’s ongoing efforts to strengthen public safety statewide.

The CHP continues to seek motivated individuals who are ready to make a difference in communities throughout California. A career with the CHP offers comprehensive training, competitive benefits, and opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

To learn more about joining the CHP, visit CHPMadeForMore.com to take the first step towards a rewarding career in law enforcement.

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Moonlight Movies Return to Village Green



From June 6 through June 27, Village Green Park, 3141 Bridgeway Drive, will transform into an open-air cinema offering free family-friendly movies. Photo courtesy of Cordova Community Council

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Grab your blankets, lawn chairs and team spirit. Friday nights in Rancho Cordova are getting a sporty twist this June as the Cordova Community Council rolls out its beloved Moonlight Movies series with a new theme: Summer of Sports.

From June 6 through June 27, Village Green Park, 3141 Bridgeway Drive, will transform into an open-air cinema offering free family-friendly movies.

“This year, we have been exploring sports as a theme in a number of ways,” said Shelly Blanchard, executive director of the Cordova Community Council. “Rancho Cordova Athletic Association has taken off and we have a lot of active youth sports groups in our organization. We thought this would be a fun summer movie theme with special things planned for each movie.”

Families are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and arrive early to enjoy pre-movie festivities. Activities for children begin around 7 p.m., and food trucks open by 7:45 p.m., with a different culinary experience each week. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m., just as the sun sets.

The series kicks off June 6 with “The Mighty Ducks,” the beloved underdog hockey film. Rancho Cordova Soccer will be onsite, bringing the team spirit, while moviegoers can enjoy Mediterranean flavors from the GyroStop food truck.

On June 13, it's time to head to the sandlot with the classic baseball movie, "The Sandlot." Rancho Cordova Little League will hand out peanuts and Cracker Jacks, items that a ballpark must have.

Basketball takes the spotlight on June 20 with “Space Jam,” the animated sports comedy starring Michael Jordan and the Looney Tunes crew. Children who show up in uniform will receive Rancho Cordova Athletic Association wristbands. Two crowd-favorite food trucks, Bacon Mania and Build-a-Sundae, will deliver the eats and sweets.

The series wraps up on June 27 with “Turbo,” an animated story about a speed-loving snail. Rancho Cordova Track Club will join the event, handing out flags to young fans. As for food trucks, guests can look forward to some Mexican cuisine.

"Our Summer Series has become as much a part of a Rancho Cordova summer as floating down the American River," said Blanchard.

But the Moonlight Movies is just the first half of the fun. The Cordova Community Council's Friday Night Concert Series returns in August, filling Village Green Park with live music, warm summer breezes and community cheer. Food trucks open at 6:30 p.m. and the concerts begin at 7 p.m.

This year's musical lineup includes American Mile on Aug. 1, White Water on Aug. 8, Neon Playboys on Aug. 15, Ariel Jean on Aug. 22 and Mercy Me on Aug. 29.

Sponsors this year include City of Rancho Cordova, Cordova Recreation and Park District, Gold River Grocery Outlet, Vivant Health, SMUD, River City Christian, Rancho Cordova Food Locker, Rancho Cordova Moose Lodge, David Sander, KP International Market, Atlas Disposal, Visit Rancho Cordova, Rancho Cordova Rotary Club and California American Water. ★

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Celebrating Five Over 50 Award Winners

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Each May during Older Americans Month, Sacramento County honors older adults who are making a meaningful difference in their communities. This year, five inspiring individuals have been recognized with the Five Over 50 Volunteer Award, presented by the Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission. These honorees exemplify the power of volunteerism, and the role older adults play in building stronger communities.

The 2025 award recipients, representing each of the county's five districts, were formally recognized during the May 20 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nearly 15 years ago, Gene Inderkum, from district one, started volunteering as an ambassador at Sacramento International Airport (SMF), helping travelers navigate the terminals.

"I love the airport, I love the activity there, I love being in the airport's atmosphere," said Inderkum.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, Inderkum stepped up even further by training new volunteers. Inderkum can often be seen greeting passengers and helping those who have questions.

"I enjoy helping the people here and it's just something that makes you feel good,"



The 2025 award recipients, representing each of the county's five districts, were formally recognized during the May 20 Board of Supervisors meeting. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

said Inderkum.

Barbara Heinrich, from district two, has been a driving force behind Sacramento County's Gifts from the Heart program for more than 20 years. Heinrich's work has touched thousands of lives over the last two decades. Heinrich packages dolls and action figures for foster kids, designing clothes and decorating boxes for each individual doll.

"I got started because a friend of mine wanted me to make Barbie clothes for her daughter. Then I started putting the boxes together and didn't have any place to give them to. My sister worked for the Child Protective Services program and

she told me about this program," Heinrich said.

Heinrich said that Gifts from the Heart is always looking for volunteers and donors, and there are several different ways to get involved.

"The people are great and there's something for everyone, really. You can deliver gifts and get to see people's faces when they receive the gifts. You can wrap," said Heinrich.

With more than two decades of service on the Carmichael Homeless Assistance Resource Team board, Barbara Farley, from district three, has shown dedication to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness.

Her work has helped establish transitional housing projects such as Charlotte House, providing much-needed shelter to those in need. Farley's advocacy continues to inspire real change in her community.

Bonnie Shewchuk, from district four, is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta, where she embodies the club's mission to "change the world, one community and one child at a time." Whether organizing local events or supporting youth programs, Shewchuk's contributions uplift the Rancho Murieta community and reflect a commitment to service.

Tony Rutchena, from district

five, brings energy and enthusiasm to his volunteer work with students at Lake Canyon Elementary and Arocho School.

"I had an unhappy childhood in elementary school, long story short. As an adult, I said you know what, no child should be unhappy and that's why I'm here," Rutchena said.

As an instructor for chess, checkers, dominoes, sports and gardening, Rutchena plays a big role in school-wide and after-school activities. Rutchena said his theme is "living the dream," something he encourages the youth to do by finding what makes them happy.

"I think at the end of the day, we should all try to give back in some kind of way. Everybody has their own niche, and once you retire or even if you're not retired and you've got a lot of time on your hands, I think giving back is a good thing. It makes you feel good about yourself; it makes others feel good," said Rutchena.

As Sacramento County celebrated Older Americans Month, the Five Over 50 Volunteer Award winners remind us that age is no barrier to meaningful contribution. These five volunteers are not only role models in Sacramento County, but they are also a reminder that when you combine your passion with helping others, you can make a lasting impact. ★

Governor Newsom Announces Appointments

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced on May 23 the following appointments.

Andrew "Tristan" Peery of Sacramento has been appointed senior product manager at the Office of Data and Innovation. Peery has been director of web and interactive communications at University of California, Davis since 2020, where he was previously web applications development/web designer from 2014 to 2020.

Peery held multiple positions at Oregon State University from 2006 to 2013, including researcher/web applications developer and graduate research assistant. Peery was a staff scientist at Woods Hole Group from 2001 to 2005. He earned a Master of Science degree in physical oceanography from Oregon State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in marine science from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical

(A&M) College of Texas University at Galveston. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$150,348. Peery is registered without party preference.

Madelynn McClain of Sacramento has been appointed director of the Division of Administrative Services at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. McClain has been assistant deputy director of the Division of Adult Institutions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation since 2024.

McClain held several positions at the Department of General Services from 2023 to 2024, including deputy director of the Real Estate Services division and chief financial officer. She held several positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2020 to 2023, including deputy director at the Office of Fiscal Services and associate director of the Budget



Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Martin Tejeda to the Sacramento Superior Court bench on May 15. Courtesy photo

Management Branch. McClain was a principal program budget analyst at the California Department of Finance from 2017 to 2020. She was a judicial fiscal supervisor at the Judicial Council of California from 2015 to 2017. McClain was a finance budget analyst at the Department of Finance from 2003 to 2015. This

position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$208,440. McClain is a Democrat.

Governor Newsom announced Martin Tejeda's appointment to the Sacramento Superior Court bench on May 15.

"Martin Tejeda's appointment to the bench is a testament to his commitment to justice and

his exceptional skill in navigating the complexities of the legal system," Sacramento Superior Court Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi said.

Tejeda of Yolo County has served as a commissioner at the Sacramento Superior Court since November 2022.

"Throughout his time as commissioner, he has been an invaluable asset, expertly managing some of our most challenging calendars with grace and dedication," Awoniyi added. "His extensive experience in criminal law will undoubtedly continue to be a vital asset to our court, ensuring fairness and integrity in every decision he makes."

