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## Have Horn, Will Play



Two years shy of a century, veteran trumpet player Bill Parker practices in his Arden Arcade Garden with son, music educator Grant Parker.

**Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - At 98 years old, Bill Parker is still blowing strong.

When temperatures neared 100 degrees in June, Parker was among the scores of volunteer musicians who took to the stage during the Community Band Festival in Carmichael.

"The event gives me an opportunity to hear other bands," said its oldest participant. "Even with the heat, I wouldn't want to miss it."

Once weekly, Parker joins the Sacramento Concert Band, under the baton of his son, Grant Parker. The nonagenarian sits with bandmates in their 20s.

"They're pretty good to me," Parker said. "In a volunteer band, you don't have to be perfect. We're all doing our best, working to improve."



Shown is middle school bandsman Bill Parker at age 12. In high school during World War II, Parker helped support his family by playing nightclub gigs. Picture courtesy of Bill Parker

Music, he noted, has been good to him. Raised in Follansbee, West Virginia, Parker picked up a trumpet at the age of nine. Years of study followed. The Great Depression was tough but

Parker's parents always found \$3 for his weekly lesson.

"That was a lot of money in those days," Parker said. "I must have shown some aptitude. I enjoyed playing and I liked the extra activity being in the school band gave me."

With dad at war and money scarce, 16-year-old Parker started playing night clubs in nearby Wheeling. The youngest bandsman was billed as 'Wheeling's Harry James.'

"We played three shows a night," recalled the prodigy. "The last was at 1 a.m. One place I played was a strip club. I grew up quickly. The dancers were nice girls; they made a fuss of me. Then I moved to a premier supper club, doing floor shows. I'm sure my schoolwork suffered. I often fell asleep at my desk. I wasn't punished. The teachers understood how things were at home."

After graduation, Parker  
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## Ami Bera Secures \$2.5 Million for Carmichael Water Project

**Representative Ami Bera's Office News Release**

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) announced on July 16 that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a \$2.5-million federal grant to the Carmichael Water District to support the construction of the Ladera Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well Project.

The Ladera Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well is a new production and injection well that will allow the Carmichael Water District to capture and store excess surface water during wet years and recover it during dry periods.

Once completed, the well will produce approximately 1,200 gallons per minute and have the capacity to inject about half that volume back into the aquifer for future use.

"Every community should be able to count on storing and managing its water supply for the long-term," Bera said. "This critical federal investment in the Ladera ASR Well will strengthen Carmichael's long-term water supply, improve drought resiliency, and support the health and well-being of our families. I'm proud to have helped secure this funding and will continue fighting to make sure Sacramento County receives critical federal funding and support."

This federal grant was secured by Congressman Bera through the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act as a congressionally directed water infrastructure project. The funding is administered through the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which supports vital drinking water infrastructure projects across the country.

"The Ladera ASR Well will be critical for our district," said Ron Greenwood, president of the Carmichael Board of Directors. "This funding will support our efforts to improve water reliability and resiliency for our customers. We sincerely appreciate Representative Bera's support that has been essential to meet the needs of the communities we serve."

U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D., represents California's Sixth Congressional District, which includes suburbs of Sacramento and incorporated suburban sections of the city. Major neighborhoods and cities include Arden Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, North Natomas, Rancho Cordova, Rio Linda and South Natomas. ★

## Newcomer Students Grow Their English Language Skills

**San Juan Unified School District News Release**

**SACRAMENTO AREA, CA (MPG)** - For many English learners, moving to another country and navigating a different education system in a new language is a challenging experience.

At San Juan Unified School District, newcomer students have the opportunity to enroll in a summer program uniquely designed for English language learners.

This year, incoming seventh- through ninth-grade students participated in the Middle Newcomer Summer School program. With only four weeks of instruction, students have  
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In addition to the support of English Language Development teachers, students have also found a safety net from San Juan Unified District student interns. Photo courtesy of the San Juan Unified School District

# The Hot Jazz Jubilee Releases Festival Line Up

# Newcomer Students Grow Their English Language Skills



Swing jazz quartet based out of Los Angeles, San Lyon, performs at the Hot Jazz Jubilee in 2024. Photo courtesy of the Hot Jazz Jubilee

### Hot Jazz Jubilee News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Hot Jazz Jubilee will once again feature four days of music and entertainment over Labor Day weekend from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1.

Five venues will offer music at the Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento, ranging from the large Grand Ballroom to the more intimate Garden Terrace and RJs. Dancers will want to hang out in the three ballrooms, which offer dance floors.

“We are excited to offer some new music genres and some great bands new to the festival,” said Hot Jazz Jubilee Director Pat Jones. “Plus, some fabulous guest artists. The variety at this festival can’t be beat. We have jazz, swing, gypsy jazz, zydeco, blues, old time rock ‘n’ roll, western swing and R&B. Something for everyone.”

This year’s band lineup includes Black Market Trust, Crescent Katz, Swinging’

West, Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Bums, Dave Bennett Quartet, Katie Cavera & the Lost Boys, Two Tone Steiny & The Cadillacs, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Todd Morgan & The Emblems, Stephanie & Paolo, San Lyon, Groovus, The Summer Groove Band (formerly High Street Band) and Yve Evans & Company. Joining them will be Sax Gordon, Adrian Cunningham, Dan Barrett, Jason Wanner, Bill Dendle and jazz vocalist Meloney Collins.

This family-friendly event is in air-conditioned comfort at the newly remodeled DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento on Point West Way in Sacramento. There is free admission for youth 18 and under. The Sacramento Jazz Education Foundation will sponsor youth clinics where young musicians can perform with the pros.

Food and drinks as well as a jazz vendor fair will also be on site.

For special group rates, inquire at [info@hotjazzjubilee.com](mailto:info@hotjazzjubilee.com). ★



Students are enhancing their English through math, art, English Language Development and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math learning opportunities. Photo courtesy of the San Juan Unified School District

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been able to gain additional English language skills.

Eleonora, an incoming ninth-grader at Mira Loma High School, shared that her favorite part about the summer program was to learn new words.

“I learn English in ELD (English Language Development) and it is fun,” said Eleonora.

Students are enhancing their English through math, art, English Language Development and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math learning opportunities. These activities also allow students to learn how to collaborate through LEGO building and poster making.

In addition to the support of English Language Development teachers, students have also found a safety net from San Juan Unified student interns.

Somyyeh, an incoming 12th-grader at Mira Loma, is supporting the Middle

Newcomer Summer School as a part of her summer internship.

“They need support; there was a student that kept thanking me for helping her,” shared Somyyeh. “When I told her I go to Mira Loma, she was like ‘You can help me there too!’ I said ‘Yes, of course!’”

Students from the Afghan community found reassurance from Somyyeh. She understands the experiences that newcomer students are navigating, as she moved from Afghanistan to the United States and soon enrolled in San Juan Unified during eighth-grade.

Somyyeh was delighted to see the impact of her support for English Language Development students and shared that she hopes to become a teacher one day.

With participation in this program, students gain confidence in their English language skills as they transition to middle school or high school. ★

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# Have Horn, Will Play

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 joined the U.S. Army in post-war Germany. The infantryman traveled with trumpet.

“When my superiors saw my horn, they put me in the Army band,” Parker said. “When they learned I had club experience, they wanted me for USO shows.”

To lead his uniformed combo, 19-year-old Private Parker needed a rapid promotion.

“I became a staff sergeant in six weeks,” Parker laughed. “Every Monday, we got new charts to rehearse. We did each show for six nights. It was like vaudeville.”

Parker later led a training facility marching band.

“There always were lots of ceremonies to play,” Parker reminisced. “We got up in the morning and played for flag-raising. Then we paraded around, playing marches. It was like high school.”

Returning to civilian life in West Virginia, Parker married his childhood sweetheart, Midge. Their children, Barbara, Brenda and Grant, soon bolstered the Baby Boom. Their dad worked in an auto-shop and gigged by night.

A career with Western and



At 98 years old, Bill Parker (front row, center) boosts the brass section of the Sacramento Concert Band at a San Juan School District graduation ceremony. Son Grant Parker (back, right) directs the ensemble.

Southern Life Insurance ended this sideline.

“The company didn’t want me in other work,” Parker explained. “Money was tight, so I didn’t complain. I was glad to have a well-paid job.”

The company moved the

Parkers to California in 1962 and they later settled in Sacramento. Secure in his white-collar job, Parker didn’t touch a horn for 42 years.

His son, Grant Parker, played trumpet instead. During his long educator career, Grant

Parker (68) has tutored musicians from grade school to adult level. Semi-retired now, Grant Parker teaches at Cosumnes River College. He also runs the annual Community Band Festival in Carmichael Park and leads the Sacramento Concert

Band. This ensemble is part of San Juan School District’s adult education program.

His father’s horn was enticed from mothballs by Bill Parker’s opportunity to join the band. Seven decades older than the Sacramento Concert Band’s youngest member, the veteran fits in harmoniously.

“In the group, dad’s just another musician,” said conductor Grant Parker. “I correct and encourage him, as I do for all the others. We go to dinner before rehearsals. Being in a band together is part of our special relationship.”

Widowed nearly 20 years, the elder Parker has rediscovered his first love and life has gained fresh direction.

“I enjoy the music and the rehearsals,” Parker said. “I like the extra bond with my son.”

Picking up his trumpet these days, said the near centenarian, is like reaching for an old friend’s hand.

“I’ll keep playing as long as I’m able,” Parker said. “Music has brought so much to my life.”

To learn about the San Juan Unified School District’s concert band program, go online to [www.sacramentoconcertband.net](http://www.sacramentoconcertband.net). ★

## Mercy San Juan Medical Center Welcomes New President, CEO

### Dignity Health News Release

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Dignity Health announced on July 17 that Austin Manning has been selected to serve as the new president and CEO of Mercy San Juan Medical Center, effective July 14.

Manning succeeds Michael Korpiel, who announced his retirement

earlier this year.

Most recently, Manning served as Chief Executive Officer of Timpanogos Regional Hospital in Orem, Utah. During Manning’s tenure, the hospital expanded key services, including women’s health, neonatal care, cardiovascular surgery and pediatrics. Under his leadership, the hospital experienced growth in patient volume and

operational performance and he introduced new initiatives to strengthen employee engagement and workplace culture.

“It’s an honor to join Mercy San Juan Medical Center and become part of a hospital and organization with such a strong commitment to care, service and compassion,” Manning said. “I look forward to working alongside the exceptional

team of providers and staff who are deeply committed to patients and the community. Together, we will continue to build on Mercy San Juan’s nearly 60-year legacy of providing high-quality care.”

Prior to his time at Timpanogos Regional, Manning held chief operating officer roles at Los Robles Health System in Thousand Oaks and

Timpanogos Regional and also served as vice-president of operations at OU Medical System in Oklahoma City. Manning holds a master’s degree in health-care administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Manning also serves on the American Heart Association’s Executive

Leadership Team.

“Austin brings a deep commitment to quality, innovation, and team development,” said Dr. Tina Johnson, president of Dignity Health’s Greater Sacramento Market. “We are excited to welcome him to Mercy San Juan and look forward to his leadership.”

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# Not Showing Us the Money

*New Poll Finds Vast Majority of Californians Believe Special Interest Money Has Too Much Influence in Sacramento*

By Evan Symon,  
California Globe

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According to a new UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) poll released Thursday, the vast majority of Californians believe that special interest money has too much influence in Sacramento politics and decision making, with only 2% of Californians disagreeing in any capacity.

