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10th Annual End-of-Summer Celebration Returns to Sacramento



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, Swingin' West, Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Bums, Dave Bennett

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Five venues will offer music for the Hot Jazz Jubilee at the Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento, ranging from the large Grand Ballroom to the more intimate Garden Terrace and RJs. Photo courtesy of the Hot Jazz Jubilee

Illegal Fireworks Are Out of Control

It's Time for a Smarter, Safer Plan



Rosario Rodriguez
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.

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What's Going on in Rio Linda

July's Lunch Bunch Previews Events, Programs

By Seth Henderson

NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA (MPG) - More than 25 people played patriotic trivia, enjoyed food and/or networked at the monthly Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch, sharing upcoming community events, honors, struggles and other announcements on July 3 at Brookfields Restaurant in Sacramento. The tri-communities consist of Rio Linda, Elverta and North Highlands and the Lunch Bunch meets every first Thursday at Brookfields. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District's Battalion Chief Brian Gonsalves and Community Relations Specialist April West were in attendance, with Gonsalves featured as the guest speaker. Members from the office of U.S. Representative



Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Battalion Chief Brian Gonsalves in action, wearing his uniform. Photo courtesy of Brian Gonsalves

Ami Bera's office and Assemblymember Josh Hoover were in attendance,

providing updates on legislation such as the Trump administration's Big

Beautiful Bill. Both representatives said that neither member voted in favor of the bill, saying constituents with concerns about the potential effects should reach out to their respective representatives with their grievances. Gonsalves spoke about his tenure with the fire district as a second-generation member and situations the district handles. He said the district receives three times the normal number of calls on Independence Day, at about 1200 calls, compared to an average of 400 calls daily. He said the district has weed abatement programs to encourage homeowners to maintain their lots. "The challenge is that this is all private property. So, we work with the county on county property, but when it's privately

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Where All the Stars Talk

Mary Jane Popp Brings Back the Stars

By Ormella Rossi

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For decades, Mary Jane Popp has built a legacy as one of the most revered voices in radio and television. From working with radio and TV stations across the country to hosting some of the most iconic interviews in media history, Popp’s passion for connecting with people is undeniable.

Now, with the launch of her new podcast, “Popp Star Talk,” Popp is offering listeners a fresh look at the stars they thought they knew.

Popp’s career, which spans multiple decades and a variety of media, has been anything but typical. She didn’t initially set out to be an interviewer but instead was a singer and actress working toward a Ph.D. at Indiana University when a dare changed her trajectory.

“I wasn’t going to interview people. People were going to interview me,” Popp said. “But then I was dared to audition for a TV show and I went, ‘OK, why not? I got nothing to lose.’”

In 1974, Popp landed a gig on WTTV in Indianapolis, where she produced and hosted “Studio Four,” a live television talk show. It was a role that required everything from guest booking to producing, an education that would become the foundation of her expansive career. Popp also hosted “Starlight Backstage” at the same studio which launched her celebrity interviews.

Fast forward to today and Popp is in the midst of her latest project, “Popp Star Talk.”

“I got a call from a dear friend, Kenneth Segura Knoll, who suggested we should do a podcast with all the interviews I had made. I had around 170 interviews,” said Popp.

Launched on April 2, the episodes utilize the vast collection of interviews she has conducted over the years. Throughout each episode listeners can expect to hear updates on the current whereabouts and endeavors of the people Popp has interviewed, giving fans a chance to reconnect with familiar voices, along with the full original interviews.

The podcast brings a unique perspective to celebrity interviews. While many shows focus solely on an entertainer’s latest project or achievement, Popp takes a more personal route, delving into the questions that many others overlook.

“I’m not interested in just promoting someone’s latest book or movie,” Popp said. “I want to know who they are, what drives them, what makes them happy, sad or even what they’d change about their lives. That’s what people really want to know.”

In “Popp Star Talk,” Popp interviews a wide range of celebrities, from actors including “The Birds” star Tippi Hedren to impressionist Rich Little, and from models such as Cheryl Tiegs to “Happy Days” icons Anson Williams and Marion Ross. What sets her interviews apart from the typical soundbites is the depth of the conversation. Popp encourages guests to drop the PR facades and speak candidly about their lives.