Prior to joining the bench, Tejeda worked as a defense attorney out of his own law practice from 2005 to 2022. He previously served as a deputy public defender at the Sacramento Public Defender's Office from 2001 to 2004 and as an attorney at the Law Office of James Kuppenbender from 2000 to 2001.

Tejeda received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and his Juris Doctor from McGeorge School of Law. He was admitted to the state bar in 2000.

Tejeda took the judicial oath on May 8, filling the vacancy created by Judge Dena Coggins's appointment to the federal court.

Newsom announced on May 7 that Mary Kennedy of Sacramento was appointed to the Committee on the Revision of the Penal Code. Kennedy was chief counsel for the California State Senate Committee on Public Safety from 2017 to 2024 and previously counsel from 1996 to 2017. Kennedy earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame.

This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Kennedy is a Democrat. ★

SMUD to Issue \$300 Million in Revenue Bonds



SMUD is anticipating issuing approximately \$300 million of Electric Revenue Bonds and Subordinated Electric Revenue Bonds on June 10, separating across several separate industries. Photo courtesy SMUD

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District) proudly announces that it plans to issue approximately \$300 million of Electric Revenue Bonds and Subordinated Electric Revenue Bonds during the month of June.

These bonds will be spread across several separate series, including approximately \$200 million of Green Bonds with a second party opinion provided by Kestrel.

The preliminary official statements and/or official statements for the bonds are or will be available at smud.org/investors and at munios.com.

SMUD currently anticipates that the bonds will be priced and sold on June 10, with priority given to California individual retail investors. Pricing and sales, however, could occur earlier or later depending upon market conditions.

SMUD anticipates that the proceeds of the bonds will be used for various purposes, including to finance and refinance certain additions and improvements to its electric system, to pay the outstanding principal of its commercial paper notes, and to refund certain outstanding obligations of SMUD.

The sale of the bonds will be managed by Barclays Capital Inc. For more information, please contact Kristina Huhn at (415) 274-5395, kristina.huhn@barclays.com.

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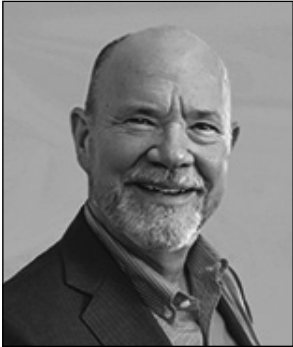
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California Commentary: Support the Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026

Government Driving Gas Prices Through the Roof



The Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026 will reverse court-created loopholes, restoring the tax relief first started with Proposition 13. Photo Courtesy of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

By Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Starting in 1978 with the passage of Proposition 13, California voters have repeatedly tried to protect their homes and businesses from excessive taxation by imposing limits on property taxes and requiring two-thirds voter approval for other local taxes that disproportionately burden homeowners and businesses. Despite the clear intent of the voters, California courts have sided with the government and its special interest beneficiaries by creating loopholes that significantly weakened these protections.

Taxpayers are fighting back. The Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 will reverse these court-created loopholes and restore the tax relief first started with Proposition 13.

In 2017, the California Supreme Court’s decision in California Cannabis Coalition v. City of Upland created an ambiguity as to whether the state constitution applies to local citizens’ initiatives in the same way it applies to measures placed on the ballot by a government body. Since that time, all kinds of unconstitutional taxes – backed

by tax-and-spend special interests – have been imposed on Californians costing billions of dollars that they would not have had to pay if the courts followed the letter and the spirit of the law.

Virtually all the appellate courts have used the Upland loophole to allow unconstitutional new taxes to take effect. Despite our efforts to have the Supreme Court resolve the issue definitively, it has not. This statewide initiative will not only restore taxpayer rights, but it will also provide clarity in the law upholding the two-thirds vote protection.

Since Upland, several local initiative tax increases have been declared “approved” despite falling short of Proposition 13’s two-thirds vote requirement for special taxes (taxes dedicated to a specific purpose). The Upland loophole has allowed special interest groups to write initiatives that raise taxes, direct the money to themselves, and pass them with just a simple majority. The same tax increase proposed by a City Council or County Board of Supervisors would require a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. The Save Prop. 13 Act will amend the state constitution to restore and reinforce the taxpayer protections that voters adopted when they passed Proposition 13.

Of particular concern to all property owners is the explosion in higher real estate transfer taxes. For decades, even before Prop. 13, taxes on the sale or transfer of real property were limited to \$1.10 per \$1,000 of property value. However, since Prop. 13’s passage, many cities began imposing real estate transfer taxes in excess of \$45 per \$1,000 of value. Even

worse, because of the infamous Upland decision, local governments operating under the guise of “citizen groups” can propose “special taxes” by initiative, evading the requirement of a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. And while the courts originally said transfer tax revenue must go into a municipality’s general fund, special taxes under Upland can be exclusively directed to whatever the local government, or special interest group, wants. The worst abuse of Upland occurred in Los Angeles where, because of Measure United to House LA, high-value properties are now subject to very high transfer taxes.

Because transfer taxes impose a form of “equity theft,” Prop. 13 was intended to prohibit transfer taxes and expressly stated so. But in another judicial ruling, the courts concluded that Prop. 13 only prohibited “special” transfer taxes intended for a specific purpose. For that reason, most cities choose to stay within the pre-existing state limit of \$1.10 per \$1,000. But the real abuse occurred when some charter cities imposed transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, especially those which exploited the Upland loophole, such as the United to House LA tax.

The Save Prop. 13 Act prohibits the Charter City loophole from being used in the future and also invalidates general transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, ending Measure United to House LA.

While there is much for taxpayer advocates to do to achieve comprehensive tax relief, the Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 closes the major loopholes punched in California’s most important and iconic taxpayer reform – Proposition 13. ★



Senator Ted Gaines

By Ted Gaines

California’s Progressive political elite hate fossil fuels so much they are willing to impoverish their citizens to punish “Big Oil” and speed up a transition to an even more expensive green energy future.

Governor Newsom wants zero gas-powered cars sold in California by 2035, which sends a strong signal to refiners about the long-term value of investment in the Golden State. The state makes permitting for refinery expansion or upgrades extraordinarily difficult and time-consuming for oil companies. On top of that, California has high labor costs and the highest corporate tax rate in the western states. Our electricity costs are among the highest in the country, making it tough for power-intensive refineries to operate profitably.

All of these headwinds are created by policy decisions from Sacramento, and they make California a rough place to succeed for the oil industry, on purpose.

It appears the oil industry is getting the message and California consumers will soon be paying the price. Two major oil refiners recently announced they are ceasing operations in the state. What will this mean for people at the pump?

A recent study by Michael A. Mische at the University of Southern California highlights the looming affordability crisis, finding that the closure of Phillips 66 and Valero refineries will slash California’s refining capacity by 21 percent by 2026, potentially driving prices to \$7.35 to \$8.44 per gallon.

Newsom and the other green energy devotees in the legislature are always quick to blame the oil industry for price gouging or financial trickery every time gas prices go up, and every few years they announce another commission to study what the greedy corporations are doing to make our gas so expensive.

But California’s gas prices, the highest in the nation at \$4.82 per gallon as of April, are a direct result of the state’s own policies, not corporate greed.

If oil companies were gouging, why are prices in neighboring western states like Nevada (\$3.85) or Arizona (\$3.30) significantly lower? Are the companies somehow less greedy in other states? Does that make sense to anyone?

It’s easy to see why Californians pay so much for gas. California’s unique blend requirements, cap and trade fees, and \$1.47 per gallon in taxes and regulatory costs, set to rise to \$2.83 by 2026, explain

the disparity. No other western state stacks on so many costs.

The state’s own attorney general found no evidence of widespread price gouging, confirming that California’s policies, not corporate profits, are the culprit. I’m sure when gas hits \$8 per gallon, they will convene another task force to overlook the obvious.

High fuel prices are a regressive tax that hit poor and rural Californians the hardest. For the poor, gas already takes up a larger share of low-income budgets. This will make that fact dramatically worse. Rural Californians drive longer distances for work, school, or essentials, often in larger vehicles like trucks needed for agricultural, construction or industrial work.

But even though the harm will be more concentrated on some groups, every working Californian and every industry will feel the pain of the gas price sticker shock.

California must reverse course.

Without reforming its business climate and drawing refiners back, the state risks not only economic stagnation but making Californians poorer as they bear the cost of Sacramento’s ideological crusade.

