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From left are Sacramento County District 5 Special Assistant Stephanie Kauss, Cordova Community Council Executive Director Shelly Blanchard, Sacramento County District 5 Supervisor Pat Hume, Councilmember Linda Budge, Sacramento County District 5 Chief of Staff Rebecca Sloan and Sacramento County District 5 Special Assistant Ashleigh Kaufman. Photo by Rick Sloan

By Omella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Local leaders, business owners, and community members gathered on Thursday, Sept. 19 at Rancho Cordova City Hall for the monthly Rancho Cordova Luncheon, co-hosted by the Cordova Community Council and Rancho Cordova Area

Chamber of Commerce.

Held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the luncheon featured a tailgate-style lunch by West Coast Events and keynote remarks by Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume, who represents District 5, including Rancho Cordova.

"For those of you who are new and have not heard this fun fact, when you're here at the Rancho

Cordova Luncheon, you are part of a really long tradition," said Cordova Community Council Executive Director Shelly Blanchard. "You've been meeting on the third Friday of the month for 65 years."

Blanchard introduced Hume, outlining his background, including serving on the Elk Grove Planning Commission, 16 years on the Elk
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SMUD Offers Heat Pump Rebates

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and its customers have achieved a major clean-energy milestone for the Sacramento region.

Through SMUD's Advanced Home Solutions program, more than 20,000 gas-fired space and water heating systems were replaced with high-efficiency electric heat pumps. These upgrades are equivalent to converting 10,000 homes to all-electric living and cutting 20,000 tons of carbon emissions each year, the same as taking 8,000 gas-powered cars off local roads.

Households that switched from gas to electric using heat pump technology are saving an average of \$500 per year on utility bills. Together, customers are keeping a total of \$5 million annually in their pockets.

"Once my old gas water heater started having issues, I decided to take advantage of SMUD's rebate for a heat pump," said SMUD customer George El-Chemali. "Switching over has been nothing but amazing; it works better, it's more affordable and it feels good knowing the change is better for the environment."

More families are discovering that heat pumps can heat and cool their homes more affordably while helping keep the air cleaner, according to SMUD Distributed Energy Solutions director Rachel Huang.

"SMUD continues to show that clean energy isn't just good for the environment; it's good for family budgets, too," Huang said.

Heat pumps work like a two-way air conditioner, heating in the winter and cooling in the summer, powered by electricity instead of gas. Heat-pump water heaters use the same technology to deliver hot water while using up to 80-percent less energy than traditional models.

SMUD offers rebates to help more customers make the switch to heat pump technologies, including up to \$2,500 rebate for a heat pump HVAC system and up to \$3,000 rebate for a heat-pump water heater. These rebates can be combined with federal tax credits of up to \$2,000, (expiring Dec. 31,) as well as state and federal incentives.

Beyond heat pumps, SMUD offers rebates for induction cooktops and home EV charging. So far, residential customers have installed 8,000-plus chargers and 2,300-plus induction cooktops with SMUD support.

For more information, visit smud.org/GoElectric. ★

River City Concert Band Presents 'Monsters in the Moonlight'

Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Beware the full moon and listen for the howls because the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band is conjuring up a frightfully fun evening of music at its outdoor Halloween spectacular, "Monsters in the Moonlight."

On Oct. 4 at 6:15 p.m., the band will haunt the stage just outside Heartstoppers Haunted House at The Mine Shaft (2300 Mine Shaft Lane, Rancho Cordova).

Admission to the musical performance is free but does not include admission to Heartstoppers. All ages are welcome to this spectacular community event.

Under the baton of Music Director Tom Seaton, the band will perform a ghoulishly good lineup of Halloween favorites guaranteed to make your bones rattle and your spirits soar. Audiences will thrill (and maybe shriek) to classics such as "Monster Mash," "Werewolves of London," "Thriller," "The Time



The Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band is a nonprofit organization made up of approximately 60 volunteer musicians who donate their time and musical talents to present concerts with a broad audience appeal. Photo courtesy of the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band

Warp," "The Munsters," and a hair-raising medley of Danny Elfman's film music, "Music For A Darkened Theater."

And that's just the tip of the tombstone; there are plenty more eerie surprises

lurking in the program!

The Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band is a nonprofit organization made up of approximately 60 volunteer musicians who donate their time and musical talents to present

concerts with a broad audience appeal.

The band's motto is "Love Music. Share Music. Make Music."

Their love of music is what brings them together and it is the band's desire to share music before audiences of diverse backgrounds, foster musical interest among children and provide performance opportunities for skilled community musicians.

The band strives to provide a rich social environment to those seeking enrichment through making music with other adult musicians and the community.

So grab your capes, costumes, and cauldrons, and join us for a fang-tastic evening of monstrous melodies under the moonlight.

Whether you're a little ghost, a groovy ghoul or just a music-loving mortal, this free concert is sure to be a graveyard smash.

For more information, visit the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band's website at www.rconcertband.org or follow the band on social media, if you dare! ★



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A Summerset Love Story

By Raza Khushal, Summerset Senior Living

RANCHO, CORDOVA (MPG) - At Summerset Senior Living Rancho Cordova, love stories often live on through the memories and experiences of residents. One of the most touching is Leanne's story with her husband Louie, a love that began nearly 70 years ago and continues to inspire today.

It all started in 1955 in Los Altos. Louie was just a teenager at his eighth-grade graduation when he saw Leanne for the first time. Her family had recently moved to town and Louie still remembers the moment she walked across the stage in her yellow dress to receive her diploma. For him, it was love at first sight.

The two grew closer in high school. They officially met in study hall when Louie, who was flunking, was seated next to Leanne, the teacher's pet. Louie jokes that Leanne did not manage to save his grades.

"I still flunked and her grade dropped to a C," Louie said.

What began as a funny twist of fate turned into the start of a lifelong bond.

After graduation, Louie joined the Air Force and spent three years stationed in England. Distance did not keep them apart. They wrote letters back and forth, and Leanne even traveled overseas to visit him. At just 23 years old, Louie returned home in August 1964 and by that fall, they were married.

Louie still tears up remembering the sight of



The couple first met in 1955 and have shared a life journey built on devotion, patience and laughter. Photo courtesy of Summerset Senior Living

her walking toward him in her white wedding dress. For Louie, it was a full circle moment, first seeing her in yellow and then seeing her as his bride in white.

Together, Louie and Leanne built a life anchored in love, faith and family. They raised two children, a son and a daughter, and today their legacy continues through five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Both served as pastors in their church, setting an example of devotion and partnership for other couples.

When asked their secret to a long and happy marriage, Louie smiled and said, "Never go to bed angry." He laughed as he added, "We stayed up late talking things through if we had to and what happened after those talks is nobody's business."

Although their love looks different today than it did in 1955, Louie and Leanne still find joy in the little moments they share. Their story is a reminder that true love, rooted in patience, laughter and faith, can last a lifetime and beyond. ★

Lowery Field Dedication Celebrated



Cordova Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, staff, Lowery family members and community members celebrate the dedication of Lowery Field. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation and Park District

By Haley Waugh, Cordova Recreation and Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 9, the Cordova Recreation and Park District (CRPD) celebrated the official dedication of Lowery Field at Ahlstrom Park in honor of Franklin C. Lowery, a cherished community member and longtime Rancho Cordova Little League supporter.

Lowery's commitment to youth baseball in Rancho Cordova began in the 1950s and continued for more than four decades, lasting until around 1993.

Throughout those years, Lowery served in numerous roles, including equipment manager, field maintenance supervisor and member of the Board of Directors. His dedication left a lasting impact on generations of local athletes and families.



This Little League team features a young Franklin C. Lowery. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation and Park District

Although the field was unofficially named "Lowery Field" in 1987 during Rancho Cordova Little League's Opening Day, the name has lived on in community memory for decades.

This year's official dedication ceremony marked a long-awaited recognition of Lowery's legacy, complete with a ribbon cutting, speeches and a community

photo opportunity.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring his legacy and impact on youth baseball in our community. A special thank you to the Lowery family and to representatives from Senator Niello and Representative Hoover's offices for attending and helping make the day even more memorable. ★

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Water, Roads and Reform

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Grove City Council and his election to the Board of Supervisors in 2022.

“Pat and his beautiful wife, Lisa, are very active in their community,” Blanchard said. “He’s also an accomplished auctioneer volunteering for local nonprofits.”

Hume began his remarks by acknowledging the crowd and the honor of returning as a luncheon speaker.

“It’s crazy to think in 2022, I finally made it. I got the opportunity to represent Rancho Cordova and here I am a little over half-way through my term,” Hume said. “One thing I’ve learned that I knew instinctively: government moves very slowly.”