The poll specifically found that 55% of Californians strongly agreed with the question ‘Do you agree or disagree: Special interest money has too much influence in Sacramento politics and decision making?’, with another 20% somewhat agreeing. With 1% somewhat disagreeing and 1% strongly disagreeing, the rest of the 23% were either in the middle and not agreeing or disagreeing, or simply chose not to respond.

When broken down by party, a grand total of 73% of all Democrats agreed with the question, albeit with only 49% strongly agreeing and 24% somewhat agreeing. Only 3% disagreed. Republicans brought a much stronger response, with 81% agreeing, including 69% strongly agreeing, while only 2% disagreed. No party preference voters stood at 75% agreeing.

The question of special interest money having too much influence in the state capitol also showed significant racial fluctuations, although like the party



The vast majority of Californians believe that that kind of spending has far too much influence in the state. Image MPG file photo

registration section, disagreeing with the question only saw a maximum of 3%. White voters proved far more skeptical, with 82% agreeing (64% strongly and 18% somewhat). Meanwhile, Latino voters were the least skeptical, with only 66% in total agreeing (44% strongly, 22% somewhat).

Finally, voter age showed the largest divisions on the question, albeit once again with only a maximum of 3% disagreeing with the question per age group. As it turned out, the younger the voter, the less skeptical of the question they turned out to be. Heading down from age groups, 85% of those aged 65 and older agreed with the question,

followed by 81% of 50 to 64 year olds, 77% of 40 to 49 year olds, 70% of 30 to 39 year olds, and 59% of 18 to 29 year olds.

If measured by only strongly agreeing, all age demos showed 50% or more agreeing, except for the young 18 to 29 year olds section. There, only 38% strongly agreed.

The IGS team pointed out even more demographic fluctuations, while likewise hammering home the fact that the vast majority of Californians all agree on special interest money having too much of an influence on lawmakers in Sacramento.

“Strikingly, this was a question on which there was little partisan split, with 73% of Democrats,

81% of Republicans, and 75% of No Party Preference voters agreeing. At least 59% of each regional, gender, age, education, income, and racial group also agreed with the statement,” said the IGS in their poll findings. “Strong agreement was highest among white (64%), male (63%), and 65 years and older (66%) voters. It was lowest among young voters (38%) and low-income voters (37%). Californians who vote regularly are the most fed up with the money in California’s political system: 87% of them agree strongly or somewhat, compared to 67% of respondents who are not regular voters.”

“The numbers don’t lie.

Californians overwhelmingly recognize that big money wields far too much power over our elected officials,” added California Common Cause Deputy Director Russia Chavis Cardenas. “People from every political party, every race, and every walk of life are united behind one urgent demand. They want Sacramento to break the grip of big money on our democracy.”

The California Globe has continuously shown the high amount of special interest money flowing through Sacramento, as well highlighting the groups giving the most. This includes pointing out the hundreds of millions being spent by public sector unions each year on lawmakers and groups in Sacramento, and thus, having a huge amount of influence as a result.

In 2024 alone, lobbying groups spent \$540 million to influence the state government, jumping up 10% from 2023. The largest individual private sector group, the Western States Petroleum Association, spent a total of \$17.3 million in an attempt to influence lawmakers, while the largest sector, public sector unions spent, as mentioned earlier, into the hundreds of millions.

As of early July, 2025 mid-year figures are unavailable for special interest funding. However, as the poll showed, the vast majority of Californians believe that that kind of spending has far too much influence in the state. ★

## Bombshell Declassified ICA Report on 2016 Plot to Overthrow Elected President



By Harold Pease, Ph. D.,  
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The new CIA Director John Radcliffe just released ICA’s Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA) revealing the CIA, FBI and DNI’s unsuccessful attempt to nullify Trump’s 2016 election victory over Hillary Clinton because of alleged Russian collusion in the election. In this, outgoing President Barack Obama and then CIA director John Brennan played major and intentional roles in both. The Russian Hoax and its coverup, is now the biggest political scandal in American history. The Report, showed that “then-CIA Director John Brennan, FBI Director James Comey and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, who were “excessively involved” in its drafting, and rushed its completion in a “chaotic,” “atypical” and “markedly unconventional” process

that raised questions of a “potential political motive” (“Obama’s Trump-Russia collusion report was corrupt from start: CIA review,” by Miranda Devine, New York Post, July 2, 2025). The obvious intent, though not cited, was to leave Trump, the 2016 election victor, unseated, against the will of the people who elected him.

A glaring curiosity was the timing, “on December 6, 2016, six weeks before his presidency ended,” and a month after the election, “Barack Obama ordered the assessment, which concluded that Russian President Vladimir Putin ‘aspired’ to help Trump win the election”—thus Russian collusion (Ibid.). Brennan had an obvious obsession to include in the report the unverified, even discredited Steele dossier, “despite objections of the authors and senior CIA Russia experts, so as to push a false narrative that Russia secured Trump’s 2016 victory.” Still another unexplained anomaly for a guy leaving the presidency within weeks, is Obama’s wire tapping of Hillary’s political opponent. Trump responded, “Just found out that Obama had my ‘wires taped’ in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!” (X2 Report, Ep. 3679b, July 3, 2025, 47:19, X). “Never

has a president left office to collude with others to impede the next sitting president of the United States of America until Obama! (Ibid. 52:23).

The release of the classified “Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment [ICA] on Russian Election Interference” was conducted by career professionals at the CIA’s Directorate of Analysis and was commissioned by CIA Director John Ratcliffe last May. It concluded that in 2016, then CIA director Brennan and others rushed the Russia Election Interference Intelligence Assessment. In it “Brennan is shown to have dismissed high-level warnings that the Clinton campaign opposition research, the ‘Steel Dossier,’ was not credible. The intelligence community CIA, FBI, DNI, etc. intentionally fabricated intelligence information to create an entirely fictitious storyline” and weaponized the fake narrative against Donald Trump to prevent him from taking office after being elected by the people (Ibid., 48:19).

If the Coup d’état. was unsuccessful then why does this matter now in 2025—nine years later? Because those unpunished then remained in place enabling them to cheat even more so in every two year election cycle thereafter, potentially to infinity if

not exposed, punished and stopped.

Rasmussen Reports labeled the CIA Directors’ recent release as “An Enormous Scandal, Dwarfing Watergate and the Pentagon Papers,” much much bigger than Watergate (Ibid., 48:52). To which Lee Smith, an investigative reporter replied, “Useful detail but misses crucial fact. I’ve reported in three books: Obama ordered ICA and knew by August 2016 [that the] only intel tying Trump to Russia was [the] dossier. That’s the scandal, not bad tradecraft or stove piping intel etc: Obama framed Trump” (Ibid. 49:25). Let us repeat, “Obama framed Trump.”

General Mike Flynn, who was himself victimized by the Deep State, said, “The newly declassified ICA proves without a shadow of a doubt that the entire operation was a rigged partisan hack job. It wasn’t intelligence. It was propaganda meant to undermine the incoming POTUS. And who orchestrated this disgrace – John Brennan, a man who wore the title of CIA Director but acted like a political assassin in service to the Obama/Clinton machine. He didn’t just fail in his duties. He betrayed it. He weaponized the CIA to push a lie, boxed out the rest of the intelligence community and engineered a fraudulent narrative that tore our nation apart. He

knew the Intel was a lie yet he led a small handpicked Cabal to hide the truth and manufactured a story that served their agenda .... Everything they accuse Trump, myself, and others of doing they were doing behind the scenes. That is what Marxists do. And while they pushed their fiction, real Americans paid the price. I exposed all of it in my new book ‘Pardon of Innocence.’” General Flynn’s suggestion now is that “John Brennan needs to be put under investigation immediately.” (Ibid., 49:47). Kash Patel in his book “Government Gangster’s” verifies in detail how this was done—this whole attempted Coup d’état.

There are good reasons why Trump could not go after those who went after him and Flynn when he was president before Joe Biden. Then, few knew of the Deep State. Even fewer would have believed him and had he sought justice who would have investigated and who would have prosecuted—a rogue FBI and Department of Justice? And with the corrupt judicial justices that are only now being exposed, who would have convicted? Even now that the vast majority of the people are awakened to these coup conspirators we are probably not ready to give long prison sentences to them—perhaps executions? If justice is not

restored they will be back in power.

Fortunately, “there exists no statute of limitations for conspiring to defraud the US government,” none also for criminal Rico activities, more especially, if criminal activities are ongoing or there exist any attempt to cover them up. This includes cheating in elections in 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024—much of which has been documented. This is why Trump allowed them to continue to do this. It removes the statute of limitations.” (Ibid., 52:08). But we must win decisively both houses 2026.

Ratcliffe in an exclusive interview summarized the rational for the released Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA). “This was Obama, Comey, Clapper and Brennan deciding ‘We’re going to screw Trump.’” And they did. Others called it treason then and now.

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# Hear that Train Whistle Blow

## Historic Steam Locomotive Set to Ride the Rails Again

### California State Railroad Museum Foundation News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Visitors to the Old Sacramento Waterfront will soon regularly hear that steam whistle blow as Granite Rock 10 returns to operating service, riding the rails of the Sacramento Southern Railroad.

The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are thrilled to announce the historic steam locomotive is set to officially begin pulling weekend excursion trains on August 9.\*

Moving forward, Granite Rock 10 will likely pull excursion trains on two weekends per month, rotating with historic diesel locomotives.

In the meantime, the community and rail fans might see Granite Rock 10 on the excursion train as the train crew gets fully up to speed operating the steam locomotive for the first time in six years.

Since October 2019, Granite Rock 10 has been out of service for needed maintenance that took place in the historic Railway Shops. Most of the meticulous work done on the locomotive involved a cylinder-rebuilding project followed by precision adjustments to the valves and valve-timing mechanisms.



The California State Railroad Museum Foundation mission is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown. Photo by Kelly B. Huston, courtesy of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

The precision-focused maintenance was led by Chief Mechanical Officer Al DiPaolo who was supported by a dedicated crew of mechanics that specialize in historic rail equipment.

"Still operating steam locomotives such as our prized Granite Rock 10 are true survivors and always have a fascinating story to tell," said Dr. Ty Smith, Director of the California State Railroad Museum. "We invite our local, regional, and world rail

community to take a ride back in history to experience the sights, sounds, and smells of a historic train ride reminiscent of an earlier time when steam ruled the rails and connected the nation in majestic ways."

As background, Granite Rock 10 was built in 1942 for the U.S. Army Transportation Corps, sold as surplus to Granite Rock Co. of Logan in 1947 before retiring from service in 1960. The historic steam locomotive was later donated to the California State Railroad

Museum in 1995 and returned to service in 1997, pulling weekend excursion trains and delighting fans of all ages.

With roots dating back to World War II, Granite Rock 10 tells a tale of ingenuity and using every available technological resource available at the time. "Today, Granite Rock 10 allows the Museum to preserve and teach the now nearly forgotten knowledge associated with the maintenance and operation of steam-driven machinery," said Tim Schroepfer, President

& CEO of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation.

In addition to periodic evening and/or special train ride experiences, memorable six-mile, 45-minute excursion train rides are available Fridays through Sundays, with three trains departing on Fridays (11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.) and five on Saturdays and Sundays (10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.).