“I always tell them I’ll mention your latest project but the real conversation will go beyond that,” Popp

said. “I want to know what makes you tick. I ask them, ‘Who are you in 25 words or less?’ and that question always catches them off guard.”

What started as an idea to share interviews from her past has now grown into an international success. With Popp’s show available on platforms such as YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts, “Popp Star Talk” is now heard in 17 countries, attracting listeners curious about the untold stories behind the stars.

But it’s not just about the interviews themselves. Popp works tirelessly behind the scenes, researching each guest, ensuring that her listeners are not only entertained but also educated on the people they’re hearing from. It’s a method that pays off; whether it’s a fun anecdote or a deeply personal reflection from an iconic figure, Popp’s audience gets to hear it all.

It’s not always easy. As with any new project, there are challenges, technical issues, scheduling conflicts and finding the balance between entertaining and informing. But for Popp, it’s all part of the process.

“The research is the hardest part. I don’t want to just throw an interview up and call it a day,” Popp said. “I want to add depth. I want to give people more than just what’s on the surface.”

As for her own career, Popp’s love for what she does has only grown over the years. She firmly believes that if you’re doing something you love, it’s never really work.

“People always ask me when I’m going to retire and I tell them, ‘When I drop dead,’” Popp said with a smile. “If you love what you’re doing, you’ll never work a day in your life. There will be frustrations but that’s all part of the game.”

Popp has always been known for her down-to-earth nature and her genuine curiosity, qualities that have undoubtedly contributed to her success. She is driven by a desire to connect with her guests in a way that is honest and authentic.

“I don’t need to be the star of the show. The guest is the star,” Popp said. “If you truly care about someone, they’ll open up to you. That’s the magic of it.”

As for her listeners, Popp has one main goal: to entertain and to reveal the true, multidimensional lives of the people they admire.

“I want people to remember these stars for who they really are, not just what they see on TV or in the movies,” Popp said. “Everyone has a story to tell. My job is to help share it.”

With her wealth of experience and genuine care for the people Popp interviews, “Popp Star Talk” promises to continue offering listeners an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the stars who have shaped our culture. Whether you’re tuning in for the first time or catching up with the archives, Popp’s engaging, heartfelt conversations are sure to leave a lasting impression.

To listen to “Popp Star Talk,” visit <https://redcircle.com/shows/poppstartalk> or find it on your favorite podcast platform.

Each new episode airs every Friday, with archived interviews available for those wanting to explore the wealth of content. ★



Mary Jane Popp, as a picklelittle lady, is with John Davidson in “Music Man.” Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Movie star Claude Akins embraces Mary Jane Popp in a hug. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Melissa Gilbert from television show “Little house on the Prairie” smiles alongside Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Lou Ferrigno, actor and former bodybuilder, was in the movie and TV show, “The Hulk.” Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left are Richard Thomas from “The Waltons”, Mary Jane Popp and George Wendt from “Cheers.” Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Here are actor and former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mary Jane Popp in 2006. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Mary Jane Popp stands alongside Carol Channing, movie and Broadway star. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left, Helen Reddy singer famous for “I AM Woman” and Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Mary Jane Popp smiles alongside Cathy Rigby, Olympic champion and Broadway star, during her performance in “Peter Pan.” Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left are Mary Jane Popp and Molly Ringwold from Sacramento, an actress in multiple movies. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Robert England from the “Nightmare on Elm Street” movie series holds a prop alongside Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Tim Russ was Tuvok on the TV series, “Voyager in the Star Trek” follow up. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp

Illegal Fireworks Are Out of Control

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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@saccounty.gov.

Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez represents the 4th District, which includes all or part of the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, Rio Linda, Elverta, Gold River, Rancho Murieta, North Highlands, Carmichael, Foothill Farms and Fair Oaks. ★

What's Going on in Rio Linda



More than 20 individuals network and eat amongst themselves during the monthly Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch event at Brookfields Restaurant in North Highlands on July 3. Photo by Seth Henderson

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owned, it really is on that individual to maintain their land,” Gonsalves said. “If they don't, the weed abatement program will start sending them fines to try and encourage them to take care of their property.”

Gonsalves said, when it comes to large brushy lots, finding creative ways to work the land can help reduce the likelihood of fines and fires.

“If they can utilize that property for something more, then it will keep the grass down and naturally be a barrier,” Gonsalves said. “Community gardens, I’ve seen a couple of them in North Highlands and they’re a fantastic way to use that property for something that’s positive and good, and allows people to work that land.”