Comparing county government to a “container ship,” Hume emphasized the challenges of navigating large-scale bureaucracy, saying, “It’s more about moving the chains than scoring touchdowns.”

Among the tangible progress, Hume highlighted significant improvements in ambulance patient offload times.

“When I took office, Sacramento County had one of the

worst offload times in the state, over 70 minutes,” he said. “Now, we’re down to an average of 26 minutes. That means ambulances are freed up faster and more available to the community.”

He credited the hospital system, EMS providers and Sacramento Metro Fire for the turnaround, noting several state-level recognitions earned by local leadership.

Hume also addressed the homelessness crisis, calling it a humanitarian crisis and the top issue on voters’ minds.

“We’re now funding over 1,200 shelter beds, with another 370 coming,” Hume said. “The biggest piece of this is the connection to the resources. Mental health, treatment, substance abuse, treatment, employment training, all of these things that really are going to change the trajectory of their life and hopefully get them on a path to where they are living more fulfilled lives.”

Hume announced a proposed model to streamline regional collaboration and improve oversight of existing agencies, which he plans to present to the Rancho Cordova City Council.

Turning to economic development, Hume spoke about growth

along the Jackson Highway Corridor, including Mather South and the realignment of Eagles Nest Road to extend Zinfandel Drive. Nearly 30,000 housing units have been approved across multiple specific plans.

He also outlined ambitions to redevelop Mather Airport into a regional economic hub.

“One of the things that I have been hammering on since day one is trying to utilize Mather Airport as more of a regional economic hub and recognize that this great asset that was bestowed upon the county from the federal government when they decommissioned the Air Force Base really ought to be, in my estimation, fully realized as the second major commercial airport in Sac County,” Hume said.

Infrastructure improvements include a new \$20-million dormitory for EVA Flight Training Academy and long-delayed safety lighting upgrades at Mather’s 12,000-foot runway.

On road conditions, Hume acknowledged that funding falls short of need.

“To maintain our roads properly, we need \$80 million a year. We currently get \$30 million,”

Hume said.

Despite budget constraints, the Board of Supervisors added \$10 million from the General Fund this year. In District 5 alone, the county has installed 36 speed bumps, investigated 933 traffic complaints and replaced more than 120 sidewalks and curbs.

Hume addressed crime and public safety, expressing strong support for Proposition 36, aimed at curbing retail theft.

“People were walking out of stores with no consequences. Prop 36 makes crime illegal again,” Hume said.

He added that enforcement of fentanyl-related crimes remains a top priority.

“We need to stop calling them overdoses. These are poisonings,” Hume said. “People are dying from drugs they never intended to take. You’re very fortunate to have a community prosecutor in Rancho Cordova, funded by your own tax dollars, committed from the district attorney’s office. Take advantage of that.”

He also mentioned ongoing challenges related to the Maze Consent Decree.

“We have committing about \$100 million a year to what’s

called the Maze Consent Decree. This was essentially a class action lawsuit that said, for those that are booked into the main jail, if they have medical situations, that the conditions in the way that they were being treated was not sufficient,” said Hume. “There is a lot of improvements that have to be made. We are about halfway to meeting the requirements. But one of the things that we’re going to have to address is the actual physical structure itself.”

In closing, Hume spoke passionately against the proposed Delta Conveyance Tunnel, which would redirect Northern California water to the south.

“This \$20-billion tunnel would move water equivalent to the entire American River’s Spring flow, 6,000 cubic feet per second, diverting it from our communities to corporate agrobusiness and residents in Southern California,” Hume said. “We should be investing in infrastructure upgrades that protect and preserve the Delta.”

The next Rancho Cordova Luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive. ★



Community Meets the Machines

By Haley Waugh, Cordova Recreation and Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Hundreds of community members gathered on Saturday, Sept. 13, to “Meet the Machines” at Cordova Recreation and Park District’s (CRPD) annual event.

From impressive emergency vehicles and construction equipment to a hot air balloon bursting with flames,

youth had the unique opportunity to climb aboard and explore a wide variety of machines and vehicles up close. The event also featured a train ride, tricycle race, music and more fun.

Beyond having fun, families had the opportunity to interact with the professionals who operate these machines every day, gaining valuable insights and learning firsthand about the important roles these

vehicles play in our community.

This event was made possible by Sacramento Area Sewer District and A&E Air Jumpers, and a special thank you to Cordova Recreation and Park District Director Brian Danzl for donating hard hats for the youth.

To see future events and activities happening with Cordova Recreation and Park District, visit www.cordova-rpd.gov. ★

A child poses on equipment at Meet the Machines. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation and Park District

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Lancers Drop Metro League Opener



Senior wide receiver Damajae Moses catches a long pass from quarterback Trey Wallace against West Park. Photo by Rick Sloan



Junior quarterback Trey Wallace turns the corner for a Lancer first down. Photo by Rick Sloan

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Lancers dropped their Metro League opener at home against visiting West Park 64-14 on Sept. 19 inside Lancer Stadium.

It was clear that the football game was going to be a challenge from opening play, when Panthers' (2-3 overall, 1-0 Metro League) senior tailback Deacon Ogden took the first play from scrimmage 68 yards to the end-zone on a rush up the right sideline.

Ogden would add another rushing score from one yard out midway through the first quarter to put the Lancers (1-3 overall, 0-1 Metro League) in an early double-digit deficit. Cordova junior quarterback Trey Wallace

would score the first of his two rushing touchdowns from one yard out on the next Lancers' possession to make it a one possession game, and it appeared that Cordova was building some momentum.

West Park would march down-field on the ensuing drive and reach the Lancers' 7-yard line before Panthers' junior tailback Declan Shindelbower fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Lancers' linebacker Gino David. The positive play would be short lived however, as Wallace bobbled a bad snap from under center and batted the ball out of bounds while still in the Lancers' own end zone, resulting in a safety.

West Park added 28 more points in the second quarter, with Cordova unable to sustain any

drives offensively. Wallace would add his second scoring scamper late in the first half along with a gritty run for a two-point conversion afterward, but that would be all for the Lancers on the scoreboard for the evening. West Park would continue to add points throughout the second half to come away with the victory in the Metro League opener for both teams.

For the Panthers, senior quarterback Jaden Jackson was efficient, going 11-of-14 passing for 230 yards and four touchdowns to lead West Park. The aforementioned Ogden recorded 90 yards on his eight carries, including his two first quarter scoring runs. For the Lancers, Wallace went 2-of-10 passing for 53 yards and an interception. Both of his completions went to

senior wide receiver Damajae Moses, who also drew a handful of pass interference penalties when Wallace made attempts to get him the ball downfield. On the ground, Wallace led Cordova with 12 carries for 43 yards and his two scores.

"I thought we were pretty aggressive early but took our foot off the gas pedal a couple times," Lancer's head coach JP Dolliver said after the game. "Especially with some of our coverages. They made some reads and we gave them some free points. We took some plays off unfortunately and they capitalized on it, and it exacerbated the score towards the end of the first half. That was the story."

The Lancers will have the opportunity to return to the win column when they travel to

Kennedy on Sept. 26. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. Speaking to his team after the loss to West Park, Dolliver's message was clear.

"It was a tough game but let's focus on the next two weeks," Dolliver referenced afterward. "There's still a path. We knew West Park was going to be a tough team and it was going to be a tough game. I don't mind losing a tough game, but it's when we give them a few free things that it gets a little disappointing. I told them we've got 24 hours to think about it and then we move on. We go into Kennedy and McClatchy who we both beat last year. They're going to be better, they're better coached this year, and they're going to look at us as an opportunity. We're going to have our hands full." ★

Lady Lancers Enter League Play with Momentum



Junior Tiah Kennedy brakes away for a long gain after catching a short pass from Taliyah Johnson. Photos by Rick Sloan



Senior linebacker Ximena Alvarado successfully grabs the Center player's flag.

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Lady Lancers entered Metro League competition this week with a good amount of positive momentum.

Under head coach Kim Bradley, the Lady Lancers (3-11 overall at press time) won two of their past three games entering this week and appear to be rounding

into shape heading into the most important stretch of the season.

With a 25-6 victory at Bradshaw Christian on Sept. 9 followed by a 29-12 victory at home against Center on Sept. 16, the Lady Lancers are looking like an ever-improving bunch after some early season struggles.

"I think we're finally gelling together," Bradley said when asked about the state of her team

as they move into league play.

Against Center, senior quarterback/defensive back Taliyah Johnson made quite an impact with an interception returned for a touchdown. Additionally, senior wide receiver Jasmine Ferrell tallied five receptions and a touchdown to help pace the Cordova offense. Junior tailback Tiah Kennedy had a few explosive runs out of the backfield but

perhaps none more important than a two-point conversion to help add points to the scoreboard.