Ret. Senator Ted Gaines was elected to represent the Board of Equalization’s First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Proposition 13 and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly 10 million constituents in 34 counties of Northern, Eastern and Southern California. For more information, visit boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

SB 84 Heads to Senate Vote, A Crucial Test for Small Businesses

By Victor Gomez, Executive Director, California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -This week, California lawmakers will have another opportunity to advance a bill that could drastically improve the landscape for small business owners across the state.

Senate Bill 84, which recently cleared the Senate Judiciary and Senate Appropriations Committees, will have the chance to move from the Senate to the State Assembly for its passage. This development marks another critical hurdle for a bill that if enacted, will ease the burden that lawsuit abuse has on our local small businesses.

At its core, SB 84 is a common-sense proposal aimed to curb predatory lawsuits that exploit the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If passed, the bill would give small businesses, those with 50 or fewer employees, a 120-day window to correct alleged accessibility violations before a lawsuit could be filed. This simple reform could dramatically reduce the number of frivolous, costly legal actions that continue to threaten mom-and-pop shops across our state.

The bill is not about rolling back ADA protections.



Victor Gomez is the executive director of the California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse. Courtesy photo

It’s inherently about fairness. Thousands of small business owners support the goals of the ADA and are eager to comply, but too often, they’re blindsided by lawsuits dealing with technical infractions they never knew existed in the first place. Instead of being given time to address the issue, they’re dragged into court and forced to pay settlements many can’t afford.

These lawsuits don’t just hurt our business owners. They close community institutions, cost jobs and discourage new investment in our neighborhoods. They also discredit the real purpose of accessibility laws by turning them into tools for personal profit rather than public good.

Last year, a similar bill, SB 585, died in the Assembly without even receiving a hearing. That can’t happen again. For the sake of all our small business communities across the state, SB 84 must become law in 2025.

With the full California State Senate poised to take up this bill in just a few short days, this is a test of whether California’s elected officials are serious about supporting small businesses or wish to remain content with letting them be sued into submission. We ask that our senators stand up for both accessibility and economic fairness and vote SB 84 through the Senate and onward to the Assembly. ★

California Voters Strongly Back Trump’s Position on Medicaid

Protect Our Health Care Coalition News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As the debate over federal Medicaid funding heats up, a new poll by President Donald Trump’s pollster Jim McLaughlin, commissioned by Swing Strategies in partnership with the Protect Our Health Care Coalition, finds that voters in five Trump-carried, GOP-held California congressional districts overwhelmingly oppose cuts to Medicaid.

Among the key findings include support for Medicaid is nearly universal with 87% approval, including 78% from Trump voters. Findings also show that 83% of voters agree with President Trump when he has repeatedly said that Congress should not cut Medicaid, including 85% of independent suburban women and 84% of Hispanic voters.

Polls showed that 70% say they are less likely to vote for a candidate who cuts Medicaid funding.

“This data underscores a clear

opportunity for Republican leaders to further broaden the new Republican coalition that made significant gains in 2024 with Black, Hispanic and young voters,” said Jim McLaughlin, president and partner at McLaughlin and Associates. “President Trump’s position on Medicaid reflects where voters already are,” which is to leave Medicaid alone.

Surveyed districts include California’s First Congressional District (LaMalfa), a safe Republican and rural district;

California’s Third Congressional District (Kiley), a suburban GOP-held district; California’s 22nd Congressional District (Valadao), a GOP-held Central Valley district with a 14-point Democratic registration advantage; California’s 40th Congressional District (Kim), a competitive Orange County district that leans Republican; and California’s 41st Congressional District (Calvert), a GOP-held Inland Empire district with nearly even Democratic and Republican registration. ★

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WEAR 6-6-25

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Trung Huynh, 8450 Pine River Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Goi Tien 3 Sieu" 6333 Stockton Boulevard, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2025
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GOI 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02680
Team G&C, LLC, 8107 Oahu Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Peck N' Trim" 8107 Oahu Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2025
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PECK 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02687
Chanel Nicole Cameron, 8012 St Helena Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bask Farm" 8012 St Helena Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2025
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BASK 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03449
Central Valley Towing Inc., 8240 14th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Central Valley Towing/City Tow" 8240 14th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2025
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TOW 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03396
OBJJ Inc., 2839 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ohgane Korean BBQ" 2839 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 6, 2025
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OHGANE 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03339
Pauline Roselada, P.O. Box 22842, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zac Rose & Associates" 1042 Lake Glen Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2025
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ZAC 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03388
Dina Nelson, 14 Baywind Court, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Splash Soda" 14 Baywind Court, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2025
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SPLASH 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02639
Susan Kim Sandell, 7305 Rollingwood Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Pro CruiseMuse" 7305 Rollingwood Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 4, 2025
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PRO 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03347
Sage's Tile Inc., 4505 Robertson Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aloha Tile" 4505 Robertson Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2025
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ALOHA 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03177
Susan M. Osborn, 7541 Wooddale Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LifeThread Publications" 7541 Wooddale Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2025
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LIFE 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03196
Hajoca Corporation, 2001 Joshua Road, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Heieck Supply/Buttes Center State Pipe and Supply" 950 Richards Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2025
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HEIECK 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03363
Jeannine Hewitt and Darrell

Hewitt, 7974 California Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Geri's Garden Spa" 7974 California Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2025
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More Than A Dreamer LLC, 3450 Sweet Pea Way, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Authority Creators" 3450 Sweet Pea Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2025
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NorCal Marine Towing & Salvage, LLC, 1302 W. Fremont Street, Stockton, CA 95203 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TowBoatU.S. Sacramento" 2710 Ramp Way, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2025
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BOAT 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03592
Janani Venkateswaran, 4813 El Camino Avenue, Suite A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sukha Counseling" 4813 El Camino Avenue, Suite A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025
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SUKHA 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03645
Patrick Farris, 1978 San Juan Road, #94, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Im Not Finished Yet Publishing" 1978 San Juan Road, #94, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 14, 2025
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IM 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03346
Triple 9 Nutrition LLC, 9629 Country Falls Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Triple 9 Nutrition" 9629 Country Falls Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2025
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TRIPLE 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02995
Myers Holdings Group LLC, 1401 21st Street, #7097, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Myers Auto Exchange" 1401 21st Street, #7097, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 21, 2025
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MYERS 6-13-25

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Cornellu Popa, 4612 Monument Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cornelius Power" 4612 Monument Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 14, 2025
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COR 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03280
E.L. Heritage Inn of Sacramento, LLC, 4520 36th Avenue S, Fargo, ND 58104 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Element Sacramento Airport" 3681 N Freeway Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2025
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ELEMENT 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03589
Exquisscent, 7800 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SimSimKitchen" 7800 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025
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SIM 6-13-25

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Miguel A Barreras Jr., 3712 Pinehill Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Barrentana Insurance Solutions" 3712 Pinehill Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 1, 2025
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BARR 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03625
Katta Hules, 901 H Street, Suite 120, #300, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Katta Ki Books" 2110 L Street, #317, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 14, 2025
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KATTA 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03373
Vi Nguyen, 9082 Chantal Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is

doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Luna Day Spa" 7201 Florin Mall Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2025
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LUNA 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03132
Carinia Olmos, 7321 Robin Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Love and Light Holistic" 7321 Robin Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2025
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LOVE 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03587
Lord Cisco, 8 Seine Court, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lord Cisco Enterprises" 3436 American River Drive, #2, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025
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LORD 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03329
Briana Joelle Vega, 4749 Pismo Beach Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Graceful Roots Birth Services" 4749 Pismo Beach Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 1, 2025
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GRACEFUL 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03037
Ryan Kentaro Cespedes, 705 Larson Way, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Goldrush Sound and Lighting/ Goldrush AV" 705 Larson Way, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2025
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GOLD 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02551
KDTS, LLC, 4352 Wendover Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Outdoor" 4352 Wendover Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2025
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CAL 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03452
Let's Paint for Fun LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Let's Paint for Fun" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03568
Cameron Wiggins, 4001 Jane Court, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Art & Soul Family Collections" 4001 Jane Court, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03747
Felipe Martin, The Meredith Family Revocable Trust UAD 12/31/2014, and Katherine Elizabeth Martin, 8801 Folsom Boulevard, #260, Sacramento, CA 95826 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "2750 GWO" 8801 Folsom Boulevard, #260, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 16, 2025
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GWO 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03756
VerityMD Inc, 5841 Jameson Court, Suite 2, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Neurology Clinic/Manoj Kumar Mittal MD" 5841 Jameson Court, Suite 2, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03455
Rattana Raingsey Inc., 5501 Muskingham Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bambu" 2552 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2025
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BAMBU 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03686
Tammy J. Isaak, PO Box 255274, Sacramento, CA 95865 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Studio Red Interiors" 525 Morse Avenue, #201, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2025
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RED 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03773
Murtaza Ramzi, 1600 Response Road, Apt 1032, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business

