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Annual Zucchini Races Teach Valuable Lessons



A heat from the under 18-year-old division of the Zucchini Races sends custom-built racers down the track at the Rio Linda Library on Aug. 9.

Story and photos
by Seth Henderson

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Kids, adults and zucchinis came together at the Rio Linda Library on Aug. 9 for the 10th annual Zucchini Races, a free event hosted by Rio Linda Grange No. 403, building racers out of locally grown zucchinis and competing for prizes.

A classic car show greeted spectators in the parking lot of the library, including a small tractor from the Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society, food trucks and a line of caution tape to signify the track's boundaries, which measured races distances up to approximately 150 feet from the starting point of the track.



A spectator views the tables lined with racers from both youth and adults at the Rio Linda Library on Aug. 9 for the 10th annual Zucchini Races. Youth and adult racers go head-to-head for the Greatest Of All Time award at the end of the event.

Rio Linda Grange No. 403 President Susan Hanks said that the event has continually grown from 10 attendees at the Grange Hall to the hundreds who

turned out for this year's race. The event's growth has prompted organizers to increase the venue space multiple times over the years, from the

farmer's market at Depot Park to the Rio Linda Library at 6724 6th St.

"To see so many kids and adults just unplugging, mentally, for a little while and having some fun because we're missing that in our world right now," Hanks said.

With temperatures in the mid-70s at 9 a.m. when the event started, Hanks said that a benefit of moving the races to the library was the large shade trees. She said the event was scheduled to end by 1 p.m. to beat the heat and the Grange was able to provide free water, thanks to its 15-plus sponsors and supporters.

Hanks said that some zucchinis were as big as 18 inches or more, weighing

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Reduce Electricity During Flex Alerts and Earn Bill Credits

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With temperature rising, it's not too late to register for Power Saver Rewards, a California Public Utilities Commission program.

Anyone enrolled can receive credit on their electric bill when they reduce energy use during a Flex Alert issued between May 1 and Oct. 31. The annual limit for Power Saver Rewards events is 60 hours (or 12 events).

A Flex Alert is a call to reduce energy use, normally issued from 4 to 9 p.m. on hot days, when electricity demand is at its highest as residents return home from work or school.

Power Saver Rewards events are triggered when the California Independent System Operator issues a Flex Alert or an Energy Emergency Alert Watch, according to PG&E (Pacific Gas and Electric Company).

If a Flex Alert or an Energy Emergency Alert Watch is issued on short notice without day-before notification, then a Power Saver Rewards event will not be called for that day.

Enrollees receive Flex Alert notifications through emails, text messages and/or mobile app push notifications.

"The best way to help during a Flex Alert is to avoid using large appliances like dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, and to set your thermostat to 78 degrees," said Wilfredo Cruz, the nonprofit Community Resource Project organization's executive director. "If possible, use fans instead of your air conditioning. These small changes can make a big impact."

"It's a win-win for all PG&E residents," Cruz said. "You're helping your community remain powered up during high-demand hours and you're receiving a credit back on your utility bill at the same time."

According to PG&E, those participating in the Power Saver Rewards Program will receive a yearly bill credit of \$1 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy that is reduced during Power Saver Rewards events. Starting in 2024, incentives were lowered from \$2 per kWh to \$1 per kWh.

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Airport Sets All-Time Passenger Record



Airport Passenger Record: With new nonstop service to Kansas City, Baltimore, Anchorage, Morelia and Puerto Vallarta, Sacramento International Airport is meeting demand and expanding its global reach. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County
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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) achieved the busiest month in airport history with 1,296,818 passengers traveling through the airport in June.

The record culminates 19 months of consistent year-over-year growth at Sacramento International Airport, which served 13,822,315 passengers in fiscal year 2025, which also set a record. Historically, July has been Sacramento International Airport's busiest month.

"Breaking this passenger record highlights the power of smart, strategic investment in public

infrastructure," said Board Chairman and First District County Supervisor Phil Serna. "SMF continues to drive growth, tourism and regional connectivity, all of which contribute to a stronger economy for the people of Sacramento County."

Sacramento International Airport currently offers more than 202 peak day flights on 11 domestic and international carriers, connecting travelers to 52 nonstop destinations.

"We are proud to serve so many travelers in our region and support our community's business and leisure needs," said Cindy Nichol, director of the Sacramento County Department of Airports. "I'm proud of all the behind-the-scenes work to keep SMF operating at this high level. It takes a

huge and talented team to serve over one-million travelers each month."

With new nonstop service to Kansas City, Baltimore, Anchorage, Morelia and Puerto Vallarta, Sacramento International Airport is meeting demand and expanding its global reach.

"SMF's recent growth is no accident; it's the result of strong airline partnerships," said Stephen Clark, deputy director of Commercial Development for the Sacramento County Department of Airports. "And we're just getting started. Securing SMF's first transoceanic flight remains a top priority and we're working side by side with our Regional Air Alliance to make it a reality." ★

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several pounds but “that’s not always an advantage.” The annual event is a lesson in gravity, engineering and honesty, Hanks said, adding that cheaters are rewarded but with elimination. Hanks said pushing racers is not allowed and doing so typically leads to the racer tipping over.

Participants had the opportunity to build their racers weeks in advance at home or on the day of the event with the Grange’s Build-a-Racer tables, which opened at 9 a.m. Participants were judged on their designs and their performance as they launched their racers from atop the traditional Zucchini Race downhill ramp.

Some racers featured taxidermy, action figures, toy cars, deconstructed rollerblades and zip ties to help their creation travel as far as possible. The ramp stood about five feet tall and more than 12 feet long,

propelling racers through the parking lot if their racer’s construction allowed it.

According to the official rules posted on the Rio Linda Zucchini Races Facebook page, racers could not be longer than 14 inches, taller than 12 inches or wider than 12 inches. The two divisions, under and more than 18-years-old, eventually went head-to-head for the Greatest Of All Time (GOAT) Race.

Two tables separated the adult and kid-built racers, displaying each racer’s creation in their respective divisions for the event’s judges. A table of trophies awaited each winner near the finish line with the largest trophy, sponsored by Tummy’s Sub Shop, going to the winner of the Greatest Of All Time Race.

Racing the Zoomin’ Zucchini, 10-year-old Rio Linda resident Sarai King said that it would be

cute if her racer planted itself. Built out of a deconstructed car, Sarai’s racer featured two axles pierced through the sides of the gourd with a total of four wheels. Her racer had an aluminum foil hat, googly eyes and sharpie drawn arms, holding on as it barreled down the track, winning her first place in her first heat of races.