The Lady Lancers began Metro League play this past Tuesday at McClatchy; however final results were not available by press time. As the team is preparing for its most crucial stretch of the season, Bradley is confident.

"We know what we have to do as a team," she said. "We're

not focused on the teams in our league as much as we are focused on doing what we do best. We gotta go in and try to capitalize on that."

The Lady Lancers will have two Metro League games under their belt after facing McClatchy and Kennedy this week and return to the field Sept. 30 when they travel to Grant. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. ★

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And Another Thing County Supervisors

By Bob McGarvey

Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume of District 5 was the speaker at the Rancho Cordova Luncheon on Sept. 19.

Hume said, "It is a tremendous privilege to represent the residents of District 5 on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. As a near lifelong resident of this great district, I couldn't be more proud to have the opportunity to serve you. This vast district totals 650 square miles and includes the cities of Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton and Rancho Cordova, as well as rural farming areas and community in the southern portion of Sacramento County and the Delta."

It is always interesting when you can reflect on some of the history of your community and recognize that you are part of it. For example, former supervisor Don Nottoli was Rancho Cordova's county supervisor from November 1994 to January 2023.

Don was the chief assistant to his predecessor Supervisor Toby Johnson for 16 years.

Supervisor Toby Johnson enjoyed working with our Community Council on different events like helping us clean up trash along our streets or along the railroad that went through Rancho.

I remember one time Toby was at our Community Council meeting in which our new president was to be inducted. Toby helped induct our new president by swearing them in. It was really a nice thing for him to do. His chief assistant also helped us quite often, too, and Don continued to work with us after he became our county supervisor.

I can't put in everything that Don helped us with but I do remember when I asked Don in 2008 to come to a meeting in our City Hall. I called for the meeting because when Mather Air Force Base was closed on Sept. 30, 1993, we weren't yet a city and the county was the conducting authority that the

Air Force had to work with.

I told Don that the closed base was a military installation but there was no place for any military people. I wanted to talk about finding a place for veterans and the county was in control of using that property. Don Nottoli came to the meeting and brought some of his staff with him.

Like many things, it took time but we were able to find a place for veterans in 2014. At least that was the grounding ceremony in which we could begin building a place for getting veterans off the streets and in a place for them to live. I was on the City Council at the time and our supervisor helped pave the way for Mather Veterans Village.

Over the years, it seems that we have been very fortunate with the supervisors representing Rancho Cordova. Based off what we heard from Pat Hume, it seems he will do a good job for us too.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

Tail-Wagging Fun at CRPD's Barktoberfest

By Haley Waugh, Cordova Recreation and Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Recreation and Park District invites the community to join us for a day of fun with our furry friends at Barktoberfest. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at Lincoln Village Community Park/Pool. This family-friendly event is open to all ages.

Attendees can enjoy food and beverages from local businesses, including Juju's Burger and Shakes, and those 21-plus can visit the beer garden, where all proceeds support the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SCPA). More than 15 vendors

will offer everything from pet services, such as free vaccinations and microchips, to supplies, doggie clothing, pet photography and much more.

For \$5 per dog, the Doggie Splash Zone includes pool fun and an agility course. Included in admission are also contests, including Best Dressed Dog, Best Human/Dog Combo, Best Trick, Quickest Swim and Most Focused. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to enter pool area.

Thank you to our sponsor, VCA Hospitals, for helping make this event possible.

For more information and to pre-register for the event, visit cordovarpd.gov/recreation/special-events/barktoberfest. ★



Shred Day 2025

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Women's and Children's Center Celebrates Decade of Care

More than 61,605 Babies Delivered There So Far

Sutter Health News Release

Editor's Note: The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center's patients are from throughout Northern California and beyond, including from Sacramento, Yuba/Sutter, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado and Stanislaus counties. The center held a 10th-anniversary celebration on Aug. 21.

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - When Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento's new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center opened in Midtown on Aug. 8, 2015, expectant mothers and new families were welcomed with the highest standard of maternity and pediatric care in Sacramento.

From beginning to end of the birth plan, parents received care in spacious suites with their newborn on the top patient floor of midtown Sacramento's tallest building with great views. Then, as their child grew up, parents knew that they could continue to receive exceptional care in the same facility.

In the past 10 years, Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento has welcomed more newborns than in any decade of its 100-year history: 61,605 babies, to be exact.

But the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center is far more than a place to welcome new life. It houses Northern California's largest and most advanced neonatal intensive care unit and a high-risk maternity ward where mothers receive round-the-clock care to give their babies a healthy start. It also includes a comprehensive pediatric hospital within its walls, treating children facing complex, cardiac, oncological, neurological and other serious conditions.

"We're proud to provide not just advanced medical treatments but a healing environment where mothers and children feel supported, safe and truly cared for every step of their journey," said Rachael McKinney, president of Sutter Health's Greater Sacramento Division and interim CEO of Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento.

In 2005, the Anderson and Lucchetti families generously committed \$18 million to Sutter Health to support the Women's and Children's Center's construction. A decade later, in August 2015, the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center opened as a 395,241-square-foot, 242-bed acute-care hospital where patients and their families could obtain the highest level of neonatal and pediatric intensive care services, pediatric cardiac, neurological and cancer services, and high-risk and conventional maternity



The Bradley family of Manteca and their 10-year-old triplets help celebrate the 10th anniversary of Sutter Health's Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center in midtown Sacramento on Aug. 21. The triplets were born premature at Sutter Memorial Hospital in East Sacramento and were transferred on Aug. 8, 2015 to the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at the new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center. In front are the triplets, from left, Carly, Ally and Sydney; holding photos of the day they were born. In back, from left, are parents Wendy and Todd Bradley, Sutter Children's Center Medical Director Craig Swanson, Sutter Health Greater Sacramento Division President Rachael McKinney, and Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento Women's and Children's Services executive Whitney Clark. Photo courtesy of Sutter Health

services, as well as other services. Construction costs totaled \$821 million.

In its 100-year history, from the original Sutter Hospital to Sutter Memorial Hospital to the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center, the number of babies born total 417,428, more than the city of Sacramento's population circa the year 2000.

In Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center's first 10 years, there have been 1,152 sets of twins, 35 sets of triplets and one set of quadruplets. The smallest baby weighed 13.6 ounces and the biggest baby weighed 15 pounds, 7.3 ounces.

"Every baby born here represents a unique story of hope, resilience and the extraordinary care that our team is dedicated to providing," said Whitney Clark, women's and children's services executive for Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento. "From the tiniest preemies to the biggest bundles of joy, we are honored to support families through every miracle and milestone."

For 50 years, Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento has been on the forefront of care for women with high-risk pregnancies and their babies, who often need the advanced care of a NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). To help ensure these babies are delivered as healthy as possible, the high-risk maternity physicians (known as perinatologists) help mothers carry their pregnancies as long as medically safe. Extended hospital stays are common for these mothers, sometimes lasting

many weeks or even months, making the hospital their home away from home.

The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center was built with a special unit designed especially for them. The 21 all-private, spacious rooms allow mothers to relax comfortably, welcome visits from family and even personalize the space to feel like home.

"Our goal is to support both mother and baby through every step of their high-risk pregnancy, giving them the best chance for a healthy delivery," said Dr. William Gilbert, Sutter Health's longtime perinatologist and women's service line medical director. "The private, comfortable rooms at Anderson Lucchetti provide a nurturing environment that helps reduce stress and promote healing, making a challenging time a little easier for families."

When planning the new hospital, leadership was adamant that a helistop for medical emergency helicopters be included. The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center helistop has been a lifesaver for hundreds of families. To date, more than 1,500 babies and expectant mothers with complicated pregnancies have been transported by medical helicopter to the facility.

"Having the helistop right on the roof means we can get critically-ill babies and moms the care they need faster than ever before," said Dr. Gustavo Sosa, neonatologist and medical director of the NICU. "It's made a huge impact on how quickly we can respond in

emergencies and that speed can be life-changing. For families facing high-risk situations, this facility offers hope and reassurance when every second matters."

The Sutter NICU began 51 years ago to provide high-quality care to fragile infants. But as more babies needed the advanced services offered at Sutter Memorial Hospital, the NICU outgrew its location. The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center's NICU has 61 beds, each in an area that provides privacy for families.

Even after 10 years, Wendy and Todd Bradley of Manteca, who had triplets, talk glowingly about the center's NICU.

"We were really impressed by the cutting-edge technology and the family-friendly atmosphere at the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center," Wendy Bradley said. "The new NICU's modern design and spacious rooms gave our family so much more comfort and privacy, which made a world of difference during a stressful time. It truly felt like a place built with families like ours in mind."