Name(s) "Prokeys Solutions" 1600 Response Road, Apt 1032, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2025
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KEYS 6-20-25

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Andrew Perzhu, 2162 Pantanges Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Andreys Toys/Andreys Motor Toys" 2162 Pantanges Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 6, 2025
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TOYS 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03511
Drivewayz LLC, 6129 Marwick Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Drivewayz" 6129 Marwick Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03792
Masuta Logistics Inc, 65 Quinta Court, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "IRP and Drug Testing Services/ Medic" 65 Quinta Court, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2025
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JLC Escalante Corporation, 6789 Grant Line Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Green Landscaping" 6789 Grant Line Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 16, 2025
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Pacific Heritage Inn of Folsom, LLC, 4520 36th Avenue S, Fargo, ND 58104 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Staybridge Suites Sacramento Folsom" 1745 Cavitt Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2025
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Pacific FI Heritage Inn of Folsom, LLC, 4520 36th Avenue S, Fargo, ND 58104 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fairfield Inn & Suites Sacramento Folsom" 1755 Cavitt Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2025
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INN 6-20-25

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Dexter L Glover Jr, 3842 Innovator Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DLG Junk & Recycle" 5335 Dry Creek Road, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 23, 2025
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UNITED 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03927
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02858
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento, Inc., 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "St. Marys Cemetery & Funeral Services" 6509 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2025
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MARYS 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02859
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"Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center" 7100 Verner Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2025
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CALVARY 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02857
Sacramento Catholic Family Insurance Services, Inc, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "George L. Klumpp Chapel of Flowers" 2691 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2025
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Peter Griffiths, 8081 Via De Palmas Lane, #2, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Griff's Painting" 8081 Via De Palmas Lane, #2, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 21, 2025
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TRUE 6-27-25

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Joyce Truong, 2108 N Street, #5654, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Joy Tru Therapy" 2108 N Street, #5654, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025
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JOY 6-27-25

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East Coast Capital Corp., 2 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 110, Melville, NY 11747 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "First Access Lending" 2 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 110, Melville, NY 11747. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2025
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Lenape Cathal Management, LLC, 4884 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LC Wholesale Lumber" 4884 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025
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ALARM 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03928
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03877
PP Pizza Corporation, 7342 Southern Pine Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842 is do-

ing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mountain Mike's Pizza" 7808 Gerber Road, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2025
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PIZZA 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03482
Christian Hoybjerg DDS A Professional Dental Corporation, 3605 Grant Drive, Reno, NV 89509 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Orthodontic Partners" 9550 Micron Avenue, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2025
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ORTHO 6-27-25

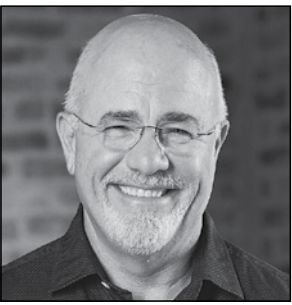
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Christian Hoybjerg DDS A Professional Dental Corporation, 3605 Grant Drive, Reno, NV 89509 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Orthodontic Partners" 5740 Windmill Way, Suite 16, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2025
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PARTNERS 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03817
Eduard Kondratuk, 5237 Damon Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "EK Spark" 5237 Damon Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2025
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EK 6-27-25

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Clean Slate Washing LLC, 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clean Slate Pressure Washing" 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 28, 2025
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CLEAN 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03999
Clean Slate Washing LLC, 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clean Slate Pressure Washing" 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 28, 2025
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CLEAN 6-27-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2023-07696
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Gold River Automotive, 11199 Coloma Road, Gold River, CA 95670.
RCP Auto Care, Inc, 11199 Coloma Road, Gold River, CA 95670.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 10/17/2023 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 5/2/2025.
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GOLD 6-20-25



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

How do you feel about moving credit card balances to other companies to get lower rates when you're trying to get out of debt? I just paid off my first credit card, and a friend suggested this idea for paying off the others faster.

– Von

Dear Von,

Lots of people think they've really done something big to solve their debt problems when they do this. And I'm sure your friend is trying to help with this suggestion, but you've got to remember that getting out of debt, and gaining control of your finances, is all about changing the habits of the person you see in the mirror every day. You've got to make a commitment to a lifestyle change that includes getting out of debt, *staying* out of debt,

Dave Ramsey Says The Face in the Mirror

and sticking to a written, monthly budget. That includes keeping track of every, single dollar, giving it a job to do *and* living on less than you make.

Now, your friend's idea *might* help speed up the process a tiny bit. But the habits that got you into debt in the first place won't change just because you've switched credit card companies. What you're talking about is an easy way to lower the interest rates—temporarily, in most cases—but it doesn't change your everyday behavior with money.

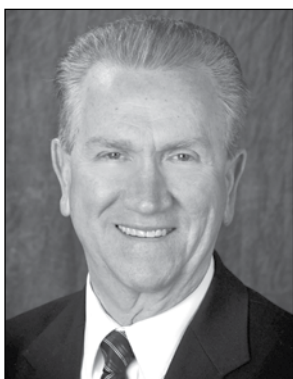
When people have problems with debt, it's often the result of dumb financial choices and living above their means. I've run into so many folks who got into trouble with money just because they wanted to impress other people. But guess what? When *you* change, interest rates don't matter nearly as

much. And when you shift your mindset about money, it will make a *huge* difference in a way that changing credit card companies and chasing lower interest rates can't.

I hope this helps, Von. And take a look at my Baby Steps plan while you're at it. I promise, if you follow those steps, it will help you move forward, get ahead and put you on the road to a debt-free life and financial peace!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



By Bob McGarvey

Our family went to the graduating Class of 2025 ceremonies on May 30 at Cordova High School Stadium at 6 p.m. There were many people who weren't able to attend because of the temperature, which was over 100 degrees. We kept fans and water with us so we could tolerate the temperature. It was hot for the graduates who sat in the sun during the ceremonies but our grandson, Travis McGarvey, graduated from Cordova High and we were very, very proud of him.

He will be going to basic training for the Navy on July 28. He was sworn into the Navy with some other young men and women at the Capital Air Show in March this year. Navy recruits will go to the "Great Lakes" basic training because the other boot camp for the Navy in San Diego closed in 1997.

"The 1965 Cordova High School graduate who spoke

And Another Thing Class of 2025 Graduation

at the 2025 graduation ceremony was Dennis Trainor. He was part of the group of 1965 alumni who were special guests at the 2025 graduation. He, along with other classmates, appreciated the principal to share the school's traditions with the Class of 2025." I was able to get that information from the AI overview and I was glad to find out the information. Our family got together after the ceremony and then the next day to tell our grandson how proud of him we are. The Navy has been able to get the number of recruits it goes for.

My Memorial Day committee was able to bring hundreds of people to the Cordova High School Performing Arts Center to honor the veterans who died in the past and to also honor the families who love their family members they lost when they died protecting their country and their families. David M. Sander, Ph.D. was the Master of Ceremonies and he did a truly memorable job for us.

Thank you, David. Another Memorial Day thing happened at Mather this year at the same time. Dozens gathered at the VA Medical Center in Mather for a ceremony to honor the courage and legacy of those who served in the military and never returned home. The speaker, Melissa Washington, a Navy veteran and the founder of the Women Veterans Alliance said, "The best way we honor them, we live the lives of intention. We show up to our communities. We fight for justice. We remember. We support. We serve because they cannot, and we must. We are the legacy they left behind. And what we do with that legacy defines who we are as a nation." Also at the ceremony, a group called the Patriot Group Riders honored one of their own. There will be ceremonies at Mather on Veterans Day, too. *From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time.* ★



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV010734

Gay Corene Geram has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gay Corene Geram to Gae Corene Geram.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 21, 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: May 1, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2025
GERAM 6-6-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV010732

Chantel Le McInerney has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chantel Le McInerney to Chantel Le Cameron.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 28, 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: May 1, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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CHANTEL 6-6-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV010738

Inambao Nawa Lifanu and Inonge Nalishuwa Lifanu have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Inambao Nawa Lifanu to Mubusi Muhapi and Inonge Nalishuwa Lifanu to Pearl Inonge Nalishuwa Muhapi and Thabo Lifanu to Eyal Thabo Muhapi and Mbuyoti Lifanu to Tahel Mbuyoti Muhapi and Lufiwe Lifanu to Yakira Lufiwe Muhapi and Likezo Lifanu to Gabriel Likezo Muhapi and Tumelo Lifanu to Perez Tumelo Muhapi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 28, 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: May 1, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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MUHAPI 6-6-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV011425

Tawny Linehan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tawny Linehan to Tawny Rose Schrodetzki Linehan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 4, 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: May 13, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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LINEHAN 6-13-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV011070

Ronald Warren Kelley has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ronald Warren Kelley to Ronald Austin Chase.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 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: May 7, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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RONALD 6-13-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV011077

Irene Palacio Rodriguez aka Irene Patricia Rodriguez aka Irene Patricia Lenz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Irene Palacio Rodriguez aka Irene Patricia Rodriguez aka Irene Patricia Lenz to Irene Patricia Lenz.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 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: May 7, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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LENZ 6-20-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV007940

Devon Zachary Malashus has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Devon Zachary Malashus to Devon Zachary Hayes.