Advance reservations for excursion train rides are available here. Tickets purchased online may be picked up in the ticket office of the Central Pacific Passenger Station on Front Street between I and J streets at the Old Sacramento Waterfront. If still available, same-day tickets are available at the ticket office as well.

For updates on when Granite Rock 10 will be operating on the Sacramento Southern Railroad, the team will give as much advance notice as possible via social media channels. For more information about the California State Railroad Museum or Foundation, please visit [www.californiarailroad.com](http://www.californiarailroad.com).

\*Steam is not guaranteed and motive power is subject to change on any given day without advance notice. ★

## Law Enforcement Partnership Yields 24 Narcotics Arrests



Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho speaks at a podium in Sacramento during a July 16 press conference about a joint narcotics operation between Sacramento Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

### Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Police Department, along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office announced the results of a recent operation focused on maintaining safety and quality of life in the central city.

Over a five-week period from April 23 to May 30, a temporary team known as the Central Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) worked to identify and stop street-level drug activity.

The operation was part of the Sacramento Police Department's ongoing efforts to ensure our streets remain a safe and welcoming place for residents, workers and visitors.

"This operation addressed street-level drug activity helping to keep our neighborhoods safe," said Sacramento Police Chief Kathy Lester. "We're committed to using focused strategies and strong partnerships to protect our community and preserve the

vibrant atmosphere of our city."

The operation led to approximately 24 arrests, with additional arrests anticipated and resulted in the seizure of large quantities of drugs, firearms and cash.

More than 2,700 grams of cocaine, 6,000 fentanyl pills, 311 grams of heroin and 260 grams of ketamine were seized, along with more than 200 grams of ecstasy, 17 ounces of Dimethyltryptamine (DMT) and nearly two pounds of psilocybin mushrooms.

Also seized in the operation were 20 Adderall pills, more than four pounds of methamphetamine, more than \$31,500 in cash believed to be proceeds from drug sales, three rifles and one handgun.

While Central Narcotics Enforcement Team was a temporary team, the Sacramento Police Department remains focused on using resources effectively, listening to community concerns and working with partners to keep neighborhoods safe.

The link to the July 16 CNET News Conference news conference is <https://www.youtube.com/live/yGTVb6YZ-DAs?si=s9mVyuvmVyXTD3C>. ★

## Governor Newsom Announces Appointments



Gov. Gavin Newsom

### Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of several positions on July 16.

Jennifer Osborn, of Orangevale, has been appointed Director at the California Department of Industrial Relations. Osborn has been Chief Deputy Director at the California Department of General Services since 2021.

She was Director of the Division of Administrative Services at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2018 to 2020. Osborn was Deputy Secretary of Fiscal Policy and Administration at the California Government Operations Agency from 2013 to 2018. She was Deputy Secretary of Fiscal Operations at the California State and Consumer Services Agency from 2012 to 2013.

Osborn was Principal Program Budget Analyst at the California Department of Finance from 1998 to 2011. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science from California State University, Chico. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$236,052. Osborn is a Democrat.

Gentian Droboniku, of Sacramento, has been appointed Chief Deputy Director of the California

Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Droboniku has been a Research Data Manager at the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration since 2019 and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy since 2017.

Droboniku was a Research Data Specialist at the California Public Employees Retirement System from 2014 to 2018. He was a Debt and Investment Researcher at the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission from 2012 to 2014. Droboniku was Performance Evaluator at the California State Auditor from 2010 to 2012. He was a Graduate Student Policy Assistant at California's State Controller's Office from 2008 to 2010.

Droboniku earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$214,968. Droboniku is a Democrat.

Sean Connelly, of Sacramento, has been appointed the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public and Employee Communications at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Connelly has been Chief of Staff in the Office of Assemblymember Jessica Caloza in the California State Assembly since 2024.

He held multiple positions in the Office of Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez in the California State Assembly from 2016 to 2024, including Chief of Staff and Capitol and Communications Director. Connelly held multiple positions at the University of California Student

Association from 2013 to 2016, including Interim Executive Director and the Director of Government Relations.

He was a Legislative Assistant and Consultant for Office of Senator Ellen Corbett in the California State Senate from 2012 to 2013. Connelly was an Executive Fellow in the Capital Fellowship Program at the California National Guard for Adjutant General David Baldwin from 2011 to 2012. He earned a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs from California State Polytechnic University, Maritime Academy.

This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$172,008. Connelly is a Democrat.

Melissa Bacon, of Sacramento, has been appointed Deputy Director at the Office of Legislative and Governmental Affairs at the California Department of Health Care Services. Bacon has been Assistant Deputy Director at the Office of Legislative and Governmental Affairs at the California Department of Health Care Services since 2016, and was Staff Services Manager from 2013 to 2016.

She was an Associate Governmental Program Analyst at the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs from 2008 to 2013. Bacon was an Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Coordinator at University of California, Davis, Health, Education and Promotion Department from 2006 to 2008.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of California, Davis. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$164,400. Bacon is registered with no party preference. ★

## Unsecured Property Taxes Due Sept. 2

### Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Annual bills for Sacramento County unsecured personal property taxes for fiscal year 2025-2026 will be mailed on July 18 and are due no later than Sept. 2 to avoid penalties for delinquency.

If you owned unsecured property in Sacramento County, such as a boat or aircraft or if you leased or owned fixtures and equipment related to a business on Jan. 1 and do not receive a tax bill by Aug. 8, contact the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Unsecured Property Tax Unit at 916-874-7833 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse delinquency or allow the tax collector to cancel penalties or collection costs.

Payments can be made by mail or in person

at the County Tax Collector's Office, 700 H St., Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays.

Property taxes can also be paid online by e-check or credit card with the Sacramento County Property Tax Bill Information System website.

Tax bills become delinquent if not paid in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. Sept. 2 or received by mail bearing a postmark of Sept. 2.

If the tax bill is not paid by the delinquency date, a 10% penalty and collection cost will be added. DMV registration could be withheld on watercraft if unsecured property taxes are reported delinquent.

If a tax bill remains unpaid after Oct. 31, additional collection costs and monthly penalties at the rate of 1.5% will be added to the base tax. ★

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03941  
 Marco McDonough, 1861 Coarse Gold Place, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Real Estate Group" 1610 R Street, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 23, 2025  
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 SACRAMENTO 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04178  
 Marlik LLC, 1641 Daunting Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LOOTI" 8525 Madison Avenue, Suite 127, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 4, 2025  
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 LOOTI 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04512  
 Ahad Tax Solutions LLC, 2717 Cottage Way, Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ahad Tax Solutions" 2717 Cottage Way, Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 17, 2025  
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 AHAD 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04596  
 Jennifer Rogers, 5941 N Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "West Coast Lemonade" 5941 N Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 20, 2025  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 LEMONADE 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03593  
 Atarah Lockett, 2285 Natomas Park Drive, Unit 12301, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Too Die For Experience" 3160 Arden Way, Suite #134, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025  
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 LOCKETT 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04549  
 Ohannes Boghossian, 1001 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vanini European Clothier" 1031 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2025  
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 VANINI 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04006  
 Keyswag Capital Inc., 401 West A Street, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Key Real Estate Capital" 401 West A Street, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 28, 2025  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 KEYSWAG 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04276  
 Kalpesh Patel DDS PC, 911 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stonebrook Dental" 911 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 6, 2025  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 STONEBROOK 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03069  
 Shreeram Ventures LLC, 1189 Rio Royal Way, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ziggli Vibes" 1189 Rio Royal Way, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2025  
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 ZIGGLI 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04546  
 2nd Chance Resle LLC, 4800 Marconi Avenue, Apartment 212, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "E-Ride Central" 8215 Cliffe Way, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2025  
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 CENTRAL 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03560  
 Karen Dean, 8825 Rio Linda Boulevard, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "On The Spot Bookkeeping and Payroll Service" 8825 Rio Linda Boulevard, Elverta, CA 95626. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2025  
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 BOOKKEEPING 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04532  
 Roman Grom, 3705 Merrily Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gromex Solutions" 3705 Merrily Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 17, 2025  
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 GROMEX 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04427  
 Guorong Gao, 4150 Manzanita Avenue, Suite 100-A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Youmi Massage" 4150 Manzanita Avenue, Suite 100-A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 13, 2025  
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 YOUMI 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04607  
 Sacred Dreams By Wasiduk LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite 12842, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wasiduk" 2108 N Street, Suite 12842, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 23, 2025  
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 WASIDUK 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04054  
 Ashnik Creations LLC, 4598 Spring-Harvest Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Annapurna Foods and Spices LLC" 4598 Spring-Harvest Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 30, 2025  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 ANNAPURNA 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04556  
 Tea Cozy, LLC, 1021 R Street, Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tea Cozy" 1021 R Street, Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2025  
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 TEA 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04652  
 Joann Rong Wen, 8116 Spellberg Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Paragon Hair Salon" 9441 Madison Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 24, 2025  
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 PARAGON 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03895  
 Shahar Ron Voskovitch, 5147 Greenberry Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Quick Pick Locksmith" 5147 Greenberry Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2025  
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 VOSKOVITCH 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04540  
 The Humanitarian Church, 7916 Lucie Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Humanitarian Church/Front Foundation Uganda" 7916 Lucie Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2025  
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 HUMANITARIAN 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04603  
 Hapisap Corporation, 2036 Nevada City, Highway #83, Grass Valley, CA 95945 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grass Valley Distribution Company/Grass Valley Distribution Co.", 197 Otto Circle, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 23, 2025  
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 HAPISAP 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04695  
 Julie E. Snider, 11572 Sutters Mill Circle, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mulard Press", 11572 Sutters Mill Circle, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 26, 2025  
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 MULARD 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04049  
 Gramic Enterprises Inc, 2012 West Sunset Road, #110, Henderson, NV 89014 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pacific Kidz Company", 2012 West Sunset Road, #110, Henderson, NV 89014. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 30, 2025  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 PACIFIC 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04541  
 Svetlana Osokina and Estefania Parra and Michael Croddy, 5299 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "OP Law Group/Ocean Pacific Law Group", 5299 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2025  
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 OCEAN 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04514  
 Fernando A. Rangel, 1339 Jonas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fernando's Sewer And Drain Cleaning Service", 1339 Jonas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 17, 2025  
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 FERNANDO 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04707  
 Capital One Auto Dismantlers Inc., 3644 Recycle Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capital One Auto Dismantlers Inc.", 3698 Ormeo Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 26, 2025  
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 CAPITAL 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04746  
 Galaxy Solutions Co, LLC, 11054 Mammoth River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Galaxy Doc Solutions", 11054 Mammoth River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 27, 2025  
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 GALAXY 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04018  
 Averik Corp., 11230 Gold Express Drive, #310-555, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "VoterFly", 7000 Lincoln Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 29, 2025  
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 VOTERFLY 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04548  
 Royal Star RSK Corporation, 9126 Hemsworth Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royal Indian" 8055 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2025  
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 ROYAL 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04593  
 Mood & Motif Luxury Event Rentals LLC, 2729 Tierra Grande Circle, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mood & Motif Luxury Event Rentals/The Mood Booth" 2729 Tierra Grande Circle, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 20, 2025  
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 MOTIF 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04747  
 Camille Weissenberg Optometry, PC, 7547 Sunset Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunset Optometry", 7547 Sunset Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 27, 2025  
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 OPTOMETRY 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03935  
 Majestic Wines LLC, 10725 Sunrise Ridge Circle, Auburn, CA 95603 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cojo/Lux Veri" 7620 Wooddale Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 23, 2025  
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 MAJESTIC 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04724  
 Wise Axe Corp, 2012 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Foreplay" 2012 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 26, 2025  
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 WISE 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04727  
 Serge Tverdiy, 7606 Folsom Boulevard, Suite 102, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Car Keys 4 Less", 7606 Folsom Boulevard, Suite 102, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 26, 2025  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 SERGE 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04477  
 Jordan Ray Presley, 2508 Midland Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jaguar Processing" 2508 Midland Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 16, 2025  
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 JAGUAR 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04371  
 Robert D Chase and Nancy K Chase, 8154 Sunrise East Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Automedics" 7637 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 11, 2025  
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 AUTOMEDICS 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04841  
 Gildardo Alvarez Mendez, 7752 Pompei Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gainy Drywall" 7752 Pompei Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 1, 2025  
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 DRYWALL 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04662  
 Jose Velazquez, 4853 Hazelwood Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royally Cleaning Services" 4853 Hazelwood Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 25, 2025  
 Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025  
 ROYALTY 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03491  
 TransferMate, Inc., 5555 Glenridge Connector, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30342 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TransferMate Global Payments" 5555 Glenridge Connector, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30342. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2025  
 Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025  
 TRANSFERMATE 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04363  
 Lauren Henderson, 400 Sailwind Way, Sacramento, CA 95831 and Angelique Hurtado, 8453 Tambor Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Holistic Postpartum Co." 400 Sailwind Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 11, 2025  
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 HOLISTIC 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04781  
 Cathy Lopez, 1520 W. El Camino Avenue, #831, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Central Valley Process Service" 1520 W. El Camino Avenue, #831, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 27, 2025  
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 CENTRAL 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04803  
 Reyna Sanchez, 1320 O Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pure Cleaning" 1320 O Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 30, 2025  
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 PURE 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04696  
 Jeffrey Mallory and Jewel Mallory, 6748 Manila Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mallory's Tennessee Style Bar-B-Que" 6748 Manila Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 26, 2025  
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 MALLORY 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04641  
 Brandie Shephard, 7722 Milldale Circle, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mother of Creatures Apothecary" 7722 Milldale Circle, Elverta, CA 95626. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 24, 2025  
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 MOTHER 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04088  
 Rey Azteca Restaurant Bar Inc., 6140 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Brunch Corner" 6140 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 2, 2025  
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 BRUNCH 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04242  
 Christopher Abundis, 8105 Ramwood Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chris's Pool Care" 8105 Ramwood Way, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 5, 2025  
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 POOL 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04793  
 Sherry Ngai, 3001 J Street #100, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shapes for Hair" 3001 J Street #100, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 30, 2025  
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 SHAPES 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04782  
 Bashar Bazirgan, 5912 Bourbon Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "24 Hour Lock and Key" 5912 Bourbon Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 27, 2025  
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 HOUR 8-1-25