The new NICU was the first in Northern California to be outfitted with Angel Eye, a camera system that allows parents to check in on their little ones remotely via smartphone or computer and was a game changer during the COVID-19 pandemic. The system was made possible through donations to a nonprofit organization started by a Sutter NICU family.

The facility made national

headlines when its pediatric heart program successfully performed the first minimally-invasive surgeries on little patients. Instead of opening the chest and cracking the sternum, heart surgeons use a pioneering technique that accesses the heart through a small port underneath the armpit. This method helps children grow up without a long chest scar and recover much faster.

It is one of the many innovative approaches that pediatric interventional cardiologists and heart surgeons have been using at the new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center.

Kristal Imbrie's daughter, Ariel, who has Down syndrome and has appeared in several advertisements, was the first in the nation to undergo the minimally-invasive surgery.

"That approach avoided so many complications during recovery: no need to stay still as long, no ribs being cut," Imbrie said. "Especially for a child with special needs, it meant she could bounce back faster. It was like she was on espresso."

The pediatric intensive care unit is equipped to handle a wide range of complex medical conditions, including respiratory failure, sepsis, trauma and complications from chronic illnesses. This specialized unit ensures that children receive the highest level of care during critical times, which includes 20 beds and an additional 10 beds dedicated to pediatric cardiovascular care.

The pediatric ICU also collaborates closely with other specialized departments within Sutter Children's Center, such as pediatric neurology and oncology.

"At our pediatric ICU, we focus on giving each child the care and attention they need when it matters most," said Pediatric Critical Care Director Dr. Daniel Falco. "From breathing problems to complex conditions like cancer or neurological issues, our team works closely together to make sure every child gets the right treatment. By teaming up across specialties, we're able to provide seamless care that supports the whole child and their family through tough times."

Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, which consists of the Ose Adams Medical Pavilion and Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center, is Sutter Health's flagship hospital and includes nationally-renowned institutes for cardiac, neurosciences and oncology care. Sutter Health is a not-for-profit healthcare system. Learn more at sutterhealth.org and vitals.sutterhealth.org. ★

Sign Up for School Pesticide Notifications

California Safe Schools News Release

CALIFORNIA STATE (MPG) - California Safe Schools, a nonprofit organization dedicated to children's environmental health and safety, reminds parents, guardians, teachers and school staff at all California K-12 public schools and childcare centers to file the Right to Know Pesticide Use Notification form at the start of the school year.

This form is mandated under California legislation, the Healthy Schools Act.

Filing this form with your school office ensures that you receive advance notification of any pesticide applications in or around the school site. It is a critical safeguard and part of each school's commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment.

Under the Healthy Schools Act, a "school site" is defined as any facility used for public day care, kindergarten, elementary or secondary school purposes. The term includes the buildings or structures, playgrounds, athletic fields, school vehicles or any other area of school property visited or used by pupils. "School site" does not include postsecondary educational facilities attended by secondary pupils or private day care or school facilities.

The Right to Know Notification requires schools to provide at least 72 hours' advance notice before any pesticide application on a campus.

In rare cases when pesticides must be used immediately to address a health or safety emergency, schools can apply them without the standard 72-hour advance notice.

However, the Healthy Schools Act requires that the school district designee make every effort to provide the required notification, even under emergency conditions.

Filing the Right to Know Pesticide Use Notification with your school's Main Office ensures that you will receive alerts before applications occur. This allows parents, guardians or teachers to make informed decisions on application days. Notification can be requested for any reason, not solely for known health concerns.

The Right to Know Pesticide Use Notification program began with the Los Angeles Unified School District's groundbreaking Integrated Pest

Management Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy in 1999. This policy embraces the precautionary principle, the idea that if an action or policy has a suspected risk of causing harm to the public or environment, precautionary measures should be taken, even without conclusive evidence. As part of this approach, Los Angeles Unified School District has not used Roundup for more than 20 years, setting an important precedent in protecting children's health. The success of the Los Angeles Unified School District's

Integrated Pest Management policy led directly to the passage of the California Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

The "Right to Know" notifications are a critical tool that ensure parents, guardians, teachers and staff remain informed, connected and empowered within their school community.

"For more information about pesticide application policies at your school, visit your school's website or contact the school or school district directly," said Robina Suwol, founder and executive director of California Safe Schools.

Learn more about the California Healthy Schools Act at https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/hsa_factsheet.pdf and see the full text at http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/99-00/bill/asm/ab_2251_2300/ab_2260_bill_20000927_chaptered.pdf.

The California Safe Schools website is <https://www.calisafe.org/> and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's website is <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>.

California Safe Schools is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of students, teachers, and school staff through education, advocacy, and policy initiatives that promote safe learning environments across California. California Safe Schools spearheaded the effort to create the Los Angeles Unified School District's celebrated Integrated Pest Management Policy in 1999 that led to California legislation such as the Healthy Schools Act. ★



Life-Saving Fight Against Stigma

Ostomy Awareness Campaign Ongoing

By Idaly Valencia

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Many people might not know the term “ostomy” but a Galt resident and a retired nurse have made it their mission to change that.

Dan “Dry Dock” Shockley, a retired U.S. Navy veteran, is raising awareness of his rare disease by advocating for policy and legislation, supporting research opportunities and educating medical students.

He has teamed up with retired ostomy nurse Joyce Moss, who has more than 40 years of experience, to lead a campaign focused on early colon cancer detection and ostomy surgery.

Shockley served 22 years in the Navy, including during the Persian Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired at 43 after a career that took him to ports around the world.

In 2012, a routine checkup when Shockley was 51 revealed a life-altering diagnosis: attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis, or AFAP, a hereditary colon-cancer mutation. He had no symptoms or family history.

“Both sides of the Shockley family, we have no idea where it came from,” he said.

A colonoscopy at the VA hospital in Oahu, Hawaii, led to genetic testing at Tripler Army Medical Center, which confirmed the diagnosis. The mutation was first identified by the late Dr. Henry T. Lynch, regarded as the founding father of hereditary cancer research. Shockley even met Lynch, who reviewed his case.

Doctors told Shockley that surgery was the only option, since untreated polyps carried a 100% chance of developing into colon cancer. He needed an ileostomy, a surgery that creates an opening, or stoma, in the abdomen to allow waste to exit the body when the colon or rectum cannot function properly.

“My mindset is, I tend not to think about things I’m not able to control, such as medical issues, but I can control my positive attitude,” said Shockley.

Shockley leaned on his military mindset to face the diagnosis and the surgery’s lifelong implications.

“The Marines’ mantra is adapt, improvise and overcome,” he said. “When I got diagnosed, I immediately went into battle mode in a positive way because I wanted to be able to take this on.”

Shockley underwent a six-hour surgery to remove a large tumor and now lives with a permanent ostomy.

He joked with his doctors, asking, “Did you find everything you were looking for?” and used humor to positively cope with the situation.

Thirteen years later, Shockley no longer faces the threat of colon cancer and calls himself a hereditary colon cancer syndrome warrior.

“I go about my life like I don’t have it,” said Shockley.

He continues long-term care at Stanford Cancer Center and undergoes surveillance every other year. Shockley also shares his story and genetic results with medical students nationwide at universities including Rutgers, Michigan, Vanderbilt and Stanford.

Shockley formed a close bond with Moss, his first ostomy nurse at the VA hospital in Mather. Together, they lead an awareness campaign to help reduce stigma around living with an ostomy and to emphasize the importance of early colon cancer detection.



From left are retired ostomy nurse Joyce Moss and Galt colon cancer warrior and ostomy advocate Dan “Dry Dock” Shockley. Photo by Idaly Valencia

Moss told The Galt Herald that there is a shortage of ostomy nurses, with about 6,000 nationwide compared to an estimated 750,000 to 1 million patients. Certified ostomy nurses, she said, prepare patients for the lifelong care required.

She emphasized that stigma could leave some patients feeling isolated, limiting themselves from social experiences.

“There are many ostomates who end up being homebound, not because of physics but because of emotion,” she said.

Moss also explained how the stigma often stems from cultural taboos.

“We don’t like to talk about the bathroom,” she said. “All of a sudden, you have this external pouch you’re wearing, and once you become accustomed to it, it very much becomes part of your life... it’s the fear of what others are going to think about it.”

A common problem is patients not knowing where to find help or what devices are available, Moss said, since every ostomate is different. Families might also be unprepared for aftercare, she said, recalling a veteran whose wife managed his

care until she fell ill. Their adult children had never been taught to help their father who was an ostomate.

“So it’s a matter of sharing that part of yourself that other people may not understand,” Moss said. “There are lots of things that make it difficult to talk about and

that’s the part that I think is really important, where people like Dan are really good about being open and sharing.”