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 31, 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: May 9, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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DEVON 6-20-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV012040

Kanwar Jasdeep Uppal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kanwar Jasdeep Uppal to Jasdeep Uppal.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 17, 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: May 20, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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UPPAL 6-20-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23PR001254

Dulce Rosario Medrano Miranda has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alonso Maximiliano Medrano Garcia to Alonso Maximiliano Medrano and Isaak Andres Garcia to Isaak Medrano and Adrien Mateo Garcia to Adrien Mateo Medrano.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 129, 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: May 27, 2025
Heath Langle, Court Commissioner
Publish: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025
MEDRANO 6-27-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV012700

Maksym Hul has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Maksym Hul to Max Gul.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 9, 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: May 29, 2025

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025
MAX 6-27-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV012207

Mame Diarra Adrea Maloney Sow has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Messiah Shakaur King to Messiah Shakaur Sow and Ermias Niamke King to Ermias Niamke Sow.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 22, 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: May 22, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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SOW 6-27-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV012544

Leslie Kay Rohde has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Leslie Kay Rohde to Leslie Kay Jensen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 24, 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: May 28, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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JENSON 6-27-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBIN ALCO PETERSON AKA ROBIN ALCO PETERSON III AKA ROBIN A. PETERSON CASE NO. 25PR001802

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robin Alco Peterson, aka Robin Alco Peterson III, aka Robin A. Peterson.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Ryan Graff, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Ryan Graff be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without

obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows July 2, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Michael Yee, 4010 S Land Park Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822; (916) 927-9001

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PETERSON 6-20-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TAI HUAN QUACH CASE NO. 25PR001768

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Tai Huan Quach.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Thomas Quach, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Thomas Quach be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the dece-

dent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 26, 2025, 9:00 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Keeping Trails Safe

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equestrian-only trails. These trails are designed specifically for horseback riding and are not built to accommodate bicycles. Riding on them not only violates trail rules but it also creates hazards for riders and horses alike.

Sacramento County asks all cyclists to stay on designated paved or multi-use trails and respect posted signs and trail restrictions. If you would like to ride off-road, a designated off-road cycling trail is available in the Woodlake/Cal-Expo area.

To promote safety and shared enjoyment of the trail system, Sacramento County has established multi-use trail rules and regulations as described below.

Always yield to pedestrians and equestrians.

Pass on the left side and return to the right side after you’ve passed. Don’t forget

to call out “passing on your left” so you don’t startle the person you are passing.

Maintain a safe speed, not exceeding 15 mph.

Keep pets on a leash no longer than six feet.

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Visit online regionalparks.sacounty.gov/Parks/Pages/Multi-useTrailRulesandRegulations.aspx for the full list of trail rules and regulations.

The county thanks all trail users and the dedicated public safety and volunteer patrol teams for helping to keep the American River Parkway and other Sacramento County trails safe, clean and welcoming for everyone. ★

Brian Anderson, Banjo Man

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Anderson also won the national championship in Winfield, Kansas in 2005.

“It was amazing,” Anderson said. “It was probably the highlight of my musical career, if you want to call it that.”

Larry Henderson, who lives in Jamestown a few miles from Sonora, plays the banjo and guitar. Henderson said that he met Anderson around 2007 when he saw him playing the banjo in front of the Sonora Walmart.

“(Anderson) is probably the most incredible banjo player I’ve ever seen, on television or in person, or whatever, that’s how good he is,” Henderson said. “Holy mackerel! This guy can really just about do anything on the instrument.”

They became friends and played gigs together. For several years, they rehearsed songs at Anderson’s house in Sonora.

Later, Anderson got married and started a family; he put the banjo aside for about 20 years. When the family didn’t need as much “support and direction and time” as before, Anderson pulled the banjo out from under the bed and began playing again.

Anderson often plays



Brian Anderson performing at an event at a Placer County home. “It’s very melodic,” said his bass player Jesse Guerra. “He does things that a lot of banjo players don’t do.”

with bass player Jesse Guerra, who lives in Colfax. They met in January at the California Bluegrass Association, the Great 48, in Bakersfield, an event that hosts four days of nonstop jamming workshops. They became friends and have been playing together since.

“We’ve probably got over 20 plus songs we’ve practiced,” Guerra said. “I understand his playing style and I try to support it with my bass playing. He’s one of the most advanced banjo players I’ve ever seen.”

The banjo player plays in

the parks as often as he can.

“Whenever I have some time and I don’t have to be somewhere else,” Anderson said, “I like to take it along with me and get a few minutes of practice.”

Anderson is a Christian and shares pastor duties at The Bridge Church, which meets in alternate months at a home in Rancho Cordova and a home in Natomas.

The musician can be found on YouTube under Brian Anderson or @BrianBanjoMan. For more information, call Anderson at 916-860-9173. ★

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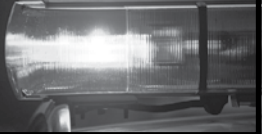
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District Attorney’s Office Holds Youth Shadow Day

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trajectory and presumptive blood testing, review crime scene investigations and see real drug chemistry in play, according to the DA’s website.

The programs are free and representatives are provided by partnering agencies. They benefit high school students, the criminal justice system and the community

at large, according to the DA’s office.

To register for the Criminal Justice Shadow Day event or the Crime Lab Shadow Day event, visit sacda.org, under the “In the Community” tab. Spaces are limited and the deadline to register for both events is June 27.

The DA’s Youth Academy will begin accepting applications in the fall. ★

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Breaking Barriers to Employment 101

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Job hunting is stressful, even under the best of circumstances.

Imagine if you had limited access to a shower, no professional clothing choices and your transportation to and from work was intermittent, at best.

Add to that a gap in your work history, a lost social security card and no access to a computer to submit applications or access email consistently.

Sounds impossible, right? Let's throw one more (and the hardest to overcome) wrench in the cog: the stigma of being homeless.

Unfortunately, this is a very harsh reality for many people experiencing homelessness who desperately want a job. Lack of identification and limited access to a computer make the application process nearly impossible.

At the Sacramento County's Mather Community Campus adult singles shelter, operator Next Move is breaking down barriers one program participant at a time.

With the newly-created Employment Development Program, Shelby Greenhill works tirelessly on behalf of her program participants to address the challenges of being job-ready and finding and keeping a job. It is an uphill battle, with the stigma of hiring a homeless person at the top of the list.

"In my research, I came across a 2020 study involving more than 600 employers. More than half of them mistakenly believed it was illegal to hire a homeless person for employment," said Greenhill, the program's sole manager. "Furthermore, 20 percent expressed concerns that hiring a homeless person would have a 'negative' effect on their non-homeless employees."

If you've ever had the thought, "If people would just get a job, they wouldn't be homeless," keep reading; this is for you.

Many folks experiencing homelessness are hired for swing shift or night shift work, making transportation a critical factor in maintaining stable employment.

Unfortunately, that means they might be working outside the hours public transportation operates (5 a.m. to 11 p.m.), leaving many folks without a reliable method of getting to and from work. One program participant reported she spends nearly \$400 a month on Uber/Lyft fees, representing nearly half her monthly income.

If the program had a large van(s) and staffing to drive, these clients could be transported to/ from work and ensure they do not lose job opportunities due to transportation concerns, as well as



At Sacramento County's Mather Community Campus adult singles shelter, Next Move is breaking down barriers one program participant at a time. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

open night shift/off-hours opportunities. Even those working traditional hours need transportation to and from work every day. The program provides bus passes but many folks are walking a significant distance to the bus stop or their place of employment because they do not own a car.

Documentation is a major barrier for people experiencing homelessness, as essential items such as a photo identification (ID) and Social Security card are often required for both employment and housing. When you don't have a file cabinet, safe deposit box or even a folder to keep your vital documents, keeping track of those items is a challenge.