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 DRYWALL 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04804  
 Ivan Kuchta, 9384 Nevins Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eurocal Technical Services" 9384 Nevins Way, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 30, 2025  
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 EUROCAL 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04566  
 Lorn Eric Fair Jr., 6439 Denton Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mud Water P.A." 6439 Denton Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 20, 2025  
 Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025  
 MUD 8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04614  
 Sunquest Resources, Inc., 9629 Fire Station Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vitabloom Senior Care" 8261 Sunbonnet Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 23, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 VITABLOOM 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04597  
 Rasha's Senior Living LLC, 8558 Sheraton Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rasha's Senior Living LLC" 8558 Sheraton Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 20, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 RASHAS 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04908  
 Citrus Heights Arts, 5750 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 225-J, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CH 40 Arts District" 5750 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 225-J, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 3, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 ARTS 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04909  
 Middleton Strategies LLC, 5750 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 225-J, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Breeze Cleaning" 9200 Madison Avenue Apt 250, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 17, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 CARE 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04529  
 Golden Breeze Cleaning LLC, 9200 Madison Avenue Apt 250, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Turbo Drive Motors" 8101 Elder Creek Road Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 TURBO 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04814  
 Michael Munifo, 5941 N Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rogue Junk Removal" 5941 N Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 30, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 ROGUE 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04654  
 Clayton Alan Donnel, 6716 Twining Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CCT Flooring" 6716 Twining Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 24, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 CCT 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04762  
 Vincere Marketing, Inc., 3637 Mission Avenue, Building 8, Suite 8, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capital City Concepts/ATX Group/LL Management Solutions/Synergy Market Strategies/V-M Enterprise" 3637 Mission Avenue, Building 8, Suite 8-9, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 27, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 CAPITAL 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04891  
 Jessica L Layton-Ricketts, 710 Ward Way, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NeuroBalance Neuromuscular Therapy" 608 1/2 Sutter Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 3, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 NEURO 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04976  
 The Specialists, LLC, 8848 Madison Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Rug Specialists" 8848 Madison Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 RUG 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04885  
 Yvonne Kang, 7813 Park River Oak Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Little Joys Speech Therapy" 7813 Park River Oak Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 3, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 LITTLE 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04408  
 Christopher Clark, 6261 Hazel Avenue #226, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Orangevale Backflow" 6261 Hazel Avenue #226, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 12, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 ORANGEVALE 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05002  
 Jorge A Mendoza Cadena, 5650 Auburn Boulevard, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Good Cars Good People" 5650 Auburn Boulevard, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 GOOD 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04984  
 Linda Jean Middleworth, 2550 Rio Bravo Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vegan Mentor" 2550 Rio Bravo Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826

**LEGAL ADVERTISING**  
*Carmichael Times Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Adjudication No. 317294 – February 7, 1984*  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS**

Business Name(s) "Universal Motors" 4001 Stockton Boulevard, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2025  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 UNIVERSAL 8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05069  
 Jubilee Master LLC, 6050 Saddleback Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jubilee Financial System" 5925 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Unit #2, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 11, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 JUBILEE 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05090  
 PuppyLUV Inc, 300 Hawkcrest Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wool Gang Bakery & Grooming MidtownSac" 2405 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 14, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 WOOLF 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04935  
 Olunogho O. Lori, 6834 Easthaven Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jewels of Grace Living LLC" 6834 Easthaven Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 7, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 JEWELS 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05095  
 Vyacheslav Ustyak, 3466 Data Drive Apt 825, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Psalms Coffee" 3466 Data Drive Apt 825, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 14, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 PSALMS 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05047  
 Eduardo Anaya, 1531 Belinda Way, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blind Specialist and Blind Repair Service/Blind Specialist/Blind Repair" 1531 Belinda Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 11, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 BLIND 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05020  
 Zynco Enterprises LLC., 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aura Auto Spa" 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 AURA 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05133  
 Sharifa Zaheer, 8151 Civic Center Drive Apt 208, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bake Me Happy" 7800 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 15, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 BAKE 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05046  
 Jillian Rose Garcia, 3080 Blue Cove Walk, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cozy Psychology" 3080 Blue Cove Walk, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 11, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 COZY 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05077  
 Tammi Ifill and Eda Kendall, 2454 Larkspur Lane #330, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Trini Table" 1120 Fulton Avenue #N, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 14, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 TRINI 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05141  
 Yankee General Goods LLC, 4807 Cameron Ranch Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yankee General Goods" 4807 Cameron Ranch Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 15, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 YANKEE 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05137  
 Bradley Smith, 8090 Traditions Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gooobers Dumpsters/Gooobers" 8090 Traditions Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 15, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 DUMPSTERS 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04581  
 Silvergate Overhead Doors Inc., 2163 Aldengate Way, Suite 439, Hayward, CA 94545 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ontime Garage Door Service/Safeway Garage Doors" 2163 Aldengate Way, Suite 439, Hayward, CA 94545. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 20, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 ONTIME 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04515  
 Classical Ayurveda LLC, 2108 N Street #8583, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ayourpets" 2108 N Street #8583, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 17, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 AYOURPETS 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04137  
 Mikaela Mai Shoua Her, 615 Watercolor Lane West Sacramento, CA 95605 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kaesthetics" 1446 Ethan Way, Suite 82, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 3, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 KAESTHETICS 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04467  
 Michael Anthony Cordova, 615 Watercolor Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95605 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cutz Like Mike" 1446 Ethan Way Suite #63, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 16, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 CUTZ 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04779  
 Gabrielle I. Perez, 7921 Kingswood Drive, Suite A2-G, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Amayah Esthetics/Anahni Beauty/Fit For A King" 7921 Kingswood Drive, Suite A2-G, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 27, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 AMAYAH 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05225  
 Jose Manuel Cavazos, 1518 Freswick Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden State Realtors" 1518 Freswick Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 16, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 GOLDEN 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05248  
 Custom 4X4 Inc., 1940 Zinfandel Drive #E, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fair Oaks Auto Sales" 1940 Zinfandel Drive #E, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 16, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 CUSTOM 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03344  
 Olivia Alonso Ibarra, 218 Mike Gartrell Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aromamor" 218 Mike Gartrell Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 AROMAMOR 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05135  
 Jason Wayne Cecchetti, 2395 El Camino Avenue #2, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gold Country Auto" 2395 El Camino Avenue #2, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 15, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 GOLD 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05292  
 Ahmad Bilal Kakar, 381 Bell Avenue Apt 31, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Global Axis Trading" 381 Bell Avenue Apt 31, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 17, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 GLOBAL 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05274  
 Mason Cole Goulding, 2740 Fulton Avenue #439, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maelstrom Web Services/Maelstrom Tutoring" 2740 Fulton Avenue #439, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 17, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 MAELSTROM 8-15-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05045  
 Houssam Bota, 5820 Peppermill Court #4, Sacramento, CA

95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Taste of Damasces" 5820 Peppermill Court #4, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 11, 2025  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 TASTE 8-15-25

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2025-03747  
 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: 2750 GWO, 8801 Folsom Boulevard, Suite #200, Sacramento, CA 95826. Felipe Martin and Katherine Elizabeth Martin and The Meredith Family Revocable Trust UAD 12/31/2014, 8801 Folsom Boulevard, #260, Sacramento, CA 95826.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 5/16/2025 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 5/16/2025.  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 GWO 7-25-25

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2020-05213  
 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Hope for Healing and Happiness, Hope for Healing and Happiness Health Coaching, 114 Cassin Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Mary Ann Camarillo, 114 Cassin Court, Folsom, CA 95630. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 8/6/2022 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 8/6/2020.  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 HOPE 8-8-25

**STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2022-02341  
 The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: ASIAN N CAJUN, 4271 Truxel Road, Suite B1, Sacramento, CA 95834. Mui Dieng, 6137 Ivory Way, Sacramento, CA 95824. Withdraw filed 6/16/2025. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 3/24/2022 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 3/24/2022.  
 Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025  
 CAJUN 7-25-25

**ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV015296

Angelica Maria Trujillo Ortega has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sebastian Garcia Trujillo to Sebastian Garcia Trujillo.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 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: June 27, 2025  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1 8-1-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV012098

FNU Fatima has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Fatima to Fatima Babar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court September 18, 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 21, 2025  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1 8-1-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV015249

Zahra Juma Khan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zahra Juma Khan to Zahra Khan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 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: June 26, 2025  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 KHAN 8-8-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV015261

Sharifullah Nasiri & Zahra Juma Khan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Omar Nasiri to Mohammad Omar Khan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 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: June 26, 2025  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 NASIRI 8-8-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV015050

Jessica Lauren Bradley and Dalton Gregory Crosthwait have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jessica Lauren Bradley to Jessica Lauren Leythwait and Dalton Gregory Crosthwait to Dalton Moisa Leythwait.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 26, 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: July 3, 2025  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 LEYTHWAIT 8-8-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV015256

Sharifullah Nasiri has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sharifullah Nasiri to Sharifullah Khan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 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: June 26, 2025  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
 SHARIFULLAH 8-8-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV016667

Daniel Eugene Wehe has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Daniel Eugene Wehe to Daniel Eugene Copher.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
 Dated: July 14, 2025  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 COPHER 8-15-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV016629

Pavel Pavlovich Siniy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Pavel Pavlovich Siniy to Paul P Siniy.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 12, 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: July 14, 2025  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 SINIY 8-15-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV016582

Erin Kelly Woolley has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Erin Kelly Woolley to Erin Kelly Woolley Phillips.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

court on November 6, 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: July 11, 2025  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 WOOLLEY 8-15-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV016762

Haik Kesoyan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Haik Kesoyan to Haik Grigoryan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 30, 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: July 15, 2025  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 KESOYAN 8-15-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV015258

Mary Anne Thurman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mary Anne Thurman to Maryanne Thurman.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 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: June 27, 2025  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
 THURMAN 8-15-25

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DARREL MATHEW CRAINE CASE NO. 25PR002334

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Darrel Mathew Craine. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Vivien Craine, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Vivien Craine be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent'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.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows August 13, 2025, 9:00 a.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.