In 2023, Shockley’s advocacy led to a California Senate concurrent resolution recognizing Oct. 7 as Ostomy Awareness Day. The resolution aligned with World Ostomy Day, observed every three years by the United Ostomy Associations of America.

On June 23, Senate Concurrent Resolution 73 was passed to establish June 16 to 22 as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week, the first in the country to pass as a resolution rather than a proclamation, Shockley said.

Sen. Roger Niello, who carried the resolution, said the effort is about compassion and visibility.

“It is important to foster understanding, reduce stigma and build a supportive community for those living with an ostomy,” Niello said. “With recognition such as this one, I hope people remember that compassion for our friends and neighbors with health challenges starts here at home.”

Niello credited Shockley for

inspiring the resolution.

“Mr. Shockley is the one that reached out to me and educated me about World Ostomy Day and I was inspired by the strength and resilience of individuals like him,” Niello said. “Many quietly navigate life with courage, and honoring this mission is my way of standing beside them and helping others see the dignity in their journey.”

When asked what advice he would give to someone newly diagnosed or preparing for ostomy surgery, Shockley said to be proactive.

“Ask lots of questions and talk to the medical professionals that are readily available that know about it... You know the old saying, there is no such thing as a stupid question,” Shockley said.

He also advises patients to contact the United Ostomy Associations of America, which offers resources online and by phone.

Shockley said his goal is to continue raising awareness and destigmatizing ostomies, carrying forward the legacy of Dr. Lynch.

“He was still researching up until a month before he passed away,” Shockley said. “When he passed away, I decided my focus needed to be educating medical students, virtually or in person, to continue his legacy.”

Now, Shockley and Moss are working with Niello on a third state Senate resolution recognizing World Ostomy Day on Oct. 4, observed every three years on the first Saturday in October.

More information and resources are available at the Carmichael Ostomy Association at coostomy.org and the United Ostomy Associations of America at ostomy.org.

Based in Carmichael, the Carmichael Ostomy Association has Zoom meetings from 10 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month with guest speakers and to discuss specific concerns, issues, suggestions and personal experiences. ★

Annual Brain Health Forum Open to Everyone

By Kevin Ruse

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - If someone you love has Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia, you know how hard it can be to navigate daily life, let alone think about long-term plans.

As caregivers to my mom, my brother and I lived our lives minute by minute as my mom declined and the disease progressed. Watching my mom struggle daily with simple tasks was frustrating but seeing her confusion and distress was utterly heartbreaking. I found myself helpless as I saw the fear in her eyes when she didn’t recognize my brother or understand what he was doing in her home.

In the beginning, mom navigated the memory loss with relative ease and even humor. But after my father passed, she lost her rock and her sense of home. That’s when my brother and I realized the tasks ahead of us were overwhelming. What worked for us on Monday failed on Tuesday. The learning curve was steep but we persevered daily.

What we needed was guidance, someone who has been through the experience and can provide simple but effective tips and tricks. When can I find the time to make dinner? Who will watch mom, so I can shop for groceries? How can I make the house safer for her to navigate? Should we discuss medications with her primary care physician?

That’s why the 10th annual Brain Health Forum the morning of Oct. 1 in Carmichael is a must-attend event for caregivers, family members and anyone facing memory challenges. The forum is open to residents in the Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova and Rio Linda area.

My mom passed more than 10 years ago but the impact of her disease has stayed with me. So much so that I, along with thousands of volunteers with the Alzheimer’s Impact Movement,



Dr. Ralph Carmona, living with Alzheimer’s for more than 10 years, will speak at the 10th annual Brain Health Forum. Photo courtesy of Kevin Ruse

vow to put an end to the suffering that often accompanies the disease, both for the patient and the caregiver. Many caregivers are related to the person with Alzheimer’s and know all too well that the risk for themselves is higher. You might wonder how much higher? Is it different between males and females? Is there some test I can take, like a blood test? Are there any medications available? Are they covered by insurance or Medicare? What about clinical trials? And perhaps,

most significantly, what are the evidence-based practices that can reduce my risk?

This year’s 10th annual Brain Health Forum will answer many of these questions. In addition, you will find numerous resource tables of local community organizations offering care support services and other programs. Need a meal quickly or on a regular basis? Need to install grab bars in the bathroom but are limited by finances or know how? If you’re unsure what help is even available

or how to begin, this is a no-pressure, welcoming space to explore your options and receive real, usable solutions.

One of the many highlights of this event is speaker Dr. Ralph Carmona, a remarkable advocate living with Alzheimer’s for more than 10 years. He is still teaching at a community college and recently completed the Boston Marathon at age 74. Carmona brings his energy, insight and first-hand experience to the stage to share how science, advocacy and

community can shape the future of brain health.

Learn how nine years ago, Carmona, because of an early diagnosis, participated in a clinical research trial for Leqembi, a new Alzheimer’s drug that he said stopped his symptoms from progressing. Leqembi is now approved by the Food and Drug Administration. While available to the public and covered by Medicare, patients must consult their physician to see if they fit the profile to be prescribed the medication. After hearing Carmona’s experience, I defy anyone to leave the forum without feeling immensely inspired and hopeful for the future.

Claire Day, Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter chief mission and program strategy officer, will present U.S. Pointer Study results. The study proves that positive, everyday actions can make a difference in brain health, and when combined into a program that targets multiple factors such as physical activity, improving nutrition, cognitive and social challenge, and health monitoring, we know it can have an even more powerful impact.

If you have questions about Alzheimer’s disease, clinical trials or current treatments, be sure to stay for the question-and-answer section featuring medical professionals, Alzheimer’s Association representatives and clinical trial participant Carmona. You won’t want to miss the drawing at the end, where prizes include health-related products and information about the Mind diet.

The 10th annual Brain Health Forum is presented by Congressman Ami Bera with the Alzheimer’s Association and is free to attend. Register for the event at forms.office.com/g/3GYejVprHV. The event is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 1 at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael. ★

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Maid 2 Perfection LLC., 348 Yampa Circle, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maid 2 Perfection" 348 Yampa Circle, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 13, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
MAID 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06350
Extra Hummus LLC, 2320 Sunrise Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Extreme Hummus" 2320 Sunrise Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 26, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
EXTREME 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06313
Clover Massage LLC, 5839 Manzanita Avenue Suite 9, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clover Massage" 5839 Manzanita Avenue Suite 9, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 25, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
CLOVER 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06235
Trademark By Dreu LLC. PO Box 3492, Antioch, CA 94531 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Purpose on Autopilot" 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 21, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
PURPOSE 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05970
Victor H Vargas, 10833 Folsom Boulevard Apt #338, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PPS – Professional Painting Services" 10833 Folsom Boulevard Apt #338, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 11, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
PROFESSIONAL 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06395
Mahon Enterprises LLC, 1609 Stewart Road, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Old Glory Hauling" 1609 Stewart Road, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 28, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
OLD 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06364
Christina Ann Reed, 2929 Routier Road #263, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LeeAnn's Health Care Service" 2929 Routier Road #263, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
LEEANNS 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05320
Saghar Pmah, 8820 Greenback Lane #J, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Saghar Threading" 8820 Greenback Lane #J, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 18, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SAGHAR 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05497
Melyssa Kuniye Welter, 8128 Lichen Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MKW Enterprises" 2007 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 25, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
MKW 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06422
Oleksandra Valdovinos, 6151 Shadow Lane Apt 218, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sabó Design" 6151 Shadow Lane Apt 218, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 29, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SABO 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06325
Max Tire and Auto Repair Inc, 3408 Northgate Boulevard Suite #7, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Max Tire and Auto Repair" 3408 Northgate Boulevard Suite #7, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 26, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
MAX 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05555
Sinan Al Adhami, 4671 River College Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sinan's Drafting Services" 4671 River College Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 28, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SINANS 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06329
Leada Omid, 2666 Cottage Way Apt 95, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Marya Fasion" 2413 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 26, 2025
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
MARYA 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06370
David Erdman, 2533 Fumint Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "X-Perit Fire Suppression Service" 2533 Fumint Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
XPERT 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06492
YF Services Inc, 3349 Gray Mare Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Freedom Fence and Gate" 3349 Gray Mare Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 3, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
FREEDOM 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05548
Mario Mejia, 11051 Cobblestone Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pristine Cleaning Solutions" 11051 Cobblestone Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 28, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
PRISTINE 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06461
Jesus Rios Courier LLC, 2110 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Process Server Of Downtown Sacramento/Process Server Of Rancho Cordova/Process Server Of Natomas" 2110 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 2, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
PROCESS 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06467
Kyler Jordan Treven Blair, 10195 Crawford Way Unit B, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Oathbound Entertainment" 10195 Crawford Way Unit B, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 2, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
OATHBOUND 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06418
Golden State Auto Deals LLC, 721 North B Street Suite 8, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden State Auto Deals LLC" 721 North B Street Suite 8, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 28, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
GOLDEN 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06343
Filippelli Enterprises LLC, 785 Orchard Drive, Suite 250, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CMIT Solutions Folsom" 785 Orchard Drive, Suite 250, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 26, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
CMIT 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06251
Sajid Vaid and Fhozia Vaid, 2612 El Camino Avenue, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bold N Bella" 2612 El Camino Avenue, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 22, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
BOLD 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06428
Azula LLC, 2975 S. Rainbow Boulevard Suite E, Las Vegas, NV 89146 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MBS Lending Group/Uni Gen Home Loans/Z Loans" 2975 S. Rainbow Boulevard Suite E, Las Vegas, NV 89146. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 29, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
MBS 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06376
Golden State Advisory Group LLC (CA) 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden State Capital Partners" 1345

Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
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GOLDEN 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06377
Social Growth Consulting LLC (CA) 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Social Funding Partners" 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
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SOCAL 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06378
LA Business Advisory Group LLC (CA) 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LA Capital Funding" 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
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LA 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06379
Pacific Growth Consulting LLC (CA) 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pacific Growth Funding" 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
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PACIFIC 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06380
Bay Area Strategy Group LLC (CA) 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bay Area Business Funding" 1345 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
BAY 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06522
Asia Renee Sandifer, 4130 Innovator Drive #3202, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Doodle Boogie Studios" 4130 Innovator Drive #3202, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 3, 2025
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DOODLE 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06346
Mariann Cosby, 5407 Bentley Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MFC Consulting" 5407 Bentley Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 26, 2025
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025
MFC 10-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06644
Sage Jackson, 5006 Robertson Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SCJ Mobile Auto Repair" 5006 Robertson Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
SCJ 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05826
Pan NorCal LLC, 225 Bush Street Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94104 - DE is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Panera Bread" 7901 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 6, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
PANERA 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06638
Dimitrios Razakis, 5915 26th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Horizon Painting" 5915 26th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
HORIZON 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05867
Legatum Mortgage LLC (organized in the state of WA)- Barry K Dale Jr (Owner) 715 SE Cass Avenue, Cass Avenue, Roseburg, OR 97471 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Legacy Oaks Mortgage" 980 W Fromadahl Drive, Roseburg, OR 97471. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 7, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
LEGACY 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06493
Susan Kay Marangi, 3254 Back Circle, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Perrigo Auto Sales" 3254 Back Circle, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 3, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
PERRIGO 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06189
Jose A Torres, 333 University Avenue Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Towers Tax Strategy" 333 University Avenue Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 20, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
TOWERS 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06317
First Castle Security Corp, 5052 Vallo Court, Sacramento, CA 94928 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Protective Services" 10 Main Avenue, Suite #1, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 25, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
SACRAMENTO 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06676
Vladimir D Sonnik, 10101 Monte Vallo Court, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sonnick Financial Solutions" 10101 Monte Vallo Court, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
SONNIK 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06203
Steamer Lane, LLC, 599 Menlo Drive, Suite 200, Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sierra Loma Assisted Living" 3950 Annadale Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 20, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
SIERRA 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06716
Onigiri Burger, 2621 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Onigiri Burger & Tacos" 2621 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
ONIGIRI 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06746
Adam Mott, 7140 Minoreess Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Triple Helix Enterprises" 7140 Minoreess Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 9, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
TRIPLE 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06803
Little Thunder Designs, LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Over The Bench/We R One/Kink U" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
OVER 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05473
Sunrise Health & Wellness Center, LLC, 1947 N California Street Suite C, Stockton, CA 95204 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunrise Health & Wellness Center, LLC" 10089 Folsom Boulevard, Suite A & C, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 24, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
SUNRISE 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06437
Karlee Hornell, 2108 N Street #13174, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Field Trip Consulting" 2108 N Street #13174, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 29, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
FIELD 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06768
LNM1968 LLC, 10940 White Rock Road, Suite 210, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LNM1968/ LNM1968 Photography" 3259 Sanbury Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
LNM 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06447
Delta Marine Sales, Inc., 1302 W. Fremont Street, Stockton, CA 95203 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Delta Marine Sales/Bay Yachts" 140 Brannan Island Road, Isleton, CA 95641. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 29, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
DELTA 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06556
Thomas Madsen, 2807 Chad Court, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Memo's Latinx California Cuisine" 501 Second Street #A, Island, CA 95641. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 12, 2025
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
DANISH 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06554
Oleg Vlasov, 7325 Cotillion Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NVN Transport" 7325 Cotillion Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 4, 2025
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NVN 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06893
Sergiy Ostroushchenko, 1342 Trevor Court, Roseville, CA 95678 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Starpom Services" 1342 Trevor Court, Roseville, CA 95678. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
STARPOM 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06827
McAtee Property Services, LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, Suite G2 #29279, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "High Tide Pools" 2156 Woodhead Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
HIGH 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06834
Team Totton LLC, 8142 San Remo Way Suite #6, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Guardian Angel Care Services" 8142 San Remo Way Suite #6, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
GUARDIAN 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06404
Carlos Gaytan, 6313 Creekcreek Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Overhead Door Express" 6313 Creekcreek Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 28, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
OVERHEAD 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06366
Karen Burleson, 35 Abbeywood Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wild Caught Bees" 35 Abbeywood Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025
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WILD 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06721
Robert Stone and Jennifer Stone, 25 South 3rd Street, Rio Vista, CA 94571 is doing business under the

Defendant Convicted of Sexually Assaulting Child

Carmichael Man Arrested in Child Exploitation Investigation

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Jagdish Chand was convicted on Sept. 4 by a jury of five counts of rape by force, fear, duress or menace; seven counts of oral copulation by force, fear, duress, or menace; two counts of sexual penetration by foreign object by force, fear, duress, or menace; and two counts of lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under age 14.

Chand knew the victim's family. When the victim was approximately 7 years old, Chand sexually assaulted her. When the victim was approximately 13 years old, he began to forcibly rape her on a regular basis.

The victim tried to fight Chand off but he overpowered her. Chand threatened to hurt her and a member of her family if she did not comply. Chand also forced her to orally copulate him and used different sex toys on her.

Chand faces a maximum sentence of 118 years in state prison. Sentencing is set for 11 a.m. Oct. 3 in Department 20 before the Honorable Michael Sweet.

Under current California law, Chand (age 68) will become eligible for release at an Elder Parole hearing once he only serves 20 years of his 118 years prison sentence. With his in-custody credits, that will be in about 17 ½ years. ★

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Highway Patrol (CHP) investigators arrested a 61-year-old Carmichael man after uncovering thousands of files of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) during a search of his home.

On Sept. 5, officers from the CHP's Computer Crimes Investigation Unit (CCIU) served a search warrant at the residence of Mark Lewis Lynn. Investigators seized electronic devices containing more than 1,800 child sexual abuse material files and discovered evidence that tens of thousands of files had been downloaded.

Following the arrest, a member of the Sacramento Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force helped CHP investigators question the suspect.

Lynn was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on charges related to child sexual abuse material possession.

"CHP investigators acted quickly and effectively, leading to the arrest of this suspect," Chief Josh Ehlers said. "Safeguarding children from exploitation

remains one of our top priorities, and this case demonstrates our unwavering commitment to pursuing justice and protecting the most vulnerable."

The CHP's Computer Crimes Investigation Unit investigates computer-facilitated crimes and provides digital forensic support to law enforcement agencies statewide. The unit conducts proactive child exploitation investigations, focusing on individuals who download or distribute large volumes of child sexual abuse material in an attempt to avoid detection.

With added staffing and resources, the CHP's Computer Crimes Investigation Unit has expanded its capacity to conduct proactive surveillance, carry out search warrants, and recover digital evidence. The unit also collaborates with the Sacramento Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to fight the increasing use of the internet to sexually exploit children.