With more than 20 attendees, each table in the select portion of the restaurant was stacked with fliers of upcoming community events throughout the tri-communities area and other parts of Sacramento.

Events for the Rio Linda and Elverta communities included the Rio Linda Farmer’s Market and Peddler’s Fair, which takes place every Thursday at Depot Park, starting at 5 p.m. Depot Park is located at 6730 Front St. in Rio Linda.

This year’s annual Zucchini Races are scheduled to take place on Aug. 9 at the Rio Linda Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with no cost to enter. The zucchini races are expected to feature vendors for the first time, in addition to food, a car show and prizes.

The annual Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire and

Community Showcase is scheduled to take place on both Sept. 20 and Sept. 21 at Depot Park in Rio Linda, with the “Fun Zone” only open on Sept. 20. The faire is expected to feature a climbing wall, games, bounce houses, face painters, and balloon twisters. More than 150 vendors are expected at the faire, including food trucks, the Rio Pub Beer Garden and live entertainment.

A kids swap meet also took place on July 12 at the Historic Dry Creek Ranch House & Museum, located at 6852 Dry Creek Road in Rio Linda, with at least two groups of young entrepreneurs braving the forecasted heat to make some money during the weekend. The event was in partnership with the Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society and Girl Scout Troop 1565.

In the McClellan Park and Foothill Farms areas, the National Night Out takes place at Freedom Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Foothill High School from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Freedom Park is located at 5931 Recreation Way in McClellan Park and the National Night Out is hosted by Love Action Int, the North Highlands Recreation and Parks District, Sacramento County Sheriff and the Sacramento Police Department. In addition to the joint community and police event, Freedom Park will also be the location of Back to School Night, during the National Night Out. More information can be found at LoveActionInt.org.

Foothill High School is located at 5000 McCloud Drive and the event will be

held at the school’s quad, as well as the Baker-Rivas Pool. The event is expected to feature food, free swimming and vendors in addition to being hosted by the Foothill Farms Neighborhood Association, Twin Rivers Unified School District Police and the Sunrise Recreation and Parks District. More information can be found at foothillfarms.org.

Love Action Int is a North Highlands based nonprofit community resource center, providing programs and services, according to their website. The organization’s summer programs mentioned at the Lunch Bunch were its backpack and school supply drive, taking place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4141 Palm Ave. in Sacramento. Love Action Int also hosts yard sales on every first Saturday of the month

Sac Metro Fire hosted an open house for Fire Station 65, located at 11201 Coloma Road in Gold River on July 12, providing station tours, free swag and an opportunity to interact with crew members.

North Watt Business Watch also had fliers to promote its program developed to strengthen the relationship between small businesses and law enforcement. Meetings take place every second Monday of the month at the Family Community Church, located at 6331 Watt Ave. from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The next Lunch Bunch is expected to take place on Aug. 7 at the Brookfields Restaurant on Madison Avenue. ★

The Hot Jazz Jubilee Releases Festival Line Up

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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.

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CHP Plans to Equip Officers with Body Cams

By Byrhonda Lyons, CALMatters.org

Three years after CalMatters’ reporting revealed that only 3% of California Highway Patrol officers wore body cameras, one of the state’s largest police forces plans to equip all its officers with the technology by next year.

In 2015, now-retired Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer pitched a \$10 million plan to give all CHP officers body cameras. Lawmakers landed on a one-year, \$1 million pilot program. Officers recorded nearly 93,000 videos within that year, but the program was never expanded.

In 2022, the CalMatters’ story noted that the pilot project had only led to 237 body cameras agency-wide, putting the CHP far behind local law enforcement agencies. At the time, the agency said it was focused on upgrading its dash cam system. Five months later, CHP sought funding for body cameras for all its

officers and state lawmakers approved the budget request.

So far, about 2,400 body-worn cameras have been handed out to officers in the Bay Area, Los Angeles and the Sacramento area, according to CHP spokesperson Jaime Coffee. In total, all 7,600 officers are expected to receive their cameras by March 2026, she said.

“This is the perfect example of it moving too slow,” Jones-Sawyer said. “I always knew this needed to happen. I was just 10 years ahead of my time.”