The Next Move employment program provides vouchers and transportation to appointments for participants to replace lost photo identification cards.

Access to technology is a critical issue, as applying for a job at nearly any business requires internet access, a phone and potentially a printer. The employment program helps participants secure a phone, has a computer lab and personal assistance searching for jobs, as well as it offers help with the application process.

Hygiene plays a crucial role in self-presentation. Imagine going on a job interview without consistent access to a shower or professional-level, clean clothing and shoes that fit. For those living in shelters, they can at least shower and do laundry leading up to an interview but what about folks still living on the street?

Even for those in shelter, accessing professional clothing that fits well and is appropriate for their job interview can feel insurmountable. Next Move is collecting professional-level clothing and shoes in all sizes, for both men and women, to build a closet for participants to shop

from leading up to an interview. Every single person deserves to search for work with dignity.

A criminal record is another significant barrier. For those program participants who can overcome all the aforementioned challenges, this one often stops them in their tracks.

Most job applications ask if someone has been convicted of a felony, some even a misdemeanor. Check no, risk the job for lying. Check yes, you probably never make it out of "the pile."

People make mistakes and bad choices. And people change. Marquies was in prison for 17 years for a crime he committed when he was 18 years old. He knows that he screwed up; he did his time, and after he was released, he chose homelessness over re-offending. Marquies is desperate for a job, pounding the proverbial pavement daily in search of a job he can be proud to work. He is bright, well-mannered, well-dressed, passionate and motivated. And it's still not enough because of his ancient past. The desperation and hopelessness show in his voice; not only does he want a job for income and stability but he also needs a job to improve his self-image.

Greenhill is working closely with Marquies and leveraging the relationships she has built with businesses that are "felon-friendly," meaning they will hire people with a conviction if the circumstances are right. Given a chance, Marquies is going to be a great employee.

The stigma of homelessness is perhaps the highest mountain that Greenhill's program participants have to climb, as they face societal prejudice and stereotypes that paint them as lazy, unclean, on drugs or thieves. Even when they are clean, educated and ready to rebuild their lives.

Kayla is a trained pharmacy technician. After relocating to California and finding herself homeless, the fees associated with getting relicensed in a new state were a huge barrier to her working in her field. Fortunately, the employment program at Mather has paid for her licensing and background check fees and provided her with ongoing vocational training to keep up her license requirements. It has also given her access to clothing and transportation options needed to get a job.

But Kayla knows that isn't the end of her challenges. She talks with passion and conviction about overcoming the stigma of "being homeless," even though in no way could anyone tell she's homeless by looking at her.

"It shows up in subtle differences as you integrate into a workplace, with coworkers. You don't have lunch to bring, you always take the bus and you only have two to three different outfits to rotate through," Kayla said. "People notice and start asking questions. And unless you're a good liar, eventually people find out you live in a homeless shelter. They immediately start judging you, treating you differently."

And constantly trying to present as "normal" is exhausting and mentally taxing.

Homelessness, particularly unsheltered homelessness, is a crisis in our society. It is a community problem that requires a community solution. People want change, both systemically and visually. While access to employment and income can't solve everything, it's a vital first step toward self-sufficiency.

The community can provide tangible assistance to these societal issues. If you have usable, clean professional clothing, donate. If you have a working vehicle you're no longer using,

donate it to someone who desperately needs it. If you own a business or manage hiring, hire people who are unhoused but stable, hard-working and reliable. If you have no means to donate or hire, advocate for those who do.

Most importantly, remember that these are real people with real history and real feelings. Committed to changing their circumstances, passionate, driven people who were just like you at one point. Life slapped them down; we can lend them a hand back up.

Greenhill and the employment program are doing an incredible and tireless job of advocating for their program participants. Cold calling businesses, collecting donations and supplies, following up with businesses that said "no" and providing practical and emotional support for people who feel hopeless. Barriers are being broken, slowly but surely.

The program has already helped 21 participants obtain jobs since Jan.13 and enrolled 20 participants in training and schooling.

Current participants are on the brink of graduation to become nurse's assistants, obtaining guard cards to become security guards, and a few are working with Northern California Construction Training to become electricians and welders!

Kayla appreciates having an advocate, someone who knows everything, knows the barriers and is shattering them one at a time. She'll have her pharmacy tech job soon enough.

Marquies, still baffled about how hard it is for him to find a job, is appreciative.

"This program is saving my life. I want to work and I know it is just a matter of time before I find my place, thanks to Shelby and their support. But this truly is saving my life." ★

'No Address' Debuts

Robert Craig Films News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Robert Craig Films' award-winning debut feature film, "No Address," and "Americans With No Address," a companion documentary, are available for digital purchase and rental, including Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV, Fandango at Home, YouTube and more.

Some of the scenes were filmed in the Sacramento Region.

Additionally, "No Address" will be available to purchase on DVD at Walmart and Amazon. The purpose-driven purchase will benefit those it highlights, people experiencing homelessness in America, with 50% of net profits pledged to nonprofits making a positive impact in local communities nationwide.

"No Address," starring Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter and actress, Ashanti, shares the personal journeys of individuals experiencing homelessness. This powerful and heartfelt film weaves together stories of resilience, compassion and human dignity. It has won numerous awards and



The cast and director of Robert Craig Films' "No Address" are in front of the Jimmy's House set at 2409 Capitol Ave. in Sacramento. Clockwise from the top upper left are Patricia Velasquez ("Gabrielle"), Xander Berkeley ("Harris"), Ashanti ("Violet"), Alisa Schulz ("Liz"), Julia Verdin (director), Isabella Ferreira ("Lauren") and Lucas Jade Zumann ("Jimmy"). Courtesy Photo

audiences have reacted with a 98% Popcornmeter score on Rotten Tomatoes.

"What drew me to 'No Address' was its raw honesty. This film doesn't just tell a story, it gives people experiencing homelessness their dignity back," remarked TV host Ty Pennington. "Being part of it

reminded me how powerful a second chance can be and how just believing in someone can change everything."

"Americans With No Address," a shocking documentary unraveling the truth of America's homelessness crisis, was filmed as a companion piece to the feature film. The Robert

Craig Films' team traveled the United States for a hands-on look at the harsh realities of the nationwide homelessness crisis, while also uncovering effective solutions being implemented and providing hopeful insights. It was awarded "Best Documentary" at the 2025 Movieguide Awards.

"The overwhelming response

to both the feature film and the documentary shows that Americans are not only connecting to these stories but also searching for a deeper understanding and real solutions to this crisis," said Jennifer Stolo, CEO and producer of Robert Craig Films. "With the streaming releases, we'll reach more with our message of hope and urgent call to action."

For streaming, rental and purchase information for the feature film, "No Address," visit www.NoAddressMovie.com. For streaming, rental and purchase information for "Americans With No Address," the documentary, visit www.NoAddressMovie.com/ Documentary.

Based in Northern California, Robert Craig Films develops, creates and produces films that inspire audiences to engage with greater empathy, compassion and generosity in the communities they live in. The company's mission is to create impactful films that spark meaningful conversations and drive social change. For more information, visit www.RobertCraigFilms.com. ★

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9. Slang for heroin
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23. *Christopher Robin's father A.A. _____
24. Like certain flu
25. Church assembly
26. Speechless
27. Gabriel of Chile
28. Administer ceremonial oil
29. Chopper blade
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50. Mercantile establishment
51. This location
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



At the end of every NBA season and playoffs, there are 29 disappointed franchises. That’s 29 cities in America that are not celebrating. It’s always been that way, and it probably always will be. Only one winner, one champion, can be crowned.

Many Sacramento Kings fans are closely watching the playoffs, where defense has taken center stage. The Boston Celtics, for example, struggled after losing star Jayson Tatum to an Achilles tear in Game 4 against the Knicks.

That same intense defense has been the dominant factor in nearly every playoff series this year, and the Indiana Pacers New York Nick series was clear evidence that defense wins the day.

Long wing players that can move and play help defense will be coveted as the off-season trades begin, and Sacramento will be right in the mix of it.

The Kings feature an upcoming Keon Ellis and Keegan Murray who fit the skill model, but the real question is can the Kings retain these players and build around them with more of the same.

Two players that have been prominently mentioned are Jrue Holiday of the Boston Celtics, and Herb Jones of the Charlotte Hornets. Holiday at age 34 may be on the other side of his prime, so look for the Kings to have more interest in Jones who at 6’7” is 3 inches taller and only 26 years old.

The Pelicans have indicated that they are in trade mode, so Herb Jones may be wearing a different Jersey in November.