The CHP remains committed to protecting children and delivering the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to California communities. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06999
Smart Auto Dismantling LLC, 3569 Recycle Road Suite 10, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Smart Auto Dismantling and Auto Parts" 3569 Recycle Road Suite 10, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 17, 2025
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SMART 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06998
Blue Sky Auto Dismantling LLC, 3569 Recycle Road Suite 16, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Sky Auto Dismantling and Auto Parts" 3569 Recycle Road Suite 16, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 17, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
BLUE 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06699
Floor Hounds LLC, 630 Cunard Drive, Napa, CA 94558 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TL Floor and Design" 9941 Horn Road Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
TL 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06769
Roxana Hargrove, 3943 Nicklaus Place, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hargrove Professional Services" 3943 Nicklaus Place, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
HARGROVE 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05872
Akaalias LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Equalizer" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 7, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
EQUALIZER 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06234
Sergiy Pysarenko, 7344 Thalia Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Profix Handyman" 7344 Thalia Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 21, 2025
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PROFIX 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06053
Black Star Auto LLC, 3512 Husch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Black Star Auto" 3512 Husch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 13, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
BLACK 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06673
Capitol Impact Consulting, LLC, 1610 R Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capitol Impact, LLC" 1610 R Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
CAPITOL 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06176
The Non-GMO Project (CA) PO Box 5606, Bellingham, WA 98227 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Non-UPF Verified/Food Integrity Collective" 19 Bellwether Way #201, Bellingham, WA 98225. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 19, 2025
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025
NON 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06884
Big Brother Auto Sales Inc, 3513 Recycle Road Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brothers Auto Parts" 3527 Recycle Road #B, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2025
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BROTHERS 10-17-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV020085

Monique Larese Mosley Wells has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Monique Larese Mosley Wells to Muffin Teresita Garrett.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 25, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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WELLS 9-26-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV019512

Angelina Gerbasi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Angelina Kathleen Gerbasi to Angelina Kathleen D'Angelo.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 28, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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GERBASI 9-26-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV020398

Mawluddin Muslimyar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mawluddin Muslimyar to Mawluddin Behzad and Zarifa Rahimi to Zarifa Behrad.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 27, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
MUSLIMYAR 9-26-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV020384

Lo Huu Nguyen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lo Huu Nguyen to Vinnie Huu Nguyen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 27, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
NGUYEN 9-26-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV019717

Enayatullah Nawabi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Enayatullah Nawabi to Enayatullah Tahiri and Nazyla Nawabi to Nazyla Tahiri and Somaya Nawabi to Somaya Tahiri.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 21, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
NAWABI 9-26-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV016731

Meleena Kamela Maharaj-Robinson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Meleena Kamela Maharaj-Robinson to Meleena Kamela Maharaj.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: July 14, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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ROBINSON 10-10-25

54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 5, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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DEJOHNETTE 10-10-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV021479

Tuan Tu Truong and Thi Chan Nguyen on Behalf of Thi Thanh Truc Truong, A Minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Thi Thanh Truc Truong to Nancy Thanh Truong.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 10, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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TRUONG 10-10-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV020845

Monique Lynette Morris has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Malachi Deshawn Morris to Malachi Lorenzo Murphy.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 3, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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MORRIS 10-10-25

STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV016731

Meleena Kamela Maharaj-Robinson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Meleena Kamela Maharaj-Robinson to Meleena Kamela Maharaj.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: July 14, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 2025
ROBINSON 10-10-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD JOSEPH CONTER CASE NO. 25PR003064

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Doris Martin Parker.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows October 7, 2025, 1:30 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Lisa Liu, 2999 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 180, Roseville, CA 95661; 916-619-2349
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PARKER 9-26-25

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DORIS MARTIN PARKER CASE NO. 25PR002976

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

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Can it be that the NBA preseason is upon us, and less than two weeks away? Yes, Kings fans, it's nearly time to don those jerseys and break out the rally towels once again.

Much has been said about the lack of moves the Kings have made during the offseason, and the numbers don't lie.

Aside from shoring up the point guard position with the acquisition of veteran Dennis Schroder, Sacramento has only the draft to look back on as it relates to adding talent to this year's squad.

Much discussion about adding Russell Westbrook to the team, and a constant dialogue about acquiring Jonathan Kuminga from the Golden State Warriors, but as of today, neither of those transactions has been consummated.

Do the Sacramento Kings really need those two players to be successful this year? You bet they do, and Scott Perry is on the hot seat before he literally has a chance to sit down. This is the life of an NBA general manager, and it's what he signed up for.

Obviously, there are other players besides Westbrook and Kuminga that could add talent to the current squad, but for now if we can believe what we hear and read, the focus remains on these two veterans to boost our winning chances.

Fans and Pundits are looking askance at the Kings in general, so what are the glaring needs that can silence the critics and get the Sacramento Kings out of the gate on a winning note?

Front court help remains the most pressing need, and athletic big men are a tough commodity to come by, particularly this late in the off season.

Watching 6'9" Trey Lyles quietly walk out the back door after four plus years with the Kings made no sense, and losing a proven veteran was a gut punch to those of us that appreciated what Lyles brought to the court every night. Mistake, yes, I believe it was a definite mistake, but the Kings will have to move on and try to find someone to replace those missing minutes going forward.

Isaac Jones has been waiting for an opportunity to log more minutes, and this may be the chance he has been

looking for. But even if Isaac steps up and plays well, the Sacramento Kings are still in need of front-court help.

Apparently, the pressing issue that has stalled trade talks with Jonathan Kuminga, has been the Kings reluctance to giving the Warriors a 1st round unrestricted free agent in the package.

The Kings have been willing to offer up a first round draft pick, but it comes with restrictions.

I believe the time has come to acquiesce and give the Warriors the unrestricted 1st round pick they're looking for. Kuminga is worth it, and his upside is huge.

On paper this just doesn't seem to be a difficult decision, so I'm baffled that the Kings don't see the obvious upside to pulling the switch.

The energy that the Kuminga trade would bring to Sacramento is incalculable, but rest assured it wouldn't hurt ticket sales!

As fans we can only go by what's reported and what we read, but for this writers money, do what is necessary to put the name of Jonathan Kuminga on the roster, and let's start the 2025/2026 season of a high note.

I also support adding aging veteran Russell Westbrook, largely because he has a reputation for being an excellent team player and would add a presence in the locker room that is hard to measure. In addition, Westbrook looks and plays like he did ten years ago, and whether occasionally starting or coming off the bench, there is no doubt in my mind that Westbrook will be a welcome addition that will bring with it wins.

Is there a surprise in store that no ones heard or read about? Probably, and let's hope that Scott Perry has done his homework and has just such a surprise in store for the Kings faithful.

Don't lose heart, Kings fans because it's always darkest before the dawn.

Stay tuned and get ready, because NBA basketball is right around the corner!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

Should I Claim Social Security Early Because it is Going Bankrupt?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately. Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible? **Signed: Uncertain what to do.**

Dear Uncertain: Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being

used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security, and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are confident that Congress will soon address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt. That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation,

considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision, and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need, and marital status.

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The Siren Song of Despair

Charlie Kirk was a one-man answer to campus illiberalism. He rose to prominence at a time when university administrators and progressive students were working in league to make campuses no-go zones for conservatives.

They effectively banned them from their faculties. They didn't invite them on campus, or if they did, they were liable to disinvite and cancel them. They banned so-called hate speech. They shouted down speakers they didn't like. They created "safe spaces." In short, they did everything they could to render the opposing point of view illegitimate and indefensible.

Kirk showed not only that it was possible to punch through these obstacles and get a hearing, but to win the argument despite them.

He created a student movement that he leveraged into a huge, multi-faceted organization and that he mobilized to vote in 2024, to great political effect.

He was provocative, occasionally outlandish and sometimes wrong, but always interesting and brave.

His events on campus should be viewed as a public service. All of the best, most creative college deans could have gotten together to figure out how to routinely get thousands of energized students to

events about public affairs, and never managed it. No worries. Kirk figured it out for them. That he was shot while he engaged in an act of peaceful persuasion makes his murder all the more devastating.

Kirk wasn't a literary figure, but his assassination was a little like, say, William F. Buckley or James Baldwin getting gunned down in the midst of their famous 1965 debate at the Cambridge Union.

What Kirk was doing drew on some of the finest traditions of civilized life. Gathering on a hill to hear people speak and argue, like what we saw at Utah Valley University prior to the shot ringing out, is as old as the Pnyx in ancient Athens.

The university as a battleground of ideas, with clashing worldviews vying for influence, goes back to the Middle Ages. Founded in 1231, the University of Paris quickly became "a forum where great questions of theology, society, and government were analyzed and answered," writes historian Dan Jones.

More fundamentally, language and abstract reasoning make us distinctly human; violence, the tool of brutes, does not. What are young people on the right to conclude from the horror at Utah Valley? Progressives viewed Kirk as a "MAGA troll" (as a New Republic headline put it in the immediate aftermath of his shooting), but for his fans, he was a figure of hope and inspiration.

It's also important to realize that Kirk worked diligently and effectively to bring disaffected kids into mainstream politics.

He pushed back against anti-semitism and other poisonous influences. The far-right envied and hated him.

It would be natural for Utah Valley to become the Right's equivalent of Kent State in the 1970s, a shattering experience, and a radicalizing one.

Charlie Kirk did it the right way, and now he's gone. He espoused the Christian faith, and what did it get him? He believed in open debate, and it left him defenseless unto his enemies. He did his enemies the favor of taking their arguments seriously, whereas (presumably) one of them used a bullet to silence him forever.