Accompanied by her grandmother and grandfather, Dawn and Boston Kearns of Rio Linda, Sarai said this was her first Zucchini Race event. She built her racer out of her grandmother’s craft supplies and the Dollar Store items.

Sarai said she ran her racer during the trial period, which took place from 9 to 10 a.m., giving her an opportunity to see how it would perform against the competition.

“I didn’t think I’d go that fast but apparently, all the rest of them stayed up somehow,” Sarai said.

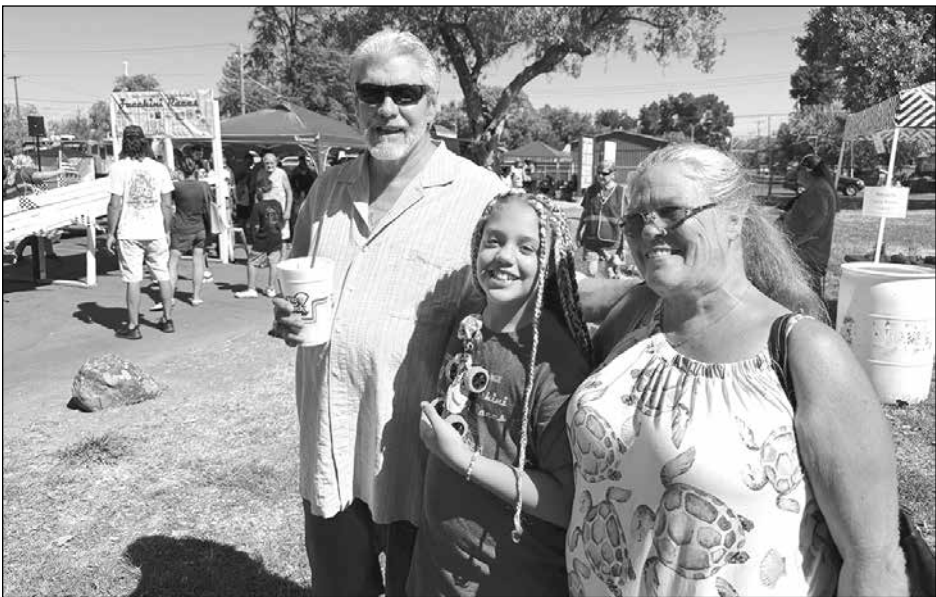
Sarai was “a little nervous” about her second heat of races and said she had to super glue some components.

“Hot glue does not work on zucchinis,” Sarai said.

Hanks said it was great to have representatives from local government or district offices, such as Josh Gumacal from Congressman Ami Bera’s office and others in attendance.

“To have them here and give support to Rio Linda because, let’s face it, we get the butt-end of the stick a lot,” Hanks said. “And to actually have them here and show that they care about us is huge.”

Hanks said she can’t thank the members of the Rio Linda Grange No. 403



Ten-year-old Sarai King, middle, stands with her grandparents Boston Kearns, left, and Dawn Kearns, right, while holding her racer, the Zoomin Zucchini at the 10th annual Zucchini Races at the Rio Linda Library on Aug. 9.

enough because they gave up multiple Saturdays to help prepare for the event. They planted the zucchini in May and they had helped set up the Aug. 9 event since about 4 or 5 a.m.

LeeAnn Williams, the Renewal Soaps owner, was one of the 25 vendors at the races and she helped organize all the vendors to support the Grange.

Williams said that there were vendors selling crocheted items, jewelry, scented products, tamales, canning and more.

One featured vendor was Creekhous Farms, selling its recently-approved USDA grade pork.

Paul Hanks, Susan Hanks’ husband, announced for the Zucchini Races and said, “what better way to get your community together than playing with your food.” Thanks to numerous sponsors such as The Grotto, who sponsored Lane No.1, Paul Hanks said, the event was free for the community.

Jason Green, Grange member and Rio Linda Elverta Historical Society president, was in attendance wearing a blue vest,



Josh Gumacal, a staff member from Congressman Ami Bera’s office, builds his racer for the 10th annual Zucchini Races at the Rio Linda Library on Aug. 9. A Build-a-Racer workshop was from 9 to 10 a.m. if racers were not prebuilt upon arrival.

as were other Grange members, to signify their affiliation with the organization and inform spectators. Grange members facilitated the sign-in process, distribution of free water, judging, builder’s table, announcing, racetrack, race proctors, parking and more.

“From the early beginnings at the Grange Hall, we’ve come a long way,” Green said.

To learn more about the Zucchini Races, how to be a sponsor or learn more about the Rio Linda Grange No. 403, visit castategrange.org/rio-linda-grange-403, email riolindagrang403@gmail.com or message the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/RioLindaGrange>. The Rio Linda Grange No. 403 is at 1315 G St., Rio Linda. ★



A taxidermy duckling rides a zucchini atop a wooden box, rolling along with the aid of deconstructed rollerblades, reaching more than 130 feet. This racer was one of the furthest traveling builds at the 10th annual Zucchini Races at the Rio Linda Library on Aug. 9.

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Congressman Discusses Community Issues

Ami Bera Guest Speaker at Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch

Story and photos
by Seth Henderson

NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA (MPG) - Congressman Ami Bera, M.D., spoke for about 30 minutes Aug. 7 about the state of the country and the county at the monthly Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch meeting in North Highlands, and then answered questions from community members for about 25 minutes.

Approximately 30 community members networked at the monthly lunch, sharing event fliers, success stories and concerns with the community and the congressman from 11:30 a.m. until almost 2 p.m.

Bera was this month's Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch guest speaker at Brookfields Restaurant in Sacramento. He discussed an array of topics, including education, legislation, the economy, housing, the COVID-19 pandemic, artificial intelligence, homelessness and food scarcity.

"There was this promise of higher education," Bera said, "that if you got the skills, the grades, desire; cost wasn't going to be a factor."

While Bera said the California school system has served the state well, he said his education was better than what today's students receive. Bera, a life-long Californian, said that he lived a simpler life growing up than today's youth.

"I look at kids today and it seems like life is a lot more hectic and complicated," Bera said. "And I don't know that it has to be that way."

Bera said it's possible that the State of California made a mistake by not opening the schools as soon as possible during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

"No one's going to disagree that our kids were impacted by having schools shut down," Bera said.

On another topic, Sacramento Area Creeks Council President Crystal Tobias spoke to the congressman about the efforts taken to clean the waterways and homeless encampments. Since January 2023, Tobias said, millions of pounds of trash and thousands of needles have been cleaned up from the waterways.