Highway patrol officers make around 2-million stops a year, according to data from the state Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board. Officers

have also been used for work outside of state highways. They’ve been deployed during the federal government’s immigration raids in LA, used to fight crime in Oakland and police drag races, among other things.

There’s little research on whether body-worn cameras reduce police violence. However, a 2022 study found some evidence that, after three years, agencies with body cameras saw a decrease in police killings compared with agencies that did not.

Since 2023, state lawmakers have given CHP nearly \$20 million for the new cameras and have planned \$5 million in ongoing funding to support the new system. ★

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Newsom’s ‘California Way’ Would Take Away Your Gas-powered Car



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. *Kerry Jackson is the William Clement fellow in California reform at the Pacific Research Institute. Tim Anaya is Pacific Research Institute’s vice president of marketing and communications. They are co-authors of “The California Left Coast Survivor’s Guide.” This piece was originally published in the Washington Examiner.* ★

Kiley Applauds End to High-Speed Rail Funding

Office of Congressman Kevin Kiley News Release

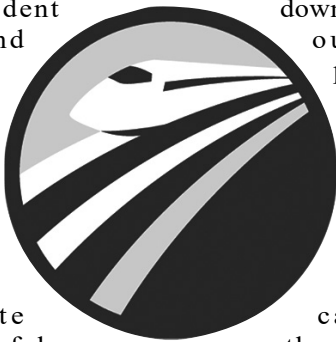
WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA), author of H.R. 213, legislation to prohibit further federal funding for High-Speed Rail, issued the following statement in response to President Trump and Secretary Duffy's announcement



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 farmer representing California’s First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties.* ★



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. Overturns 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.” ★

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.

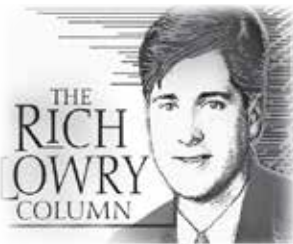
Doug Christie has his work cut out for him with a crowded guard rotation, including second year man Devin Carter, who acquitted himself admirably and played dominantly. Devin needs to continue working on his shot, but the upside for Carter is huge. No need for the Kings to question their decision to 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 vgarrisriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★



It’s Time to Cut Off Public Broadcasting

In the past, whenever Republicans have tried to cut federal funding for public broadcasting, the 8-foot-2-inch-tall yellow bird has been trotted out as an exemplar of all that is good and necessary about public broadcasting, and the federal dollars have been preserved.

Perhaps our Jim Henson-created feathered friend will continue his undefeated streak, but a Trump-backed recessions bill represents the best chance to defund public broadcasting in decades, if not ever.

The bill, clawing back previously appropriated funding, has already passed the House and is now being considered in the Senate, where the filibuster doesn’t apply. The measure targets \$9.4 billion in federal spending, including funds for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The CPB gets about \$500 million a year from the federal government, and parcels it out to NPR, PBS and local public radio and TV stations.

NPR maintains that it only gets about 2% of its funding from the federal government, with more coming indirectly via member stations. PBS gets about 15% of its funding from the feds.

If NPR and PBS programming is as compelling and vital as its defenders say, it shouldn’t be a heavy

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.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Social Security Matters

What is the Formula for Deciding When to Claim?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am curious about the “formula” to decide when to take Social Security while still working. I am past the Full Retirement Age. How do you best address such? Should we schedule a call?

Signed: Wondering When

Dear Wondering: Well, you can always contact us by phone on 1.888.750.2622 to speak to one of our certified Social Security Advisors, or you can send your questions to us via email at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. You don’t need to pre-schedule a meeting, as we have multiple advisors answering the phone on most normal business days. If they all happen to be busy when you call, simply leave a voicemail and an Advisor will return your call promptly.

For starters, since you have reached your full retirement age, know that your work earnings will no longer negatively affect your Social Security benefits. You can earn as much as possible, and your monthly SS amount will be the same, based on your average lifetime monthly earnings (for your highest 35 years), and based on your age when you claim.

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).

But your wife cannot get a spousal boost until you are collecting your SS.

And here is something else to think about: received SS benefits will become part of your overall income taxed by the IRS when you submit your income tax return. If you file your income tax as “married/jointly” and your combined income from all sources is more than \$32,000 then some of your SS benefits will become taxable income. If your combined income is between \$32,001 and \$44,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. Or, if your combined income from all sources exceeds \$44,000, then about 85% of your received SS benefits will become part of your income taxed by the IRS. Just something to keep in mind, especially since you are still working.