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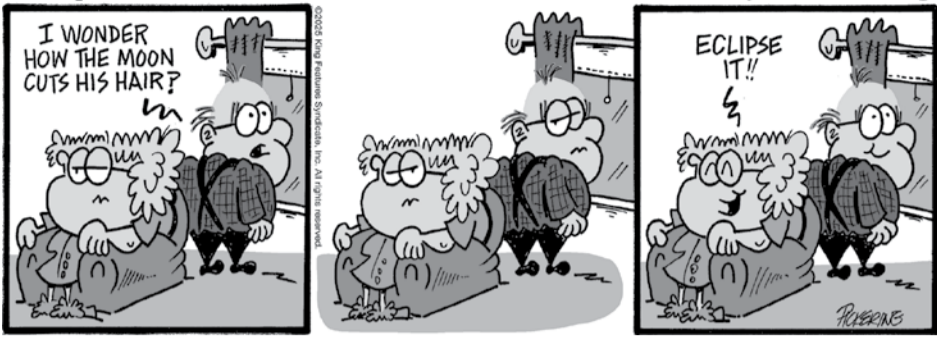
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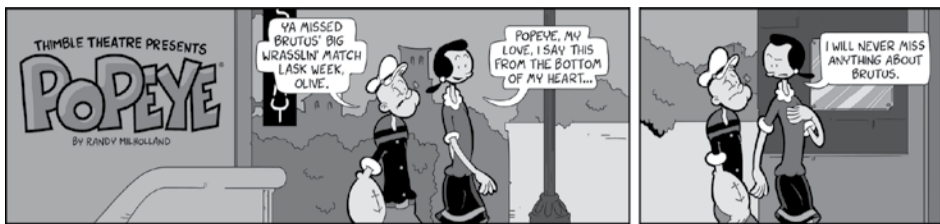
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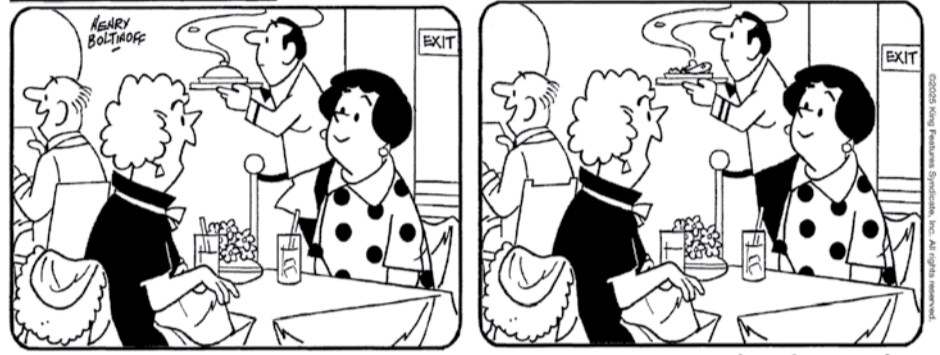
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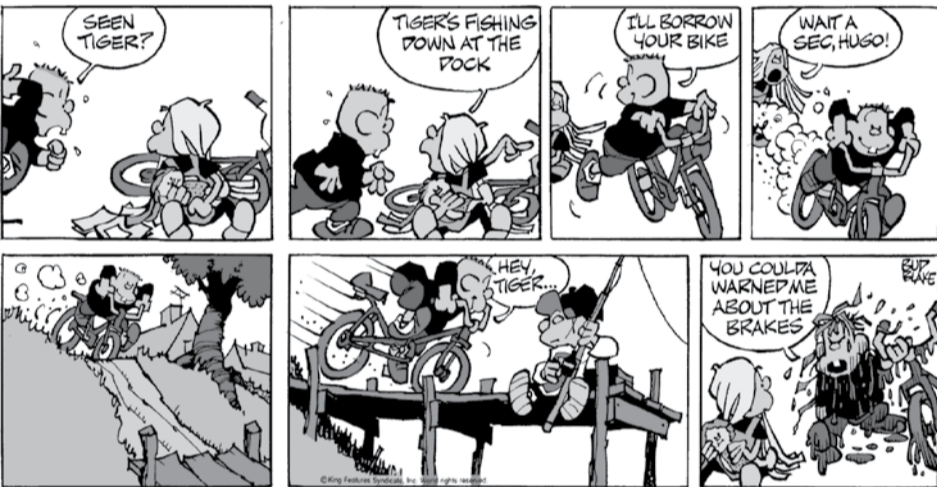
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by Gary Kopervas

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- Blondie's hit "\_\_\_ Me"
- Certain something
- \*Granny Smith
- \*Broth-making container
- Big name in map-making
- Inexperienced
- \*Group of dishes or pots
- Deprived of ovaries
- Medusae
- Got an Oscar, e.g.
- Kind of license
- Crescent
- Description for twins
- "\_\_\_ the season!"
- Orthodox Judaism adherent
- Class roster item
- Between lights and action
- Source of pork
- \*Shredding devices
- Bear-like
- Florida key
- French farewell
- Physicist Niels \_\_\_
- \*Kitchen hand protector (2 words)
- Holey confection
- Track event
- \_\_\_ of the trade, sing.
- 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Charlie Parker's nickname
- Shrek or Fiona, e.g.
- Word of compliance
- Actor Stallone
- \*Spice \_\_\_ or pot

**DOWN**

- Beginning of the alphabet
- \*Often go with carrots
- \*NaCl
- Speech at a funeral
- \*Flute alternative
- \*Cook's garb
- \*Veal or venison, e.g.
- Sport spectator's TV acronym
- Like white-headed eagle
- \*Farewell" to Birdie
- Manage (2 words)
- Like cornstalks
- \*Flat-edged utensil
- \*Flapjack alternative
- Blink of an eye, abbr.
- Swing, \_\_\_ swabb
- Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location
- Carl Jung's inner self
- \*\_\_\_ en place
- \*Seaweed-wrapped dish
- Opposite of cation
- Swamp plant
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Summer league has grown exponentially, and fans are tuned in today like never before.

Sunday night saw our Sacramento Kings vying for their third summer league championship, as they faced off with the Charlotte Hornets in Las Vegas Nevada.

With identical 5-0 records the Kings got a dose of what their first and second round draft choices were capable of, so it remained to be seen how they would perform when the lights were brightest.

After an auspicious summer league audition, Nique Clifford struggled finding his shooting stroke, and had just 4 points entering the fourth quarter. The Kings would never give up on this game. After being down by 18 points, the young squad fought back to a single point deficit with less than 2 minutes remaining.

A pass from Isaac Jones to Clifford well beyond the arc, and Nique did not disappoint draining a deep three. Clifford followed up with an acrobatic jump shot in the corner for another three, and the Kings looked like winners.

Charlotte would not go quietly as sharpshooter Kon Knueppel pulled up for a back breaking three. Moving the ball quickly into the frontcourt Isaac Jones sized up his first 3-point shot of the night and when Isaac converted the three the Kings were knocking on the door once again.

Kings fans can be proud of how the team fought for a win that ultimately would escape them, as a much needed rebound careened off the foot of Isaac Jones, and the Kings would go on to lose 83-78.

Neither the loss of the game nor the championship is the real story. The Sacramento Kings got more than just a glimpse of what their first and second round draft choices are capable of.

Talented, for sure and yes, they are raw.

Nique Clifford put together a string of games that stated loudly, I've arrived and ready to make a difference!

Although I don't like using that word, Maxime Raynaud is more of a project. Raynaud, like every rookie, is going to need extended playing time, and time to play through his mistakes.

What the Kings really wanted to know, is can this 7'1" big man make an impact and play alongside Domantas Sabonis. I believe

he can, but confidence building is what will determine how quickly Maxime Raynaud will arrive.

Not to be left behind was the electric play of second year man Isaac Jones, who coming off a stellar 36-point performance, led all scores again with a 24-point performance. Jones made his lone 3-point attempt and added 11 big boards while chipping in with 2 assists.

Isaac Jones summer league performance came as no surprise to me. What's sad is the lack of playing time he received in his rookie year. It's my hope, as Isaac is receiving accolades from other coaches and pundits, that the staff pay close attention to what is possible.

Jones 6'9" frame and 7'3" wingspan make him a difficult guard for any team. He has a definite knack around the rim. He's active, and if he finds himself in a rotation that gives him 20 minutes plus per game, look for both Isaac and the Kings to take a step forward.

There is much to shout about as the Kings close out their summer league schedule. The confident presence that Nique Clifford brought every night is one of many things to be happy about.

Nique lived up to his billing as he played hard at both ends of the court, and like Isaac Jones, Clifford will need to find his place on the team that gets him minutes every game.

Doug Christie has his work cut out for him with a crowded guard rotation, including second year man Devin Carter, who acquitted himself admirably and played dominantly. Devin needs to continue working on his shot, but the upside for Carter is huge. No need for the Kings to question their decision to draft a player that could only contribute half a season due to injury. Carter is winning fans with every game he plays. I look for Devin to be more than just a contributor in the upcoming season.

Yes, Kings fans, you got what you were hoping for, and without a doubt this summer league squad has got the city of Sacramento excited.

Scott Perry isn't done just yet, so stay tuned Kings fans!

All the best!

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

# Social Security Matters

## What is the Formula for Deciding When to Claim?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
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Since you have not yet claimed SS, you are already earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which increase your monthly SS amount by .667% for each month you continue to delay. That's 8% for each full year you delay past your full retirement age (FRA). You should not, however, wait longer than age 70 to claim because that is when you will get your maximum SS benefit amount. For you, that means that your age 70 amount will be 28% more than the amount you would have received at your FRA of 66 years and 6 months (in Oct. 2023), and about 15% more than if you were to claim now.

Note too, that if your more recent income is among the highest of your lifetime, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly SS retirement amount to account for that event. They will check your work earnings each year to see if you are entitled to a larger SS amount because of your recent earnings.