"This population needs somewhere to go that's not a \$500,000 apartment," Tobias said.

Bera said that there seems to be a set of rules for the homeless and a different set of rules for the rest of the residents. Residents, such as a congressman's aide, can hardly afford a one-bedroom apartment, so giving someone such an apartment is not common sense, Bera said.

"Don't expect the federal government to push money out any time soon, so we're going to have to solve this ourselves," Bera said.

It's not just housing, Bera said. People need to be met where they are and provided with wrap-around services, meaning extra care, monitoring, assistance and resources, otherwise, the alternative is jail. He said some rules



Congressman Ami Bera, right, and his staff member Josh Gumacal, middle, talk with Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch attendees and organizers at Brookfields Restaurant in Sacramento on Aug. 7.



Communities Lunch Bunch members pose for a photo at Brookfields Restaurant on Madison Avenue in Sacramento on Aug. 7.

need to be broken to help people, not laws, but "we need to be creative," meaning that the hypothetical rule book in which homelessness is governed does not permit the tough love that fosters creative solutions for such complex situations.

Sober model housing, providing work and trade skills, are some of the suggestions Bera made, contrasting the "rules" he said are set by members of his party, the Democrats, such as safe injection sites and half-a-million-dollar housing units for the homeless.

Concerns about children's education during school and after they graduate prompted Bera to cite a statistic saying the college graduate unemployment rate was around 20%, whereas the unemployment rate for individuals with a trade or vocational certificate was 2%.

Bera said that not every student's dream is to get into college and that science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) is used throughout different trades and industries. He said his junior high classmates weren't fond of STEM but used math and science to create works of art in the different shop classes.

Some community members were concerned about the fate of teachers in the State of California as well as the state of special education, with one member anecdotally citing an increase in

demand for paraeducators and a lack in fair compensation.

"Let the teachers teach," Bera said.

Teachers are often disrespected and/or punished, Bera said, for attempting to discipline the small percentage of students who disrupt class and take away from the learning experience. It's a small fraction of parents who don't do their due diligence raising and disciplining their children and teachers pay the price, he said.

Bera said the Trump administration's Big Beautiful Bill is expected to cut funding for education in areas such as school lunches.

"It's about to get really bad," Bera said, citing inefficient processes that create waste, such as discarding unused food and creating legislation against the redistribution of that food to people or families that need it, saying again that we need to "break some rules," because "the next decade is going to be hard" if policies don't reflect the desired outcomes. He said these processes don't help teachers lead and they don't address hunger.

On another topic, Bera said that 70% of state workers are telecommuting and not working in state-owned buildings. The workers "most likely won't be coming back, leaving a void in tax revenue with those buildings

sitting empty or close to it," Bera said.

While the quality of life might be better telecommuting, there are still issues to address, Bera said.

Community members addressed the plethora of vacant or abandoned lots becoming an eyesore throughout the Sacramento region. The vacant lot owners are usually from the Bay Area, Bera said, and community members should rally together to address local agencies about regular code enforcement, cracked concrete, dilapidated structures, overgrown vegetation, fire hazards and any other issues.

"The point is to force the owner to sell, build or do something with the property," Bera said.

Fixing this gap in revenue requires more community involvement, more festivals and bringing the area to life, making it an irresistible plot of land for developers, Bera said.

Addressing national politics, Bera said that Congress "isn't quite fun at the moment." He pointed out that much of what goes on today is "small, petty politics, when the country is at a point where it really needs to move forward."

What keeps him going, Bera said, is the legislative work that is done locally in Sacramento, such as the housing developments and

highway projects along Highway 50.

"Looking at the big picture, President Donald Trump is not your conventional president," Bera said as a compliment to the president's apparent rebranding of the political landscape with his comments and actions. Conventionally, presidents lean into their brand, not uproot it.

Topics such as pronouns are not for Congress to legislate, Bera said, and there are more important issues to legislate, such as studying the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and artificial intelligence.

"We have bigger things to be talking about and debating," Bera said. "The world is changing rapidly and we should be talking about how we avoid World War III with China."

Bera said that the ideas and values that used to run the Republican party, such as education and wealth, have become the representation of Democratic party, a party who used to represent the labor unions and vis versa.

Discussing concerns related to the importance, utility, severity and dangers of artificial intelligence, Bera said it's "here to stay and we need to learn how to use it." He pointed out that children will grow up with the technology in their homes and schools.

"Because AI is going to make AI exponentially better, quicker," Bera said. "We have about a six-to-eight-month advantage over China, so that's a lot of what we're focused on in the intelligence committee."

After the congressman's discussion, staff members from other government offices shared their updates with the community. Representatives for Assemblymember Josh Hoover and Sacramento County Supervisors Rich Desmond, Phil Serna and Rosario Rodriguez were there.

Other notable attendees were local realtors and brokers, insurance agents, financial advisors, media companies, rotary clubs, home care providers and the North Highlands/Foothill Farms Community Planning Advisory Committee.

Cynthia Saylor, Sacramento Metropolitan District's Division 1 Board Member covering the Tri-Communities area, thanked the community for passing Measure O, allowing millions of dollars of funding for Sac Metro Fire to upgrade their fire engines, as well as upgrade and build new stations, including Station 116 in Elverta.

Saylor said that fire department funding "hardly goes up because the funding is a fixed number based on the contract that was voted on at the time of the contract's conception."

The Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch meets the first Thursday of the month at Brookfields Restaurant on Madison Avenue from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with no dues, fees or requirements to attend. The next lunches, open to everyone, are on Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. ★



Lunch Bunch attendees converse and eat Aug. 7 as they wait for August's guest speaker, Congressman Ami Bera, M.D., to arrive at the monthly Tri-Communities meeting.



Tri-Communities monthly Lunch Bunch meeting attendees at Brookfields Restaurant greet each other at the start of the Aug. 7 meeting.

An Era of BBQ Ends

Hickory Hanks to Close Elkhorn Location

Story and photos
by Seth Henderson

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - After more than 40 years of serving barbeque in Rio Linda and the greater Sacramento area, a local catering company is closing its doors at the end of August as its owner enters retirement.

Hank Virga, 71, the owner of Hickory Hanks Barbeque on Elkhorn Boulevard in Rio Linda, said Aug. 15 will be their last Friday open to the public and their catering service will operate until September before the business changes hands to one of Virga's trusted partners.

"I've got somebody that's going to do a good job," Virga said. "We've met and talked, and he's got it. I've got 110% confidence in what he's going to do."