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New California Budget Ignores Day of Reckoning



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

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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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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TEA7-25-25

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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PARAGON7-25-25

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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VOSKOVITCH7-25-25

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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HUMANITARIAN7-25-25

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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HAPISAP7-25-25

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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MULARD7-25-25

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
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PACIFIC7-25-25

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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OCEAN7-25-25

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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FERNANDO7-25-25

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 Omec Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 26, 2025
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CAPITAL7-25-25

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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GALAXY7-25-25

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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VOTERFLY7-25-25

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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ROYAL7-25-25

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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MOTIF7-25-25

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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OPTOMETRY7-25-25

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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MAJESTIC7-25-25

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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WISE7-25-25

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
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SERGE7-25-25

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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JAGUAR8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04663

Pamela J. Hawkins, 2508 Midland Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pegasus Processing Service" 2508 Midland Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 25, 2025
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PEGASUS8-1-25

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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AUTOMEDICS8-1-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04662

Jose Velazquez, 4853 Hazelwood Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royalty Cleaning Services" 4853 Hazelwood Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 25, 2025
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ROYALTY8-1-25

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
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TRANSFERMATE8-1-25

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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HOLISTIC8-1-25

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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CENTRAL8-1-25

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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PURE8-1-25

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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MALLORY8-1-25

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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MOTHER8-1-25

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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BRUNCH8-1-25

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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POOL8-1-25

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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SHAPES8-1-25

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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HOURL8-1-25

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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DRYWALL8-1-25

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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EUROCAL8-1-25

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
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MUD8-1-25

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
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VITABLOOM8-8-25

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
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RASHAS8-8-25

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
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ARTS8-8-25

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) "Get Care At Home" 5750 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 225-J, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 3, 2025
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CARE8-8-25

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) "Golden Breeze Cleaning" 9200 Madison Avenue Apt 250, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 17, 2025
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GOLDEN8-8-25

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
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ROGUE8-8-25

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
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CCT8-8-25

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
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CAPITAL8-8-25

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 ½ Sutter Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 3, 2025
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NEURO8-8-25

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
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RUG8-8-25

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
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LITTLE8-8-25

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
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ORANGEVALE8-8-25

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
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GOOD8-8-25

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. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2025
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VEGAN8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05013

Nuristani Limousine Service LLC, 6721 Gold Run Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nuristani Limo" 6721 Gold Run Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2025
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NURISTANI8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04835

Raymond Eric Lara, 6368 Misty Wood Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cadillac Heating & Air" 6368 Misty Wood Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 1, 2025
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CADILLAC8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05019

Turbo Drive Motors, Inc, 8101 Elder Creek Road Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95824 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
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TURBO8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04931

Gregory Veon, 6488 Crosswoods Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GT Painting" 6488 Crosswoods Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 7, 2025
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GT8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04910

Dmitrii Khudiash, 9203 Sunfire Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Safe4us" 9203 Sunfire Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 3, 2025
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SAFE8-8-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05017

Stefani Beck, 10140 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "N.R.C. Property Management" 10140 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2025
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NRC8-8-25

-FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03788

Poured Perfection Concrete LLC, 1221 Q Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Poured Perfection Concrete" 1221 Q Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2025
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ACROSS

- Basilica feature
- Cameron, to friends
- _____ and flow
- One of the Bridges
- Have the blues
- Op-ed piece
- 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, _____, swung
- Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location
- Carl Jung's inner self
- *_____ en place
- *Seaweed-wrapped dish
- Opposite of cation
- Swamp plant
- Estimated arrival times, acr.
- Timothy, to friends
- *Popular condiment
- Sheik's bevy
- Alan Paton's novel "_____ The Beloved Country"
- Broken, e.g.
- Third planet from the sun
- Bachelor on "The Bachelorette," e.g.
- Be of use
- Condemn
- Bantu language
- Change for a five
- Globes and eyeballs, e.g.
- *"Animal House" garb
- Rigid necklace
- Calendar square
- Albanian money

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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

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.



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

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 championships and local 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. ★

Republic FC Signs 2024 Breakout Striker Khorì Bennett



Sacramento Republic FC's newest forward, Khorì 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 Khorì 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.

"Khorì 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 post-season 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. ★