The question is what Charlotte would want in return for a player on the way up, and the answer is someone of the caliber of Malik Monk. Like DeAaron Fox, Monk is a fan favorite, whether this trade would be popular among fans remains to be seen. At the end of the day, fans need to brace themselves as the likelihood of several changes remains strong.

New GM Scott Perry is playing his cards close to the vest. Although the Sacramento faithful would like some direction, Perry will start making moves when he’s ready. About the only thing that he has really indicated is that the Kings need a point guard. It’s unlikely that a new GM will roll the dice on a second-year player like

Devin Carter and hope that he can break-out and be the starting point guard that can replace DeAaron Fox.

The NBA finals begin on Thursday, and fans will be treated to two teams that feature some of the best defense you are likely see. Look for low scoring physical games, with the referees swallowing the whistle more and more. The focus will be on the long wing players and the number of times they can get their hands on the ball.

Every Sacramento Kings fan is eager to know Scott Perry’s plans, and I’m hoping he’s considering building around Domantas Sabonis and Jonas Valanciunas. Not only do both have dominant skills they pose all kinds of problems for teams that like to drive the lane. With both Sabonis and Valanciunas, Perry has more options and can play these two side by side from time to time.

With the #5 spot already secured, the Kings need to target the point guard position and try to add one longer wing player like the aforementioned Herb Jones.

Whether trades begin in earnest now or after the finals conclude, be assured the Kings have moves in mind. That means surprises are in store, but very soon Sacramento fans are going to see the acumen of Scott Perry in full view.

It seems like a lifetime since the Kings went deep into the playoffs, but a capable GM and staff can make a difference, so this writer remains optimistic that the 2025/2026 version of the Sacramento Kings can be something to be proud of.

Grow the young players that we have. Covet them and don’t waste them in meaningless trades and fill in the bland spots where the Kings have obvious needs.

Seems simple, but it is anything but. Nonetheless, it’s always possible that Christmas may come early just as the Dallas Mavericks discovered in the recent NBA draft.

So, let’s see if Scott Perry can catch lightning in a bottle, and Sacramento can celebrate once again.

Keep the faith Kings fans. I still believe the best is yet to come!

All the best!

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

Why Did the California Senate Shunt a Cost-Cutting Housing Bill?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last month, RAND, a prominent think tank based in Santa Monica, published an exhaustive study on housing costs that devastatingly proves how California has been undermining its official goal of increasing production.

After examining more than 100 multifamily projects in three states, RAND concluded that building them in California is 2.8 times as expensive as in Texas and 1.5 times higher than in Colorado, “with much of the difference driven by state and local policies that contribute to long permitting and construction timelines, and higher local development fees.”

Even more shockingly, RAND found that projects for low-income families cost 1.5 times as much to build as market-rate housing in California and four times the average cost in Texas.

Last week, the California Senate appeared to double down on making housing

development more difficult and costly, shunting a bill aimed at making it easier to build housing for lower-income families by exempting some projects from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Senate Bill 607, carried by state Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat, was gutted in the Senate Appropriations Committee, apparently because Senate leaders such as President Pro Tem Mike McGuire caved into fierce opposition from environmental groups and labor unions, which celebrated the move. The committee announced that SB 607’s contents were being stripped out and replaced by vague language declaring intentions to negotiate further, leaving the fate of the proposal unclear.

Those who either oppose housing projects on environmental grounds or demand concessions, such as requiring them to use union construction labor, have often used — or misused — CEQA as a tool. Over the last half-decade, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom have nibbled at CEQA’s provisions, but when SB 607 was introduced, environmental and labor groups drew an opposition line in the sand.

After the bill was bowdlerized last week, the coalition praised McGuire

and other Senate leaders “for recognizing that the language of SB 607 would have created significant unintended consequences on communities and new legal uncertainties.”

Just days earlier, Newsom had urged the Legislature to pass SB 607 and a similar measure, Assembly Bill 609, as much-needed reforms to increase housing development.

“It’s time to get serious about this issue, period, full stop,” Newsom said. “If you care about your kids you care about getting this done. This is the biggest opportunity to do something big and bold and the only impediment is us.”

The SB 607 blockage may indicate that Newsom is losing clout with the Legislature as he nears lame duck status. However, he could revive the bill as part of the forthcoming negotiations over the state budget, as a statement by Wiener and McGuire suggested.

The RAND study reveals why the state is falling behind.

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Social Security Matters

How do I apply for Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don’t even know where to start. **Signed: Seeking Assistance**

Dear Seeking: It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Administration at 1.800.772.1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at www.ssa.gov/apply. However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal “my Social Security” account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security full retirement age, or “FRA.” Your FRA is when you

get 100% of the benefit you’ve earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced (to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also means that – if you are still working – you will be subject to Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe).

So, you can apply for your Social Security benefits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security’s earnings limit (the earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty).

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don’t need to take your Social Security

benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>.

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it’s easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1.888.750.2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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Putin is Playing Trump

It was never going to be easy for President Trump to bring an end to the Ukraine war, but it’s even harder when he’s operating under an erroneous theory of the conflict.

The man who instigated the war and who is the chief obstacle to peace is Vladimir Putin. Yet, this enemy of the West, murderer of dissidents and serial perpetrator of wars of territorial aggrandizement has never been subjected to the same U.S. pressure campaign as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose fundamental offense is to be leading a country that his larger neighbor wants to subjugate.

After a much-anticipated phone call with Putin on Monday, Trump sounded optimistic and said Ukraine and Russia would keep negotiating, although there was no indication of anything new.

After the browbeating he took in the Oval Office a few months ago and a pause in U.S. intelligence assistance, Zelenskyy got the message. He’s done everything possible to portray himself as the reasonable one who’s interested in pursuing a deal.

A U.S.-proposed general ceasefire? Zelenskyy has said he’s willing to accept it. Russia’s idea for direct talks in Istanbul? Zelenskyy

said he’d go himself.

He signed a critical minerals deal with the U.S. Putin, in contrast, has been at the receiving end of an all-carrots approach, and has reacted accordingly.

One of Trump’s advantages on the world stage is that he can make use of the “mad man theory,” the idea that he’s so unpredictable and potentially extreme that it’s best not to displease him. Against type, Trump has been less the madman with Putin than the therapist who speaks in dulcet tones, is understanding to a fault and is determinedly nonjudgmental.

Pretty much whatever Putin does, Trump says someone else would do the same in his circumstances. Putin could nuke Warsaw, and Trump might observe, “Well, it’s a shame and I hope he doesn’t do it again.”

Trump almost never strikes a pleading tone, but when Putin launched a large-scale strike on Kyiv last month, Trump posted on Truth Social, “Vladimir, STOP!”

The play for the Kremlin is obvious here. It wants to keep inching ahead with territorial gains, and if it continues to string along negotiations, has to hope that Trump tires of the whole thing and cuts off U.S. aid to Ukraine. That would reward Putin’s intransigence with an important diplomatic victory -- a split between the U.S. and Europe -- and a chance to make major advances against an increasingly hard-pressed Ukraine.

Trump at times seems to realize this, and has referred to Putin “tapping me along.” But the master at

establishing leverage in negotiations has failed to do so over Putin. In part, this is because the president has absorbed his MAGA base’s view that Putin isn’t really the problem -- the Russian leader was baited into war by globalists who took insufficient account of Russia’s interests and feelings.

Whatever one thinks of the policy of NATO expansion, Ukraine didn’t invade Russia, and Putin’s opposition to Ukraine’s existence as its own independently governed nation is at the root of the war.

So long as Putin believes that he’s winning and holds “all of the cards,” there’s no reason for him to become more pliable. Trump and other administration officials have floated further economic measures against Russia, but these would probably be of limited utility. If the administration stipulated that if Putin doesn’t drop his maximalist demands -- basically for a Ukraine that can’t defend itself -- it will back Ukraine to the hilt, that might change his calculations.

Russia’s gains have come at a hideous cost -- nearly a million Russian casualties since the start of the war. If Ukraine isn’t going to buckle and the U.S. isn’t going to abandon her, then the Russians could reach a point of exhaustion.

Short of that, Putin has every reason to think he can persevere when the world’s superpower has little sympathy for the victim of his unprovoked aggression.

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UC Davis Football Scheduled for Three Nationally-Broadcast Games

University of California, Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the first time in program history, No. 11 University of California, Davis football will be showcased on the main linear ESPN network when the 2025 season opens at 4 p.m. Pacific Time Aug. 23 against No. 12 Mercer in Montgomery, Alabama.