Hickory Hank's is a barbeque catering company based out of Rio Linda with a takeout window open to the public for almost a decade on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 8

p.m. Peter Virga-Hyatt, 41, Hank Virga's son-in-law, said he has worked at Hickory Hank's for 18 years and that the Friday window was originally created to "give people a taste of what Hank had to offer."

Virga-Hyatt said the business originally offered hot links, chicken, ribs and tri-tip, eventually adding brisket and pulled pork on the menu. He said the establishment started as a shop on a hill and that Virga had built it from the ground up, starting in the 1980s.

"I started out with this piece of property," Virga said. "I don't have the exact date, but it was basically a dump. All eucalyptus trees and a dump, so I went to work."

Virga said he planted trees, built shops, planted a garden and built a beautiful home with the help of his good friends and neighbors. Over the years, he said he has contributed to the football team in Rio Linda and helped kids build their work ethic,

giving them a job. For some, it was their first.

Awards are displayed in the eating area of Hickory Hank's patio, but Virga said he didn't participate in too many competitions because he was too busy competing to impress his customers.

"You can't eat trophies," Virga said. "Some people think that it's some bragging thing, but I let my food do the bragging for me."

From small weddings to large community events, Hickory Hank's served individually and to groups of about 5,000 people.

Virga said he has been in the Rio Linda area off and on for all of his life. He said his parents were present back in the 1960s, so "I've been around a long time in Rio Linda."

Virga said his hot links won't be going anywhere and will still be sold under the Hickory Hank's name.

"They'll be able to buy them here," Virga said. "There's just a bunch of changes, but they'll still



The large yellow sign for Hickory Hank's Barbeque on Elkhorn Boulevard displays the establishment's address with an arrow pointing towards the parking lot, indicating where customers should enter.

be able to get my hot links because I've got a copacker that's packing for me. They'll be available."

In his upcoming retirement, Virga said he wanted to thank the people picking up the slack for him, including Lee Francis, who has been Hank's right hand man; sisters Heather Rexford and Nicole Herrera; and the entire Virga family.

Rexford said she started working at Hickory Hank's in May of 2017, taking orders, doing dishes and helping in any way she

could. She said she worked her way up to the lead cook, working every catering job and on Fridays.

"Hickory Hank's Barbecue is a family," Rexford said. "It's not just a job."

Rexford said that the Virga family made her feel included and that Virga had been there for her during crucial high and low times, saying he's always been supportive and loving.

"As a single mom, I've had times where I didn't have anywhere for my daughter to be watched or

even to go to after school on Fridays," Rexford said, "and he allowed her to come be at his house and even help a little bit here and there."

With a life that he's worked so hard to have, Rexford said she is incredibly happy for Virga, saying he deserves to be rewarded.

Rexford said there are "countless ways that Hank has helped me through these years," and that she was going to miss working for him, being around what she called her "second family." ★

Two Sacramento Residents Sentenced to Prison

U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Dominic Davis, 40, and Sharitia Wright, 61, both of Sacramento, were sentenced July 28 to federal prison for conspiring to file false

claims, Acting U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Sanchez announced.

Davis received a sentence of three years and four months in prison, and Wright received a sentence of one year and three months in prison.

According to court documents, between March 2019 and April 2022, Davis and Wright caused at

least nine fraudulent income-tax returns to be filed with the IRS claiming more than \$2 million of income tax refunds.

The returns were filed in the names of Davis, Wright and family members and listed wages that the taxpayers had not received. They often listed the taxpayers' employer as one of the various

LLCs created by Davis, Wright and their family members.

Many of the returns also falsely claimed charitable contributions that were not actually made. Davis prepared and filed the false tax returns.

Wright provided him information and contacted the IRS to check on the status of the refunds

claimed in the false tax returns.

Davis and Wright were ordered to pay restitution for the fraudulent income tax refunds that they received.

This case was the product of an investigation by IRS Criminal Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicholas M. Fogg prosecuted the case. ★

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Medical Center has been ranked the No. 1 hospital in the Sacramento region, according to the 2025-2026 U.S. News & World Report prestigious Best Hospitals ranking.

This marks the 14th consecutive year that UC Davis Medical Center has earned the top spot locally. The medical center was also named the No. 7 hospital in California, continuing an 11-year streak of being ranked in the state’s Top 10.

“This year’s rankings are a testament to our unwavering commitment to delivering the highest quality care across California, transforming lives and strengthening communities,” said Michael Condryn, interim chief executive officer for UC Davis Health. “Our success is driven by the exceptional dedication of the entire UC Davis Health team, who consistently go above and beyond to provide patient-centered care without parallel.”

UC Davis Medical Center is at 4301 X St, Sacramento.

UC Davis Medical Center ranked among the Top 50 hospitals nationwide in six specialties: Ear, Nose and Throat (number 27), Geriatrics (number 27), Neurology and Neurosurgery (number 27), Pulmonology and Lung Surgery (number 27), Cardiology, Heart and Vascular Surgery (number 46)



This year, UC Davis Medical Center was one of only 76 hospitals nationwide to receive recognition as one of best regional hospitals for community access. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Health

and Diabetes and Endocrinology (number 48).

U.S. News also rated the medical center’s services in Cancer, Gastroenterology and GI Surgery, Orthopedics and Urology as “high performing.” That means the hospital scored in the Top 10 percent of all hospitals rated for those specialty areas.

UC Davis Medical Center was rated as “high performing,” the highest rating possible, for its quality of care in 16 common adult procedures and conditions: acute kidney failure; aortic valve surgery; back surgery (spinal fusion); chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); colon cancer surgery; diabetes;



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gynecological cancer surgery; heart arrhythmia; heart failure; Leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma; lung cancer surgery; pacemaker implantation; pneumonia; prostate cancer surgery; stroke; and transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR).

Last year, U.S. News & World Report introduced a “Community Access” badge to recognize hospitals that serve vulnerable and historically underserved populations, particularly those facing socioeconomic challenges.

This year, UC Davis Medical Center was one of only 76 hospitals nationwide to receive recognition as a best regional hospital for community access.

“We believe the ability to live a healthy life should be a right enjoyed by every person. That’s why we’re committed to inspiring better health for all,” said Condryn. “Research shows that health is shaped by more than medical care; it’s influenced by access to jobs, housing, healthy food and clean air. We’re working to address these factors and move our community closer to true health equity.”

The U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals rankings, published annually since 1990, enable consumers and their physicians to determine which hospitals provide the best care for the most serious or complicated medical conditions and procedures.