Since (according to your AMAC member record) you are married, you may also wish to consider whether your wife will get a spousal benefit from you when you claim. If your wife's personal SS retirement amount at her FRA is less than the amount you were entitled to at your FRA, then she will get a spousal boost when you claim. With her spousal boost (if claimed at her FRA), her total SS benefit should be about 50% of your FRA benefit amount (not half of the higher amount you will get because you waited longer to claim).

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lift to get foundations, philanthropists and devoted listeners and viewers to fill any funding gap. The organization's already given out a lot of tote bags during fundraising drives. Surely, they can give out some more.

Decades ago, with the rise of cable TV and a proliferation of sources of news and entertainment, it seemed absurd for the government to have to prop up a few select media sources. How much more ridiculous it is now, in the age of YouTube, social media, satellite radio, Substack, streaming services and podcast platforms.

Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Public Broadcasting Act, creating the CPB in 1967, and like many other Great Society programs, public broadcasting is an anachronism that won't go away. Big Bird himself is approaching the age when he'll soon begin to be eligible for senior-citizen discounts.

Supporters of public broadcasting extol the virtues of "All Things Considered," the "PBS NewsHour" and "Frontline," and yes (political bias aside), journalists do some good work for these programs. They also (again, political bias aside) do some good work at The New York Times and CBS News, yet neither of these outlets depend on federal tax dollars.

Oh, defenders also ask, How can we possibly do without the wonder of educational programming like "Sesame Street" and "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood"? "Sesame Street" is, indeed, an American institution. Even if PBS collapsed tomorrow, the show would certainly go on. For about a decade now, new epi-

sodes have been featured on HBO or Netflix, demonstrating how a venerable 50-year-old project can adapt to the times.

It's simply not true, by the way, that we depend on PBS for good shows for kids. There's been educational programming developed by Nickelodeon ("Blue's Clues & You!"), Scholastic Entertainment ("The Magic School Bus") and Netflix ("Ask the StoryBots" and "Ada Twist, Scientist"). And somehow, such iconic children's programming as "Dora the Explorer," "Peppa Pig" and "Bluey" were created without the involvement of PBS.

Then there's the argument that a cut-off of federal funding will be devastating to local public radio stations in rural communities. It's true that small stations could go out of business, but as anyone who has been paying attention has noticed, we live in an era of great media churn. Private media entities are going out of business -- and being created -- all the time. The government shouldn't extend its favor to a few select outlets. Especially when these outlets are so blatantly and pervasively biased. NPR and PBS provide left-of-center content for left-of-center audiences under the guise of objectivity. As many legacy media organizations have long demonstrated, there is a business model there, but it's not one that deserves or needs taxpayer support.

Big Bird should, finally, make his own way in the world.

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# New California Budget Ignores Day of Reckoning



By Dan Walters,  
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When Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders were drafting a more-or-less final 2025-26 state budget last month, they were closing what they described as a \$12 billion deficit, a number that the state's media repeatedly cited.

It was the wrong number; it minimizes the state's chronic gap between income and outgo, as the state's official budget summary released this week confirms.

The budget projects that the state will receive \$208.6 billion in general fund revenues during the fiscal year that began on July 1, but it will spend \$228.4 billion, a gap just shy of \$20 billion.

The \$12 billion figure stems from counting a \$7.1 billion diversion from one of the state's reserve accounts as revenue — an assumption that violates common sense as well as any legitimate accounting scenario.

The more accurate figure of \$20 billion is important because it squares with projections by Newsom's Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office that California has what's called a "structural deficit" in the range of

\$10 billion to \$20 billion a year.

In other words financing all of the programs and services now in state law will indefinitely cost that much more each year than the state is likely to receive in revenues.

The budget closes about a third of the \$20 billion gap with an aforementioned \$7.1 billion shift from the emergency reserve — money that's supposed to be used to cushion the impact of an economic downturn or calamities such as the wildfires that devastated Los Angeles, earthquakes or destructive storms.

The deficit isn't a genuine emergency because it resulted from irresponsible political decisions, particularly Newsom's declaration in 2022 that the state had a \$97.5 billion budget surplus and thus could afford a sharp increase in spending.

The surplus was a mirage, based on assumptions of a \$40 billion annual increase in revenues that never happened. Last year, the Department of Finance acknowledged that revenues over four years would fall short of expectations by \$165 billion.

However, much of the phantom money was already spent, thereby creating the structural deficit that Newsom and the Legislature basically ignored in putting together the current budget.

The \$12 billion gap left after the reserve fund shift was mostly papered over with on- and off-budget loans from special funds, shifting some spending into future years and using

accounting gimmicks, such as shifting some current year spending, the June 2026 state payroll for instance, into the next fiscal year.

One could liken the state budget to a family that takes out loans on its credit cards to finance a lavish lifestyle, or a city that provides pension benefits it cannot afford.

Sooner or later, the debts pile so high that they can no longer be ignored and the day of reckoning arrives. That's one reason why more than 30,000 Californians file for bankruptcy each year and why several California cities have gone bankrupt in recent years.

States cannot file for bankruptcy, no matter how distorted their finances. If they could, California would not qualify because of its almost unlimited ability to borrow money from special funds.

However, there will be a day of judgment if California's spending continues to outpace its revenues, particularly if the state's economy continues its sluggish performance.

Newsom and legislators implicitly assume that at some point revenues will increase enough to cover their spending and pay off their debts — just as a debt-ridden family buys lottery tickets in hopes of avoiding bankruptcy.

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# Newsom's 'California Way' Would Take Away Your Gas-powered Car



Gov. Gavin Newsom

By Kerry Jackson and Tim Anaya, Pacific Research Institute

Congress recently voted to give Californians weary of expensive government green energy burdens relief from the state's electric vehicle mandate and its stricter-than-the-rest-of-the-country emissions standards.

You'd think Gov. Gavin Newsom and other officials would look for an off-ramp upon hearing this news to avoid the inevitable crash they have orchestrated. But they not only ripped right on by the exit; they rushed east toward Interstate 80.

Newsom has joined a new coalition with other states to spread the "California Way" across the Sierras. Like Newsom, the other governors in this group want to take away your choice to drive a more affordable gas-powered ride, force you to drive a much more expensive electric vehicle, and outlaw oil and gas production coast to coast. Drivers in other states should beware.

"We are firm and committed in our efforts to continue our leadership in the state of California," Newsom said at a recent press conference, while state Attorney General Rob Bonta declared that "California will not stand idly by" after Congress voted to give Californians a break from the high costs of driving.

The three congressional resolutions President Donald Trump signed will hamper the state's decades-old habit of making its own emissions rules.

Behind a placard that read "Trump's GOP Is Making

California Smoggy Again," Newsom complained that California is under "attack" so that companies can "pollute more."

"This is all about polluters being able to pollute more — big oil buying off politicians," he said.

Let's stop right there, governor. Today's internal-combustion engines aren't emission-free, but they are close. "New passenger vehicles are 98 to 99% cleaner for most tailpipe pollutants compared to the 1960s," says the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Newsom also ignores the fact that his policies will curb refinery production. Two major state refineries will shutter for good in the coming year. A recent USC study estimates the closures will raise gasoline prices in California to as much as \$8.25 per gallon. At a recent hearing, state environmental officials conceded that they don't review the impact of gas regulations on consumers. No kidding.

California is determined to

make its emissions standards the national standard. And if Newsom has his way, gasoline will become unaffordable to millions.

Newsom announced 11 states are part of the Affordable Clean Cars Coalition, which says it's committed "to safeguarding Americans' fundamental right to clean air." The other 10 states might be convinced that following the California way will give off cool vibes and boost their green street cred but it will translate into higher costs and fewer choices or consumers.

Research from the Pacific Research Institute bears this out. Seventy-nine percent of taxpayer-funded electric car subsidies are claimed by households making more than \$100,000 per year. Meanwhile, California will be 21% short of the power needed to meet demand each day once both the state's gas car ban and 100% renewable energy mandates are on the books in 2045.

The state's green mandates

impose 56% higher electricity costs on Californians than the national average despite state residents using 34% less energy. And taxpayers and ratepayers will be stuck with a bill upward of \$20,000 per household to fund the cost of the green transition.

Drivers want affordable energy and more car-buying choices. When policymakers propose having your state follow the California way on green energy, give them the message that we've been there, done that and it costs too much.

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# Kiley Applauds End to High-Speed Rail Funding

Office of Congressman Kevin Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA), author of H.R. 213, legislation to prohibit further federal funding for High-Speed Rail, issued the following statement in response to President Trump and Secretary Duffy's announcement

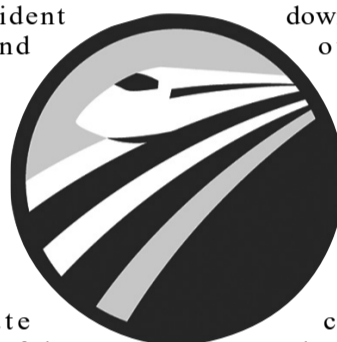


Kevin Kiley

that they are ending federal funding.

"California High-Speed Rail is the worst public infrastructure disaster in U.S. history," Rep. Kiley said. "A project that was supposed to be finished five years ago at a cost of \$33 billion is now projected to take until the end of the century at a cost of \$130

billion. I am grateful that President Trump and Secretary Duffy are sparing our taxpayers by cutting off federal funding. The state must now follow suit, wind this



disastrous project down, and spend our transportation dollars where they are needed: our roads." Rep. Kiley is calling on the House to pass his legislation

to assure future Administrations cannot try to revive the doomed project.

Congressman Kevin Kiley represents California's Third Congressional District, which includes Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties, and parts of Yuba, El Dorado and Sacramento counties. ★

# LaMalfa Applauds Trump Administration for Revoking High-Speed Rail Funding



Doug LaMalfa Office of Representative Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement July 17 after the U.S. Department of Transportation officially revoked \$4 billion in federal funding for California's long-troubled high-speed rail project. The project, first approved by voters in 2008, has faced repeated delays, skyrocketing costs, and has yet to deliver.

"What I've suspected since 2008 as a state legislator has been born out of years and years of pie in the sky projections, fake promises about the number of people to be employed, the

timeline in which high speed rail would be completed, and the price tag for the taxpayers of California, and now the entire U.S.," said Rep. LaMalfa. "In 17 years, they've managed to raise about \$17 billion for this project, and the price has ballooned from \$33 billion to \$128 billion. That puts them \$111 billion short of what they say they need to complete it. There is no way the federal government and 50 states worth of taxpayers should be on the hook for a single dollar more as the promises have been broken and the contracts have been violated on this boondoggle. President Trump and Secretary Duffy's instincts to pull back this Biden-era funding are right, and I greatly appreciate them taking back this \$4 billion. We should be dedicating that money to real infrastructure—water storage and highway repairs that will be much more productive for Californians and Americans than continuing this boondoggle that is over \$110 billion short and at least 20 years behind. I appreciate the Trump Administration and Secretary Duffy for

finally putting a stop to this."

President Donald Trump and Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy have both called out the project for failing to meet its contractual obligations and wasting taxpayer dollars. The administration's decision is a serious blow to this project's future, which has lost public trust and federal confidence.

The high-speed rail project, originally estimated to cost \$33 billion, has ballooned to \$128 billion and is now primarily focused on a short 119-mile stretch from Merced to Bakersfield through the Central Valley that comes nowhere near connecting San Francisco to L.A., and even this short segment is not expected to be operational until at least 2033.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong former representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties. ★

# Secretary of State Announces Proposed Initiative Entered Circulation Initiative Limits Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services



Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. Courtesy photo

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures on July 16.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures.