That will be the first of three nationally broadcast games that the Aggies will be featured on this season.

When the Aggies travel to Washington on Sept. 6, they will find themselves on the BIG10 Network with an 8 p.m. kick-off while the trip to Bozeman, Montana to face the defending Big Sky Champion No. 2 Montana State Bobcats will be picked up by an ESPN linear network. The time and network for the game in Bozeman will be announced at a later date.

UC Davis landed on ESPN2 last season when they traveled to Missoula, Montana for a night game against Montana. It was the first time the Aggies had ever been on a linear ESPN



The UC Davis football team will be televised on the main linear ESPN network against Mercer in Montgomery, Alabama on Aug. 23 and featured nationally for a total of three games during the 2025 season. Photo courtesy of University of California, Davis Athletics Department

network and only the second time they had been nationally broadcast.

The three nationally broadcast games is a program record, as UC Davis will be shown across the nation for nearly a third of its games this season.

Season tickets are on sale now and fans can head to the Aggies website at ucdavisaggies.com/sports/football to secure their spot in Shredville for the 2025 season. Tickets start at \$100 for new alumni and \$140 for the general public. ★

Football Game Against Montana Tabbed For ESPN2



Playing against the Montana Grizzlies for a second time on national television in October, the Sacramento State Hornets football team will be televised during its game on ESPN2. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

California State University, Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For the fourth consecutive season, the Sacramento State football team will play in front of a national television audience as the team's 2025 game against Montana was selected by ESPN2, it was announced May 29.

The game will now take place on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. PT and mark the second time the Hornets and Grizzlies have played on the network. Sacramento State topped Montana, 31-24, in an overtime battle between a pair of Top-10 teams in 2022. The Hornets hosted Montana State on ESPN2 the following

year and played at San Jose State on TruTV to begin the 2024 season.

This year's game is one of four Big Sky contests that will air on an ESPN network. The other games selected were the Sept. 27 game featuring Idaho at Montana, the Oct. 31 game with Idaho at Northern Arizona and the Nov. 15 game with UC Davis at Montana State.

The Big Sky Conference will also continue its partnership with ESPN+. The remaining five home games, as well as the four conference road games for the Hornets, will be streamed on ESPN+ during the year.

Kickoff times for the remainder of the team's games will be announced during the summer. ★

Hawks' 200 Freestyle Relay Team Named All-Americans



Hawks' Men's swim team Joel Amezcua, Chris Barbusca, Jonah Mafnas and James Pitcock were named in the California Community College Athletic Association All-Americans list for the 2024 to 2024 swimming and diving season. Photo courtesy of Consumnes River College

Consumnes River College News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Hawks' Men's swim team record-breaking 200-meter freestyle relay team, Joel Amezcua, Chris Barbusca, Jonah Mafnas and James Pitcock, all highlighted the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Men's Swimming and Diving All-American teams.

The All-American teams, which

were announced the morning of May 14, were created via the fastest results in the California Community College Athletic Association during the course of the 2024 to 2025 swimming and diving season.

Also on the men's All-American list were fellow swim athletes within the Los Rios Community College District, including John Branson of American River College, and Gar Long and Michael Hansen of Sierra College. ★

UC Davis Master of Management Program Provides Opportunities for Graduate Aggies

By David Collins, UC Davis Director of Athletics Communications

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Not every college athlete turns pro, so UC Davis prioritizes preparing student-athletes for life after sports. A new collaboration with the UC Davis Graduate School of Management (GSM) helps to create a new pathway that extends student-athletes' collegiate careers while preparing them for post-competition success.

Out of that collaboration came the Master of Management (MM), a one-year program that evolved over time as UC Davis looked to refine an ever-changing post-collegiate landscape. While the athletic department was looking for a way to offer undergraduate Aggies a chance to continue their time at Davis, the Master of Management degree also offered an avenue to easily bring in graduate student-athletes from other top programs in the country, including the likes of Harvard and Dartmouth.

"When we started the program, we saw our market as people graduating from UC Davis where job opportunities were not immediately apparent so a master in management would provide an introduction to management and new opportunities in the job world," said Michael and Joelle Hurlston Dean and Professor of Marketing H. Rao Unnava.

"But over time I had conversations with (Director of Athletics) Rocko (DeLuca) and with UC Davis being a place where the scholarly part of 'student-athlete' is focused on an opportunity to provide for student-athletes looking to continue their education presented itself."

This past season, 21 Aggie student-athletes took part in the first-year Master of Management program, including football, baseball, men's golf, lacrosse, men's track and field, volleyball and women's tennis. And of that list of 21, there were eight who transferred in from other institutions to continue their education at Davis. In addition, two other football players and a men's basketball player enrolled in the Graduate School of Management's two-year Full-Time MBA program.

"It's a real easy recruiting pitch when you're telling a young man he could get his masters paid for at a university like UC Davis," said football head coach Tim Plough. "The pitch is that you can help us win a championship and we can help you further your career beyond football. Having a master's degree from UC Davis is a life-changing occurrence and playing football at UC Davis allows you to compete for a championship."

On the gridiron, several graduate Aggies who took the program played a pivotal role in the team's historic 11-win season that saw UC Davis football finish No. 5 in the nation following a deep Football Championship Series playoff run.

Graduate transfer David Meyer was a multiple All-American who led the team in total tackles and interceptions, and he even sealed an Aggie win early in the season with a pick-six.

The Master of Management program also allowed quarterback Miles Hastings to play one more season in the blue & gold, putting together a season for the ages. Hastings, who

was a Walter Payton Award finalist and multiple All-American, became the first Aggie to throw for over 4,000 yards in a season while also chucking 38 touchdown passes to lead a historic Aggie offense.

The STEM-designated graduate business program pushes students to absorb concepts quickly then immediately put them into action, and where it truly shines is equipping students with a strong foundation in the functional areas of business, such as accounting, economics, finance, marketing and strategy.

It's a tight-knit program that is supportive and helps the student-athletes balance their roles in the program along with their time and dedication needed to be a Division I student-athlete.

Solia Valentine, a graduate member of UC Davis women's tennis, is one example of a student-athlete who was looking to further their professional aspirations while continuing to compete at a high level. Valentine came to the Aggies after getting her undergraduate degree at UCLA in computer science and jumped at what the master of management offered.

"I had a computer science undergraduate degree, and I am interested in potentially doing product management, so I thought the program would help strengthen the managerial skills needed to excel as a product manager," said Valentine. "At the same time, I felt that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity to build the foundational skillset for my career while playing college tennis."

Valentine earned All-Big West honorable mention this season, collecting 20 wins between singles and doubles helping the Aggies snag a win at the Big West Championships with a singles victory at No. 2 over UC San Diego.

Graduate Alex Agnew (lacrosse) also was able to return to the field thanks to the Master of Management program. Battling back from injury, Agnew enrolled in Graduate School of Management program and was able to finish out her career properly. Agnew set record for career assists this year, and shared the field with her freshman sister Tory as the Aggies battled to the Big 12 tournament.

The Master in Management also provides value in a world of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL), giving UC Davis a competitive advantage in the recruiting world of transfer portals and ever-moving athletic goals.

"We compete with the conference we are in, and we compete with other schools on our level of funding," said Unnava. "So this program acts as leg up on others who might have access to more money for incoming student-athletes, we are giving them an opportunity to be successful after playing. We can attract high-quality athletes who see this program as a compelling option for them because of how it will affect them in the long term not just in the moment."

Together, UC Davis Athletics and the UC Davis Graduate School of Management have created an avenue of success for Aggie student-athletes to better prepare themselves for life after athletics. And in return UC Davis has positioned itself to better compete on the highest levels of competition while maintaining a dedicated commitment to academics and the futures of Aggie student-athletes. ★

Foreigner Returns with a Hit-Packed Night of Unforgettable Anthems

“When I got the offer, it was too good of an opportunity to pass up,” Bluestein said. “These are songs I grew up with. I had a ‘pinch me’ moment playing ‘Juke Box Hero’ for the first time, it’s a really dramatic part of the



“Kelly will be doing the shows through like early fall so he still has a lot of shows left with us.”

With decades of touring behind them, the members of Foreigner have found ways to keep their energy high. On show days, Bluestein meditates, others do yoga or stretching, and everyone

Hagman, who has led the choir for 25 years, sees this as a rare and invaluable opportunity for her students to be part of something unforgettable. Each year, a different group of students get to perform and this year 25 students are going. Hagman explained

Foreigner performs Friday, June 21 at Hard Rock Casino Live venue, 3317 Forty Mile Road, Wheatland at 8 p.m. ★

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