The full list of hospital rankings can be viewed on the U.S. News website at [health.usnews.com/best-hospitals](https://www.health.usnews.com/best-hospitals). ★

Philanthropy Summit Challenges Old Ideas and Sparks New Ones

SRCF News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Region Community Foundation will hold the second annual Philanthropy Summit on Monday, Sept. 15 at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West.

Bringing together donors, nonprofit organization leaders, volunteers and changemakers, the collaborate event’s theme this year is “Mission: Possible, showing how local philanthropy continues to drive positive change even in uncertain times.”

To kick off the high-energy motivational event, award-winning author, TEDx speaker, social entrepreneur and founder of 916 Ink Katie McCleary will deliver a “Because if Dinosaurs Can Fly, So Can We” keynote address.

McCleary will explore how philanthropy can help communities move from silos to solidarity and from cynicism to curiosity so we can tackle our biggest challenges together.

Following the keynote address will be nine educational sessions offering practical insights about building stronger nonprofit organization boards, trends in giving and fundraising, and new ways to grow impact and connections.

The Philanthropy Summit will conclude with the Sacramento Region Community



The second annual Philanthropy Summit set for Sept. 15 is expected to sell out. This year’s theme is “Mission: Possible, showing how local philanthropy continues to drive positive change even in uncertain times.” Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation

Foundation’s Celebration of Generosity, a spirited evening of food, drinks and community that honors the shared impact of those who champion causes across the region.

“The Philanthropy Summit is about rethinking the powerful relationship between nonprofits and donors and the collective impact they can create,”

said Sacramento Region Community Foundation CEO Kerry Wood. “We believe everyone has something to give to their community and the summit is a chance to come together, learn from each other and lead with heart to create real change right here in the Sacramento region.”

The upbeat event ties directly to its

mission of growing local giving across El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties through popular programs such as Big Day of Giving and philanthropic services that help individuals, families and businesses support the causes they care about.

Similar to its inaugural year in 2024, organizers said, the summit is expected to sell out. In fact, a portion of the event, Association of Fundraising Professionals California Capital Chapter’s National Philanthropy Day, is already sold out but plenty of other options are still available.

More information about the 2025 Philanthropy Summit and advance registration is available at www.sacregecf.org/summit.

Since 1983, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation has awarded more than \$275 million in grants and scholarships on behalf of local individuals, families, and businesses, and through its flagship program to grow charitable giving with the Big Day of Giving. The foundation’s mission is to lead, serve and inspire enduring philanthropy for a just and vibrant Sacramento region.

For more information about the Sacramento Region Community Foundation and ways to learn more about charitable giving, visit online www.sacregecf.org. ★

California Sees 13% Reduction in Stolen Vehicles Statewide

**From the Office of
Governor Gavin Newsom**

SACRAMENTO - California continues to lead the way out of the COVID-induced crime surge, as the number of vehicles stolen statewide has dropped by 13% from 2023 to 2024 – the first year-over-year decrease since 2019.

Of those vehicles stolen, nearly 92% of cars, trucks and SUVs successfully recovered.

“We continue to put the safety of California communities first. Through strategic funding and partnerships with local and state law enforcement partners, we are putting a brake on lawlessness and criminals disrupting our way of life,”

Governor Gavin Newsom said.

Of the stolen vehicles in California, nearly 94% cars and 90% personal trucks and SUVs were recovered.

Through expanded regional efforts with the California Highway Patrol and local law

enforcement agencies, Governor Newsom sought to strengthen efforts to fight vehicle theft through crime suppression operations in key areas, including Oakland, Bakersfield and San Bernardino.

These ongoing regional operations have shown positive results throughout the broader communities in Alameda, Kern and San Bernardino counties. Working closely with local law enforcement agencies, auto thieves, repeat offenders and organized crime groups have been disrupted, and their activities have been thwarted.

As a result of these public safety collaborations, each of these counties saw a significant drop in vehicle thefts in 2024. Alameda:



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down 18% from 2023, Kern: down 28% from 2023 and San Bernardino: down 11% from 2023.

Other notable drops by county in stolen vehicles from 2023 include Imperial: down 13%, Orange: down 16%, Riverside: down 24%, Sacramento: down 23%, San Diego: down 11%, San Francisco: down 17%, Santa Barbara: down 29%, Tulare: down 22% and Yolo: down 24%.

“We are proud to see fewer vehicles being stolen across the

state,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “The CHP and our law enforcement partners are working hard every day to stop these crimes, protect California’s communities and hold criminals responsible.”

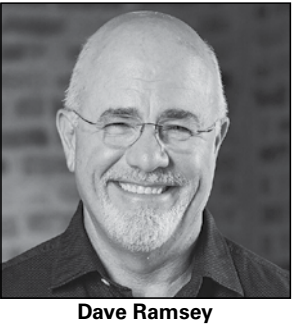
Automobiles are a vital part of daily life for work, school and family. When a vehicle is stolen, it impacts more than just property—it can take away a person’s freedom and sense of security. View the 2024 report on stolen vehicles and their recoveries at <https://www.chp.ca.gov/siteassets/forms/recruiting/2024-ca-vehicle-theft-facts.pdf>.

Stronger enforcement. Serious penalties. Real consequences.

California has invested \$1.6 billion since 2019 to fight crime,

help local governments hire more police, and improve public safety. In 2023, as part of California’s Public Safety Plan, the governor announced the largest-ever investment to combat organized retail crime in state history, an annual 310% increase in proactive operations targeting organized retail crime, and special operations across the state to fight crime and improve public safety.

Last August, Newsom signed into law the most significant bipartisan legislation to crack down on property crime in modern California history. Building on the state’s robust laws and record public safety funding, these bipartisan bills offer new tools to bolster ongoing efforts to hold criminals accountable for smash-and-grab robberies, property crime, retail theft, and auto burglaries. While California’s crime rate remains near historic lows, these laws help California adapt to evolving criminal tactics to ensure perpetrators are effectively held accountable. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I've run my own small business for about five years. So far, we're doing pretty well. At this point, I'd like to find ways for my company to reach out to our community, start becoming more involved and give back a little. Do you have any suggestions for meaningful steps that would show folks how much we care?

– Albert

Dear Albert,

This is a great question! The best leaders understand the concept of leadership involves a lot more than signing paychecks, hiring decisions and taking care of your team and your company. True leaders are also concerned about the health of their communities. They motivate themselves—and others—to act.

If you don't already consider yourself a leader with the community, I want you to think about this: You have the potential and opportunity to become one. Being a successful businessperson can open doors to becoming a leader in the

Dave Ramsey Says

Take Time to Get Involved

private sector as well. How do you do that? Think on a more personal level. And take time to consider the following ideas.