The Secretary of State then provides a calendar of deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

Limits voters' ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by raising the vote approval threshold requirement for such ballot measures from a simple majority (over 50%) to two-thirds.

In charter cities, prohibits voters from approving real estate transfer taxes other than the existing 0.11% transfer tax authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 11911.

Overtakes all existing voter-approved property-related taxes that do not comply with these requirements two years after the measure is enacted. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Annual loss of revenues to local governments totaling up to a couple of billion dollars,

predominantly affecting certain charter cities.

Potential future reduction in what local governments would otherwise collect in revenues due to a higher vote threshold for certain taxes and fewer types of taxes that local governments can adopt. (25-0004A1.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1981 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 25-0004A1.

The proponent of the measure, Jon Coupal, must collect signatures of 874,641 registered voters (eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 general election) for the measure to become eligible for the ballot.

The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than Jan. 12, 2026. The address for the proponent is 921 11th St., Suite 1201 Sacramento, CA 95814. ★

# Cap-and-Invest Critical to State's Economic Future

Governor's Press Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As Governor Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders continue to work on extending the state's preeminent climate program — Cap-and-Invest — new reports out last week highlight how critical the program is to the state's economic future and how uncertainty is costing

the state billions.

According to a study released by the Environmental Defense Fund and Greenline Insights, extending Cap-and-Invest, also known as Cap-and-Trade, through 2045 is "expected to generate 287,000 jobs, \$55 billion in economic growth and \$232 million in net savings for households." Extending the program is estimated to "raise a minimum of \$47 billion for

California Climate Investments."

That builds on the program's \$28 billion already invested in the last 10 years, which has wiped out emissions equivalent to taking 80% of the state's gas cars off the road.

This comes as another report released last week shows the need for extension this year. According to Clean and Prosperous California, the program has lost up to \$3 billion

in potential revenue in the past year due to poor auction results "caused by uncertainty over legislative extension."

Clean and Prosperous California reports: "We expect California will continue losing between around \$600 million and \$1 billion in revenue from each quarterly auction until the California legislature reauthorizes the cap-and-trade program." ★

As Governor Newsom, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Senate Pro Tempore Mike McGuire said in April announcing efforts to extend the program this year: "Cap-and-trade is a huge success and, working together, we'll demonstrate real climate leadership that will attract investment and innovation to deliver the technologies of tomorrow, right here in California." ★

# AI Is Already in Classrooms

*It's Time for Education Policy to Catch Up*

**By Paul Keefer, MBA, Ed.D. Trustee, Area 3 Sacramento County Office of Education**

Artificial intelligence is moving faster than any education agency can keep up with and that's not necessarily a bad thing.

While the California Department of Education released an Artificial Intelligence Resource Kit earlier this year and the White House issued an executive order urging support for AI in education, neither has offered practical, timely guidance for classrooms.

Meanwhile, teachers, students and families are already using AI every day to learn, teach, and solve problems in real time.

We're not waiting for permission. And we shouldn't.

AI tools like Gemini, ChatGPT, and others aren't some future trend, they're here now, free, fast and capable of transforming how students interact with content.

In 2008, Khan Academy gave us a glimpse of what personalized, asynchronous learning could look like. Today, that vision has evolved. A student no longer must search for the right video. With a single question, AI can generate explanations, examples, and step-by-step help tailored to their exact need.

This has implications for everyone in the education system. Textbook publishers are being challenged by instantly generated study guides and answer keys. Teachers are using AI to differentiate instruction, create assignments, and get instant feedback on student work. Parents

are using it to better understand what their kids are learning and how to help them at home.

Yes, this raises valid questions about academic integrity, student accountability and teacher oversight. But let's be clear, AI isn't the problem. The problem is pretending it's not already part of how students learn. Avoidance isn't a strategy. Thoughtful engagement is.

So where do we start? Here are three simple ways to test drive AI in your daily life.

Ask it a math question. Try a tool like Gemini or ChatGPT. Watch how quickly it provides a solution, a breakdown of steps, and even additional practice problems.

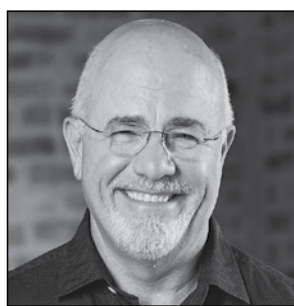
Bring it a real problem. Whether you're a student struggling with a concept, a teacher designing a lesson, or a parent trying to support homework, ask AI for three possible solutions. It won't always be perfect, but it will be useful.

Use it to understand—not just answer. Take one of your child's homework questions and ask AI to explain it. Walk through the solution and suggest follow-up questions. Use it to deepen not shortcut learning.

The more parents, students, and teachers explore these tools now, the better prepared we'll be to shape how AI is used in education, not just react to it.

We can and should be the ones setting expectations, defining boundaries, and identifying what works. Because the truth is, AI isn't going to wait for the next state guidance memo.

It's moving fast. Our schools and our communities need to move with it. ★



Dave Ramsey

## Dave Ramsey Says

### She'll Be Just Fine

Dear Dave,

My mom is 76, and the only debt she has is about \$60,000 left on her mortgage. She has \$600,000 in retirement accounts, plus a long-term care insurance policy. But she has just \$25,000 in a money market account with check-writing privileges for everyday bills and purchases. To be honest, this worries me. She has always lived within her means, so am I wrong to be concerned? She has also been talking about paying off her mortgage, and I'm not sure how I feel about that, either. I'd love your opinion.

– Kelly

Dear Kelly,

You sound surprised that she'd still be in the stock market at her age. In my mind, that's not a bad thing at all. It might not be what the typical financial planner would tell you to do, because for the most part they'll try to get you to be super-conservative with your money as you get older. But from the way you've described things, it sounds like she's not planning on using this money, but using the in-

come from the money. If that's the case, she won't whittle it all down to nothing. So, if she's in good mutual funds—not single stocks—I think she'll be just fine.

Now, let's talk about the mortgage. I would absolutely recommend she go ahead a pay it off. If she can do that at age 76 and still have \$540,000 left, that's the way to go. Let's pay off the house, and then she can start taking her income off a percentage of the remainder. She won't need much with the house payment out of the way, because she won't be sending money to the bank to pay the anymore.

– Dave

### The Best Laid Plans...

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been talking about paying off our mortgage in the next two or three years. Do you think we should make this happen by paying extra toward the house, or invest that money on top of the 15% we're putting into retirement?

– March

Dear March,

If I were in your shoes,

I'd pay extra on the house. On the other hand, you're not really doing a bad thing by putting the extra cash it into retirement, either.

But here's the deal. No matter how well you plan, you never know exactly what will happen over the upcoming years of your life—or the life of your investments. You might think you know. You may even believe you've taken every possibility into account. The hard, cold truth, though, is even the best and smartest plans don't always work out the way we think they will—or the way we want them to.

And if something unplanned or unforeseen happens, it sure would be a nice thing to own your home free and clear, wouldn't it? – Dave

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Roger Niello

## Roger's Review

*By State Senator Roger Niello*

The California State Legislature considers thousands of bills every year, and undoubtedly, there are many measures that I don't find supportable.

As your State Senator, it is my responsibility to listen to your opinions and advocate for your interests. Among the legislative actions taken this year, Assembly Bill 84 is one measure that everyone involved agrees is a move in the wrong direction.

Assembly Bill 84 is a direct attack on charter schools and school choice. It would gut funding, strip flexibility, and threaten the educational access of nearly 100,000 students including those with diverse and often challenging educational needs. The California Charter Schools Association estimates it could reduce funding by more than \$1 billion for students who are enrolled in flexible learning programs.

This attempt by powerful state unions to derail school choice leaves students as the victim. Not every child learns at the same pace, and no single educational model works for every student. Parents and guardians need to have the ability to choose the type of educational model that best fits their child's learning style.

School choice is an important issue for me and our community. During my first year in the Senate, I introduced a measure to move the post-pandemic education system forward and clearly recognize the value and benefits of flexible, personalized, and hybrid learning delivery methods for both public schools and public school students.

Flex-based charter schools provide multiple options of educational programs including in-person, blended, and virtual options. This flexibility gives students better chances to thrive in environments tailored to their needs.

There were many parents and families who came to the Capitol to voice their opinion and appeal with the legislature to not take away the very

schools that have helped their children thrive and succeed at learning.

Charter schools in California serve nearly 100,000 students, and their student population is deeply diverse: 58% are socioeconomically disadvantaged, 7% are English learners, and 15% have disabilities.

Flexibility is not just a luxury for these students, it's a lifeline.

The grassroots advocacy from students, parents, and concerned community members has been loud and clear, and I join the overwhelming number of my constituents opposing Assembly Bill 84.

*State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes Antelope, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Clay, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Foothill Farms, Franklin, Galt, Gold River, Herald, Mather, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murieta and Wilton in Sacramento County. The district also includes Auburn, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Newcastle, Penryn, Rocklin, Roseville and Sheridan in Placer County. To reach the senator, call 916-772-0571 or email senator.niello@senate.ca.gov.* ★

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# Softball Western "B" National Championship Tournament Features 500 Players



Above: Teams are comprised of all-star players or are select teams, where girls try out for squads and practice and play together for several months.  
Middle: Almost 40 teams, including about a dozen from the Sacramento region, swing into action with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. July 22 at Maidu Regional Park, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville for USA Softball's Western "B" National Championship.  
Right: About 500 players between the ages of 9 and 11 will compete in the World Series-like tournament that draws teams throughout California and the western states. Photos courtesy of Lisa Zeng



By Ron Trujillo

## SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Clutch hits, defensive gems and must-win games will highlight USA Softball's Western "B" National Championship 10-under girls'tournament that runs from July 22 through July 27 in Roseville, bringing about 2,500 athletes, coaches and fans and generating more than \$1 million for Placer Valley.

Almost 40 teams, including about a dozen from the Sacramento region, swing into action with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. July 22, after press time, at Maidu Regional Park, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville.

The first games start at 9 a.m. July 23 at Maidu Regional Park and Mahany Park, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd. in Roseville and continue into the evening. The championship games are on July 27 at Maidu Regional Park.

About 500 players between the ages of 9 and 11 will compete in the World Series-like tournament that draws teams throughout California and the western states.

Fans can enjoy the games for free. Drinks and snacks

are available for purchase at the parks.

"You're going to see some very good softball," said Pocket Aces 10-under team manager Corey Chatman.

The Pocket Aces 10-under team, from southwest Sacramento, has practiced since December and has compiled a record of 27-17 this season.

"The teams that are seeded at Nationals are very sound," Chatman said. "It's top tier."

Teams are comprised of all-star players or are select teams, where girls try out for squads and practice and play together for several months.

"They've worked so hard for this," said Woodland Elite manager Fabi Michel.

The 13-player Woodland Elite team has practiced since January and started playing games in February.

"They've learned to communicate with each other on the field and have grown as a team," Michel said. "They go on the field and play their hearts out."

Placer Valley Tourism has hosted the Western Softball "B" Nationals Championship for

various age groups more than a dozen times since 2010, according to organizers.

"It's a long-standing relationship that helps make the tournament go very smooth," said USA Softball of Sacramento tournament director Karla Burket. "Roseville has great fields and all of the leagues in our association have such amazing volunteers."