First, try making every contact a caring and friendly relationship moment. In today's culture of texts and emails, there's something special about a handwritten note. If you know someone who has a tough job or just needs a reminder that they're doing great work, let them know. People who compliment and inspire others gain respect and influence.

Also, find a cause you're passionate about. When an issue arises that's important to you, write letters to other entrepreneurs and politicians respectfully expressing your thoughts and ideas. Attend city council meetings, and tell your elected representatives why you care. Get to know these folks, and make your voice heard in a thoughtful manner.

Finally, true servant leaders put others first. Is there a ministry or nonprofit whose mission you identify with? If so, jump in, and give it your all. Invest your energy, resources and time, and you'll have the

opportunity to make a real difference. On top of that, make it a family affair. And by this, I mean your family at home and your team at work. Giving back to the community while sharing the experience with those you love and care about can be a bonding and learning experience everyone will remember for a long, long time.

Do you get what I'm saying, Albert? Leadership opportunities don't happen just at work. They're all around you. All you have to do is choose a course, engage and you'll be on your way toward making a huge positive difference in your community and the lives of people who live there.

– Dave

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



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STEVES 8-22-25

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John Michael Gonzales Jr., 7850 Doe Trail, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gonzales Fitness" 7850 Doe Trail, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 21, 2025
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GONZALES 8-22-25

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Sergey Lyasota, 4537 Loch Haven Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sota Handyman Services" 4537 Loch Haven Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 22, 2025
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SOTA 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05363
MXC Ventures LLC, 6117 Palmaya Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Luxe Hemp Co/Luxe Hemp" 3033 52nd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 21, 2025
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LUXE 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05315
Derek Andrew Savage, 8841 La Rivera Drive Unit D, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Savage Consulting" 8841 La Rivera Drive Unit D, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 18, 2025
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SAVAGE 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05369
Pacific Charter Institute, 2241 Harvard Street, Suite 310, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "New Pacific Charter Arden-Arcade" 2331 St Marks Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 21, 2025
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NEW 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05404
Freedom Investment Management Team, 4464 Lonetree Way, Suite 620, Antioch, CA 94531 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rooftund Collective" 3527 20th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2025
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ROOTFUND 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05296
ICARE Realty, 3461 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 125, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "HomeSmart ICARE Realty/TC Assist/Applied Commercial/Smart Advance" 3461 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 125, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 17, 2025
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HOMESMART 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05283
Michelle Lee Rodriguez, 11053

Essey Circle, Mather, CA 95655 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Feel The Heal Sound Therapy" 11053 Essey Circle, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 17, 2025
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FEEL 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05409
Yuen Fong Wong, 4119 Wayside Lane 2B, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Action Driving School" 4119 Wayside Lane 2B, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2025
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ACTION 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05366
Danielle Pimentel, 2751 River Plaza Drive Apt 205, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Sunflour Bakery" 2751 River Plaza Drive Apt 205, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 21, 2025
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SUNFLOUR 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05417
A R S Hospitality Inc, 2230 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hampton Inn Suites Cal Expo" 2230 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2025
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HAMPTON 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05418
Sonny's Market Inc, 3291 Mather Field Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sonny's Market" 3291 Mather Field Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2025
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SONNYS 8-22-25

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Twins Hospitality Inc, 2230 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Twins Hospitality Inc" 2230 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2025
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TWINNS 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05420
Nihal LLC, 2224 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Holiday Inn Express Cal Expo" 2224 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2025
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HOLIDAY 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05406
Golchechreh & Dokhanchifar Chiropractic Corp, 14341 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Family Chiropractic Clinic" 5321 Elkhorn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2025
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FAMILY 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05015
Antoine P Gillis SR, 2025 W El Camino #270, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bottom Vision" 2025 W El Camino #270, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2025
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BOTTUM 8-22-25

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Tess Cosby, 5501 W Ripon Road, Manteca, CA 95337 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "It Girl Styles" 609 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 23, 2025

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GIRL 8-22-25

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SparkFR LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SparkFR" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 21, 2025
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SPARK 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05459
MSK Garage LLC, 8500 Fruitridge Road Unit #15, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MSK Garage" 8500 Fruitridge Road Unit #15, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 24, 2025
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MSK 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04380
Sierra Logistics Solutions, 4619 Auburn Boulevard Suite #G, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shipsierra.com" 4619 Auburn Boulevard Suite #G, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 11, 2025
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SHIPSIERRA 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04745
Jet & Rotor Aviation LLC, 6151 Freeport Boulevard, Suite 166, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jet & Rotor Aviation LLC" 6151 Freeport Boulevard, Suite 166, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed wCounty June 26, 2025
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JET 8-22-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05438
Stark Enterprises, 7532 Cedar Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Creatures Of The Cosmos" 7532 Cedar Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-24-2025
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CREATURES 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05530
Ruvn Katiuzhinsky, 10366 Buena Plaza Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Platinum Mobile Equipment Repair/ Platinum Mobile Diesel Repair" 10366 Buena Plaza Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-28-2025
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PLATINUM 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04978
Altaf Hussain, 717 Turnstone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Digital Edge Solutions" 717 Turnstone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-8-2025
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DIGITAL 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05185
DaVante G Judge, 4500 Tynebourne Street B107, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Judge Auto Haus" 4500 Tynebourne Street B107, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-16-2025
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JUDGE 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05531
Jose Martinez and Alberto Martinez, 8740 La Riviera Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Taqueria Ay Jalisco Express" 8740 La Riviera Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-28-2025
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TAQUERIA 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04784
SML Family Holdings, LLC, 2108

N Street #8725, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pres-Seal" 2108 N Street #8725, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-27-2025
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PRES 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05526
George Mihal and Evelyn Mihal, 4905 Tacomic Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Office of Image Archaeology" 4905 Tacomic Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-28-2025
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OFFICE 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05387
Exotic Motorsports Group, LLC, 2808 Marshall Way, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Exotic Motorsports Group-5, LLC/EMG-5, LLC" 2808 Marshall Way, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-22-2025
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EXOTIC 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05378
Joshua Race Miller, 1620 51st Street, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lucky's Window and Gutter Cleaning1620 51st Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-22-2025
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LUCKYS 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05504
Erik Timothy Johnson, P.O. Box 362, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nordic Pro Services" 7767 Olive Street, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-25-2025
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NORDIC 8-29-25

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Brian Frederick O'Day, 6032 Ogden Nash Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LeadSherpaPro" 6032 Ogden Nash Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-25-2025
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LEAD 8-29-25

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1 Stop Locksmith, 3033 Olive Glen Court, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yas Locksmith" 3033 Olive Glen Court, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-30-2025
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YAS 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-04897
Alannah Thompson, 6445 Miles Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lala's Lashes" 1721 Eastern Avenue Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-3-2025
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LALAS 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05054
Lincoln-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc., PO Box 130, Cedar City, UT, 84721 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Far West Leavitt Insurance Services" 650 North Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-11-2025
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FAR 8-29-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05647
Jerome Lumsey, 5601 Natomas Boulevard Apt 20104, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Smooth Sounds of Jerome" 5601 Natomas Boulevard Apt 20104, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 7-31-2025
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SMOOTH 8-29-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District Board of Directors

Consideration of Resolution No. 2025-02 Approving the FY 2025-26 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Directors of the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District (the "District") at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM, at Depot/Visitors Center located at 6730 Front Street, Rio Linda, California to consider the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 2025-02 Establishing Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budgets ("Budgets"). The budgets will become effective immediately upon adoption of the District Board of Directors. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the August 25, 2025, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the approval of the Budgets. At the above noted time and place, testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the District Board of Directors prior to

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AND OUR TENT BLEW DOWN AND ALMOST STRANGLED US

AND WE LOCKED OURSELVES OUT OF THE HOUSE

THEN IT TURNED COLD AND WE FROZE!

AND A SNAKE CRAWLED IN WITH US!

I LOVE CAMPING OUT

POPEYE

by KENNY MILKLAND

WHY DON'TCHA DO SOMETHING WIT' VER LIFE, WEIRP?

I AM DOING SOMETHING.

I'M LIVING MY LIFE IN SUCH A WAY THAT ALLOWS OTHERS TO ACT LIKE THEY'RE BETTER THAN ME WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING ME FINANCIALLY.

VA KINT MAKE NO LINT LIKE THAT!

AU CONTRAIRE, MY FRIEND, THERE ARE MANY LIMITED RESOURCES.

THE SPOGNESS OF OTHERS ISNT ONE OF THEM.

HERE, EAT.

VA OKAY, ROUGH HOUSE?

VA SEEM A BIT GRUMPY.

I GOT DUMPED.

I DIDN'T KNOW VAS IS SEEN SOMEONE.

WELL, IT'S NOT ANYMORE!

I HADN'T DATED IN YEARS AND NOW I REMEMBER WHY!

NO ONE'S UPFRONT ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT AND IT'S JUST A SOCIAL FINEFIELD HALF OF THE TIME!

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1. *Report

5. One on the beat

8. Put on the payroll

12. Fan sound

13. Buckeye State

14. Indy entrant

15. Table mountain

16. 2021 movie "The Harder They ..."

17. Carry away, in a way

18. *... Readers

20. Weary walk

21. Basketry stick

22. *... time for preschoolers

23. Plums and cherries genus

26. Allegiance

30. Crew propeller

31. Rh in Rh disease

34. Your majesty

35. Miss of the Muppets

37. Band event

38. Asci, sing.

39. Olympic castaway

40. *Didn't fail

42. Frozen H2O

43. Took a penny-farthing, e.g.

45. *Punctuation marks for famous words

47. Maltese or Havana, e.g.

48. *Use Play-Doh

50. Cheap trinket

52. *3+x=10, e.g.

55. Soviet place of exile

56. Curtis, to friends

57. Beehive state

59. *Olden-day notebook

60. Honey-producing facility

61. Sushi restaurant soup

62. Location of altar

63. Type of poem

64. Sing like Ella Fitzgerald

DOWN

1. Mountain basin

2. Attention grabber

3. Reduced Instruction Set Computer

4. Hiccup's Toothless, e.g.,

5. Irritate by rubbing

6. Persian Gulf ship

7. Multi-

8. *Get out of classroom" permit (2 words)

9. International Civil Aviation Organization

10. Retired, shortened

11. Bard's before

13. Lacking cordiality

14. Settle a debt

19. Unethical loaner's practice

22. Us, in Mexico

23. Temporary store

24. Reason to strike

25. Prodded

26. Totes or tugs

27. Permissible

28. Cease-fire

29. Many affirmatives

32. "Good grief!"

33. Bro's counterpart

36. *School alum

38. Next step for juvenile

40. Margaret, for short

41. Describe as similar

44. Elks' hangout

46. Poppy derivative, pl.

48. Marine cephalopod

49. *Grading arch

50. Big one at 7-Eleven

51. Regrettably, exclamation

52. Sound reflection

53. Auditory

54. U.S. space agency, acr.

55. Geological Society of America

58. *Van Halen's "___ for Teacher"

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DAVIS, CA (MPG) - It sounded a lot like football season at University of California, Davis Health Stadium on Sunday, Aug. 3 when No. 11 UC Davis football strapped it up and welcomed officials to Shredville for the first full scrimmage of fall camp under clear skies and the California sun.

It was the first time at this camp that the Aggies truly went at each other without restrictions and under the rules of the game. Both sides of the ball had positive moments, with the offense finding pay dirt several times throughout the scrimmage while navigating several defensive takeaways.

“The first thing we look at after a day like this is did we get through it healthy and I’m pretty sure we did that,” said head coach Tim Plough. “We did a good job today of taking care of each other while still having a physical practice. I was happy with all three phases of the game, including the communication and the lack of penalties. We were very clean today, which is good.

“We ran the ball well and converted on first downs all day long, driving consistently all day. And on defense, I thought that we tackled well and showed that we can put pressure on the



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quarterback. It was also good to see the defense not give up a lot of explosive plays,” Plough said. “I also thought Hunter [Ridley] had a great day, hitting a bunch of kicks for us. That’s the great thing about having a kicker like Hunter; he can come in there and bang one through for us anywhere. Overall, I thought we had a really good day.”

Ridley, a preseason All-American, nailed each of his kicks from different hash marks and distances throughout the practice,

making sure the offense came away with points each opportunity he had. While under center the quarterback play of Grant Harper, Caden Pinnick and Treynor Cleeland have shown that the Aggie offense should be in position to not miss a beat despite the need to replace that spot.

Up front, the physicality on both sides of the ball has been on display during camp, as the additions on the defensive side of the ball have made great strides. Offensively, the Aggies return all

five starters on the line and on the defensive side the additions of transfer All-American Jacob Psyk and All-Ivy Leaguer Derrell Smith-Porter have made it so the battles in the trenches have been a must-watch throughout camp.

UC Davis opens 2025 on Aug. 23 in Montgomery, Alabama, when they face No. 12 Mercer in the 2025 FCS Kickoff Classic. That game is set to kick off at 4 p.m. Pacific Time and will be aired on ESPN. The Aggies open UC Davis Health Stadium on

Sept. 20 when Southern Utah visits Davis for a 7 p.m. kick.