Placer Valley Tourism, which competes with other communities for the high-profile Western National tournaments, has made significant improvements to local softball fields in the past few years.

"The Western Nationals is always a big hit with the community, from the athletes and their families to area businesses that enjoy the boost in revenue," said Kim Summers, CEO of Placer Valley Tourism and @the Grounds, home of the Roebbelen Center. "Placer Valley's good quality fields combined with the area's amenities make it a great destination for the athletes and their families."

More than 25 teams will be traveling and staying in hotels during the tournament. Area

teams appreciate the ability to stay close to home, saving time and money, while playing against some of the best teams in the West.

"It's a luxury to be so close to home," said Chatman, whose team will come home every night. The close-to-home tournament "is an easy sell to parents."

Winning a championship is the goal but building camaraderie and meeting new girls, especially during the opening ceremonies, are also a huge part of the six-day tournament. Players will exchange pins and wear costumes (the outfits are a surprise until the event) as part of a long-standing opening ceremonies tradition.

"They are super excited about Nationals," Michel said. "Winning is obviously great but having more time to bond and playing together is special. They are so proud to represent Woodland."

Softball has been generating more interest among girls and fans in recent years.

Almost 30,000 girls played for their high school softball teams last year in California, an 11.4% increase compared to

five years earlier, according to the California Interscholastic Federation. Several thousand girls play the sport in the Sacramento region.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's College World Series had a record 1.3-million viewers on average per game for the 15 games this spring on ESPN, including a record 2.4-million viewers for the third and deciding game between the eventual national champion University of Texas Longhorns and Texas Tech Red Raiders.

In June, the Major League Baseball-sponsored Athletes Unlimited Softball League (AUSL) started with four teams that will play a 24-game season this summer. The league has already announced plans to expand to six teams in 2026.

So some of the girls competing in the tournament could continue playing the sport in high school, college or even in a pro league.

"It could be a groundbreaking moment, where they fall in love with the sport," Chatman said. "Western Nationals is going to be something they will remember forever." ★

## Baker Claims Championship at Women's Amateur

### Sacramento Golf Council News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Taylor Baker of Sacramento emerged victorious at the 2025 Sacramento Valley Women's Amateur Championship, capturing the Championship Flight title at the Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks on July 13.

Baker led wire to wire, firing a superb opening round 66 and closing with an even-par 72 for a two-day total of 138 (-6).

Hot on her heels was Rancho Murieta's Hannah Camara, who surged with a final-round 70 (-2) to finish just one stroke back at 139 (-5).

Defending Champion, Rocklin's Kaylyn Noh rounded out the podium at 140 (-4), carding rounds of 68-72.

When asked about the 10-foot birdie putt on hole #18 to win, Baker replied "I was really shaking but I decided to commit to my routine. Ellis (Baker's caddy) and I really liked our line and I just decided to make my best stroke."

The leaderboard was packed with impressive performances, including Erica Villegas (Suisun, -2) in fourth and a tie for fifth at -1 between Darla May Dela Torre (Fairfield) and Tavia Burgess (Mather), who posted low rounds of 70 and 69, respectively.

Notably, Ellie Bushnell of Granite Bay recorded a blazing 68 (-4) on Sunday to vault into a tie for eighth at +1, demonstrating the depth of talent in this year's field.

Karen Garcia of Cool emerged as the Senior Championship Division winner. Garcia posted rounds of 72 and 74 to finish at +2 (146 total), claiming a decisive four-shot victory.



Taylor Baker of Sacramento holds her championship trophy from the 2025 Sacramento Valley Women's Amateur Championship at the Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks on July 13. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Golf Council



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It was another victory for Garcia before she heads to the United States Women's Senior Open at San Diego Country Club in August.

Tied for second at +6 (150) were Deborah Robertson of Martinez and Tina Barker of Fairfield. Both players battled in the final round, with Robertson carding a 79 and Barker a 77.

Rounding out the top five were Deanna Payne of Lakehead in fourth at +11 (155) and Melissa Spencer of Santa Cruz in fifth at +13 (157).

The Low Net Champion was Michele Ross of San Leandro with a net score of 137.

The Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks is among California's most historic public courses.

Opened in 1932, it was designed by Dr. Alister MacKenzie, the legendary Scottish architect famed for Augusta National and Cypress Point. Known for its masterful routing, undulating greens and deceptive bunkering, the MacKenzie Course has long been a test for amateurs and professionals alike.

Haggin Oaks has hosted numerous USGA championships, state events, cementing its place as the "people's championship course" in Northern California.

The course's blend of tradition and challenge made it an ideal venue for this year's Sacramento Valley Women's Amateur, continuing a proud legacy of women's competitive golf in the region. ★

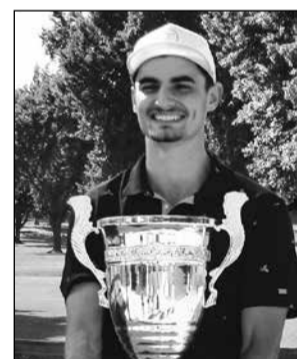
## Zack Mate Wins Men's Amateur Championship

### Sacramento Golf Council News Release

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - The 2025 Sacramento County Men's Amateur Championship was held on July 12 to July 13 at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course in Carmichael.

Zack Mate of Elk Grove captured the title with an impressive final round 66, paired with an opening 71, for a two-day total of 137.

Finishing just one stroke back in second place was Taylor Knoll of Rancho Cordova, who carded rounds of 70-68 for a total of 138.



Zack Mate of Elk Grove wins the 2025 Sacramento County Men's Amateur Championship, held at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course in Carmichael on July 12 and 13. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council

Rounding out the top three was Sacramento's Keith

Okazaki, who posted consistent rounds of 70-70 for a total score of 140.

The prestigious 36-hole stroke-play event was open to all male amateur golfers with a GHIN (Golf Handicap & Information Network) index of 3.0 or less.

The tournament was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, which oversees all city and county amateur golf championships.

Chuck Honeycutt served as tournament chair, with assistance from Scott Bland.

For more information about upcoming events, visit [sacgolfcouncil.org](http://sacgolfcouncil.org). ★

## Republic FC Signs 2024 Breakout Striker Khorri Bennett



Sacramento Republic FC's newest forward, Khorri Bennett. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

### Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Republic FC announced on July 17 that the club has signed forward Khorri Bennett. He will be added to the team's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Khorri is an important addition for us at this stage in the season to bolster our front line," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "He brings strength, physicality and tenacity in front of goal

and we are looking forward to quickly integrating him into our group."

The 27-year-old was a breakout star in 2024. He led the Western Conference with 15 goals to help Las Vegas Lights make their first post-season appearance in club history. Bennett helped the team with six goals and an assist in June 2024, culminating in his selection as Player of the Month. He earned a second Player of the Month nomination in August with a four-game scoring streak. In the playoffs, Bennett netted the game-winning goal in Las Vegas' upset over first-place New Mexico United to punch its ticket to the Western Conference Final.

Bennett's play was recognized beyond the league and in November, earned his first call up to the Jamaican National Team for the Concacaf Nations League Quarterfinals. Earlier this year, Las Vegas announced that he had been transferred to Kuwait Premier League club Al-Nasr SC for

a record fee, where he added one goal and two assists in eight appearances.

Bennett made his professional debut in 2022 for USL League One club Charlotte Independence and across two seasons scored 18 goals and added three assists in 64 appearances. Bennett recorded his first career hat trick on July 28, 2022 and was later named USL League One Player of the Month. The Jacks reached the postseason in both years Bennett was there and in 2023 made its first appearance in the USL League One Final.

Originally from Saint Andrew, Jamaica, Bennett first came to the U.S. to play collegiately at Northeastern University and in three years made 44 total appearances with five goals and three assists. For his senior year, Bennett transferred to Radford University where he started in 15 of 16 games and added three goals and one assist to reach the Big South Conference Semifinals. ★

# Illegal Fireworks Are Out of Control

## It's Time for a Smarter, Safer Plan

**Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez's Column**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Every July, our community comes together to celebrate Independence Day.

But for many Sacramento County residents, the holiday has become a night of anxiety and frustration. Not because of legal festivities like sparklers or fountains that shoot out colorful sparks, but because of the overwhelming use of illegal fireworks - the kind that explode high into the sky and often end up lighting things on fire.

This year's Fourth of July was no different and it appeared to be worse than previous years, which were already bad.

We received a huge volume of complaints from all over the district from residents frightened by the scale of illegal fireworks activity. The noise, the risk of fires, the danger to children and pets, and the general disruption to neighborhoods were all common concerns.

Every year, Sacramento County debates how to handle illegal fireworks. In the past, we have tried increasing fines, creating a social host ordinance to hold party hosts accountable, dedicating Code Enforcement teams to the task, and cracking down on illegal fireworks dealers. Despite these efforts, the problem persists and often worsens.

But year after year, these strategies fall short. Here's why.

Fines don't work if no one is there to issue them. The social host ordinance fails when officers can't safely identify and cite violators in the moment. Code enforcement officers aren't sworn officers, and they rightly hesitate to walk into chaotic, often intoxicated crowds.

Law enforcement is overwhelmed every Fourth of July, responding to a sharp uptick in calls for service, including violent crime often fueled by intoxicated individuals.

Illegal fireworks are easy to get. They're legal just one state over, and there's no system to stop them from flooding into California.

This creates what feels like an impossible problem. Residents suffer from the noise, safety risks and fear. Pets and children are scared. Neighborhoods are disrupted. Fire danger increases significantly, especially during our dry summer months.

I want to take a moment to address this issue head-on. I have heard from countless community members who are frightened and fed up. While I understand past concerns about using Code Enforcement to break up large

gatherings - and the safety risks involved - I believe we need a new approach that avoids direct confrontation.

My plan is to use our Code Enforcement team to blanket the community documenting illegal fireworks activity in real time, especially at parties where the social host ordinance applies, and then issue hefty fines (upwards of \$10,000) through the mail after the fact.

Just like a red-light camera ticket, people would receive a citation based on clear documentation of the violation. No direct confrontation is needed. This keeps everyone safer while still creating accountability.

At the same time, we will be engaging with the Sheriff's Department to identify targeted strategies for addressing large public gatherings - particularly in parks, parking lots, and, in some cases, intersections - where illegal fireworks are being launched openly.

While Code Enforcement focuses on documenting activity at private residences, law enforcement can help address the most flagrant public displays in a coordinated and safe manner.

If we implement this, it is critical that we clearly advertise the enforcement effort well before next Fourth of July. People need to know that if they use illegal fireworks, they are very likely to receive a substantial fine in the mail afterward - and that we will follow through.

I want to be clear: we cannot just send out a few tickets and expect that to make a difference. This has to be a large-scale effort. We should aim to issue an extremely large number of citations next year. That is how we send the message that this kind of dangerous activity will not be ignored.

Illegal fireworks are not just a nuisance. They pose real risks to public safety and property. They create fear and disrupt communities. And they undermine the celebrations that so many of us want to enjoy safely and peacefully.

It is time to move beyond talk and ineffective enforcement efforts.

We need a smarter, more strategic plan that protects our residents and holds offenders accountable.

I look forward to working with county staff and the community to develop and implement this plan. Please continue to share your thoughts and concerns with my office at 916-874-5491 or SupervisorRodriguez@sac-county.gov. ★

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