Season tickets are on sale now and fans can visit ucdavisaggies.eventue.net to secure their spot in Shredville for the 2025 season. Tickets start at \$100 for new alumni and \$140 for the general public.

Football group ticket discounts start at 10 or more tickets and provide a great opportunity for gatherings and parties to enjoy Aggie football. The Aggie Ticket Office can help fans customize their day at <https://ucdavisaggies.eventue.net/events/FBS> to purchase their group ticket packages.

Mini Plans are a great way for Aggie fans to save on tickets by bundling multiple games. Choose from two options to get the biggest bang for your buck and pick the games that work the best for you. The Pick Any 2 or Pick Any 3 Plans allow fans to pick and choose which games they want to attend at a discounted rate versus buying single-game tickets. Both plans can be purchased at <https://ucdavisaggies.eventue.net/events/FBPACK>.

Single-game tickets are also on sale and fans can secure their spot at any of the five home games for as little as \$13 a ticket. Visit <https://ucdavisaggies.eventue.net/events/FBS> to buy single-game tickets. ★

Collins’ Summer Success Continues



Sacramento’s formidable backline has won the most duels and second-most aerial duels in the United Soccer League this year. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Sacramento Republic
FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Seasons often can be made or broken in the dog days of summer. As the temperature rises, the competition around the league continues to sharpen. Teams look to the summer stretch to create some space in the table and demonstrate their skills.

This year, Sacramento’s mid-season swing started off in an impeccable manner: four clean sheets and a trip to the knockout rounds of United Soccer League’s (USL) Jägermeister Cup.

In his first season with Sacramento, Neill Collins has embraced the challenges of a new conference and new competitions. While the early season for any first-year coach can be rough and tumble, the stifling heat of Sacramento’s summer has seen the results every club wants.

On July 4 in Las Vegas, Collins saw a 2-0 win, AJ Edwards’ first goal and Blake Willey’s first assist. On July 12 versus El Paso, Collins saw a 3-0 win, became the youngest (and fourth overall) head coach to reach 100 wins in the USL Championship and a goal and assist from Benitez/Herrera and second assist in as many weeks for Willey. On July 19 versus Lexington, Collins saw a 0-0 draw and the 10th Clean Sheet across all comps. On July 26 versus Spokane Velocity (USL Cup), Collins saw a 1-0 win, finished first in group; a Benitez header goal in



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10th minute and Mazzola with the third clean sheet of the tournament.

But Sacramento’s July achievements should come as no surprise to anyone who has followed Collins’ coaching career. In fact, in his most successful seasons, the Scottish manager has used the summer months as a springboard for end-of-season success.

From 2020 to 2022, the three years that Collins’ Tampa Bay Rowdies reached the Eastern Conference Final, his teams claimed 18 wins in July and August and netted an impressive 49 goals. Each season, the Rowdies went on an undefeated streak of at least five games, highlighted by a six-game win streak in 2022.

In 2021, August kicked off a stretch of 12 games without a loss (11 wins, 1 draw), during which Tampa Bay held opponents scoreless for a league record

891 minutes. The Rowdies later claimed the Players’ Shield with 71 points and reached the league final for the second year in a row, earning Collins the honor of USL Championship Coach of the Year.

In Collins’ tenure in Sacramento, the signature element of success has been team defense. Republic FC has a league-low of 12 goals conceded this season, with seven total clean sheets ranking second in the USL. The relentless pursuit of its opponents starts with the corps of strikers willing to work for the entire squad.

The attacking unit ranks among league leaders in possessions won, passes and fouls won in the final third. The midfield unit is crucial in maintaining possession leading up to the attack and ranks among league leaders in completing passes in the opponent’s half. Sacramento’s formidable backline has won the most duels and second-most aerial duels in the USL this year.

Rounding out the relentless roster, the Quails have a pair of elite goalkeepers with 10 clean sheets in league and USL cup play.

Despite a commanding start to the summer, the second half of the season awaits Collins and Republic FC. The squad faced second-place San Antonio FC for a top-table matchup this past weekend, after press time, in a test of two top Western Conference clubs. In the team’s previous game this season, Sacramento shut out the Texas squad in a defensive showdown. ★

Kurtz Named Player and Rookie of the Month



Pictured is A’s first baseman Nick Kurtz during a game. Prior to the 2025 season, the last A’s player to win a monthly award was Mason Miller, who was named Reliever of the Month for March/April 2024. Photo courtesy of the Athletics

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A’s first baseman Nick Kurtz has been named the American League Player and Rookie of the Month for July.

This is the third consecutive month that an A’s player has won American League Rookie of the Month and the second straight month Kurtz has won the award. Shortstop Jacob Wilson won Rookie of the Month for May. This marks the 12th time that a player has won both

awards in the same calendar month.

In July, Kurtz hit .395 with a 1.433 OPS, 13 doubles, 11 home runs, 27 RBI, and 25 extra-base hits. For the month, he led the American League in average, on-base-percentage (.480), slugging (.953), OPS, doubles, RBI (runs batted in), extra-base hits and total bases (82).

Additionally, Kurtz was tied for first in home runs, tied for second in runs scored (24), and ranked second in hits (34). On July 25 at Houston, Kurtz

went 6-for-6 with six runs scored, a double and four home runs, becoming the 20th player and first rookie in Major League history with a four-homer game.

Kurtz becomes the 10th player to win both Player of the Month and Rookie of the Month in the same calendar month, joining Ryan Braun (July 2007), Buster Posey (July 2010), Mike Trout (July 2012), Yasiel Puig (June 2013), Jose Abreu (April and July 2014), Gary Sanchez (August 2016), Aaron Judge (June and September 2017), Aristedes Aquino (August 2019) and Wyatt Langford (September 2024).

In June, Kurtz hit .264 with a .926 OPS, seven home runs, 17 RBI, seven walks and 10 extra-base hits. For the year, Kurtz is hitting .304 with a 1.030 OPS, 23 home runs and 61 RBI. Kurtz leads all rookies in home runs, RBI and OPS (min. 100 PA). Since his Major League debut on April 23, Kurtz’s OPS ranks second in the majors, behind Aaron Judge (1.138) and ahead of Shohei Ohtani (1.004).

Prior to the 2025 season, the last A’s player to win a monthly award was Mason Miller who was named Reliever of the Month for March/April 2024. Before this season, the last A’s player to win Rookie of the Month was Zack Gelof in August 2023. ★



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