To quit on persuasion, though, is the counsel of despair. Political violence in a free society is always wrong. There's no substitute for convincing our fellow citizens, and we should also assume -- as Kirk did, even with the odds stacked heavily against him -- that they can be convinced by good arguments made sincerely and passionately.

Kirk's murder will long be remembered as a symbol of the irrationality and hatred of this era, with, one fears, worse to come. His life's work, on the other hand, is a testament to how one person can, with enough pluck and talent, move the needle of our politics.

Kirk fought back against illiberalism, and his supporters -- when the shock and grief subsides -- should be equally committed to his mission.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Sky-High Living Costs Afford It the Nation's Highest Poverty Label - Again



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year's presidential election underscored, particularly to Democrats, that the costs of living were a major factor in the outcome.

Inflation had increased sharply during Joe Biden's presidency, and voters' angst about rising prices worked against Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign to succeed him in the White House.

Not surprisingly, therefore, when the California Legislature opened its 2025 session, its dominant Democrats declared that they would focus on taming the state's notoriously high costs for housing, fuel, utilities and other necessities of modern life.

The session ended last week and as it did, by happenstance, the Census Bureau reported that California once again has the nation's highest "supplemental" rate of poverty when its living costs are included in calculations over a three-year period.

California's rate, 17.7%, means that nearly 7 million of its residents are impoverished, 5 percentage points higher than the national rate and tied with Louisiana. The lowest rate is 6.7% in Maine.

California's rate is also 2.3 percentage points higher than it was in the Census Bureau's previous three-year calculation, implying that its living costs vis-à-vis incomes had

increased markedly.

The situation is even gloomier in a report last month from the Public Policy Institute of California and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality.

Using methodology similar to that of the Census Bureau, they calculate that 16.9% of Californians were poverty-stricken in 2023 and another 17.9% were near-poor. That translates into 13.2 million Californians struggling to put roofs over their heads, food on the tables, fuel in their cars and electric power in their appliances and light fixtures.

Los Angeles County, which has about 25% of the state's population, has the highest poverty rate of any county, 19.9%. Poverty in the Central Coast region is nearly as high at 19.3%, while Sacramento has the state's lowest rate, 13%.

Another data point about poverty in California is found in the newly enacted state budget. It declares that 14.9 million Californians are enrolled in Medi-Cal, the state's health care program for the poor.

So, one might wonder, did the Legislature's 2025 session deliver on promises to reduce the costs of living?

Legislative leaders claim some success.

"We went big," Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, said in a summary of the session's work. "We produced results. We delivered historic progress — on housing, on energy, on climate, on health care, and on human rights. And that progress is something every one of us can be proud of."

"And while our work is not finished fixing California's housing system,

this year marked a turning point in California's housing story," Rivas continued. "And today, we also advanced the most significant energy package in years. We passed measures that will deliver real relief for families on their electricity bills. We took action to stabilize gas supplies, to prevent price shocks — while keeping health and environmental protections in place."

By easing what had been a crackdown on gasoline refiners and sanctioning more oil production, legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom say they are avoiding a gasoline supply crisis that could send costs soaring as the state shifts to a zero-emission economy. Two refineries have already announced closure plans, and Chevron has dropped hints that it could abandon its Richmond refinery.

By integrating California's electric power grid with those of other Western states, the elected officials say, shortages of electric power will be mitigated.

By reducing impediments to housing development, they say, higher levels of construction will moderate increases in rents and home prices.

Whether any of these legislative efforts actually lower or at least stabilize Californians' living costs won't be known for months, or even years. Meanwhile, California's high poverty rate will continue to be a civic embarrassment.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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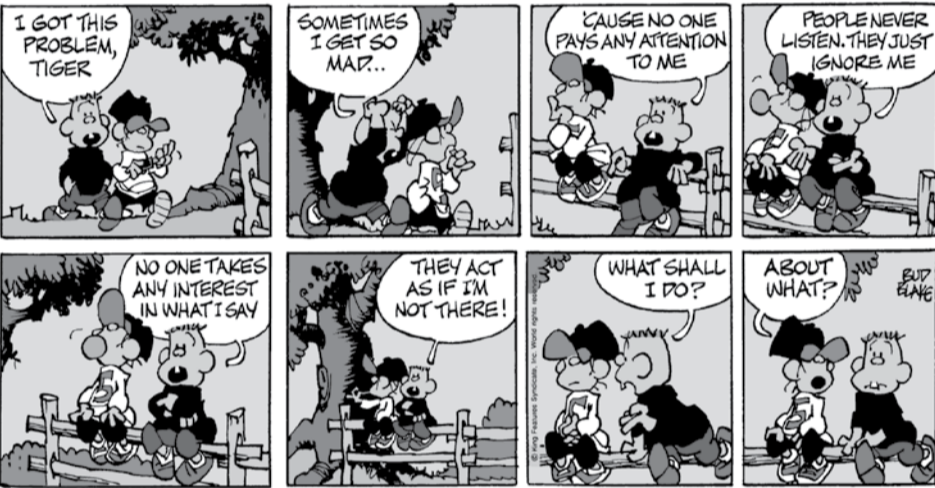
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 18. Alaska native
 19. *The heaviest metal
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 23. *Jersey Shore* network, acr.
 24. Move like parasailor
 25. Pick up, as in a criminal
 28. Z, NATO phonetic alphabet
 30. "A ship without ___," or one without purpose
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 37. Nessie's turf
 39. Sweating room
 40. Cyberspace soliloquy
 41. *Gold
 43. Foul substance
 44. Ruled
 46. Dish out
 47. Belgium's currency
 48. Lands (2 words)
 50. Indira Gandhi's dress
 52. ___ Without Hats, band
 53. Sheltered nook
 55. Gross National Product
 57. *Majority of elements on periodic table
 60. *Iron
 63. Fortune teller's card
 64. Anger
 66. Saharan rest stop, e.g.
 68. Venerated paintings
 69. Acquired
 70. Beside, archaic
 71. Curious
 72. Professional basketball league, acr.
 73. Paterfamilias, tenderly
- DOWN**
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 5. Prosecco cocktail
 6. Position of leadership
 7. George Gershwin's brother
 8. Village People's "___ Man"
 9. Island near Java
 10. Stead
 11. Reproductive cell
 12. Kind of nurse
 15. The Beatles' "I Am the ___"
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Smagina New Women's Tennis Assistant Coach

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Former Kansas and Washburn University standout Sonia Smagina joins the California State University, Sacramento women's tennis program as an assistant coach, head coach Sophie Breault announced Sept. 15.

The former assistant coach, Jack Maddocks, resigned to take the associate head coach position at Kansas for 2025-26.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Sonia to our coaching staff," Breault said. "She's a highly-motivated, driven and competitive coach who brings valuable experience from her playing career at Kansas and her coaching tenure at Washburn University. She knows what it takes to compete at the highest level and will help elevate our program and develop our student-athletes."

Smagina joins the Hornets after serving as an assistant tennis professional at the Eugene Swim & Tennis Club in Oregon for the last nine months following a decorated collegiate career with the Jayhawks and Ichabods.

The Penza, Russia native rose through the junior ranks to earn a spot on the roster at Kansas, where she was a four-year letter winner from 2018 to 2022. She was named to the All-Big 12 Freshman Team following her debut season when she finished a combined 17-4 in singles and 16-5 in doubles play, also picking up second-team all-conference honors in seconds and first-team doubles laurels.

The Jayhawks won the Big 12 Conference Tournament that



An All-American in both singles and doubles play, Sonia Smagina was also named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Player of the Year and was a first-team all-conference selection in both singles and doubles. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

year, eventually advancing to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament Round of 16 at Stanford before falling.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Smagina posted a 7-4 singles record at the No. 1 spot in the Jayhawks' lineup as a sophomore, including posting three wins over nationally ranked opponents before the season came to a premature end.

The next season, Smagina split time at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions, finishing 7-11 overall while winning five

matches in doubles play, then followed that up the next year by winning 16 matches overall, 10 of those during the spring season at the No. 3 spot in the lineup, while posting 12 more in doubles competition and helping Kansas to another National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament berth.

After graduating with her degree in liberal arts and sciences, Smagina completed her final season of eligibility at Division II Washburn University in nearby Topeka, Kan., in

2022-23, posting a 30-3 singles record and a 26-5 mark in doubles play, eventually earning a No. 1 national ranking in singles and ranked as high as No. 5 in the country in doubles.

The 30 singles victories were the second-most in the history of the program at the time, while the 26 doubles triumphs were the sixth-most in a season.

An All-American in both singles and doubles play, Smagina was also named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Player

of the Year and was a first-team all-conference selection in both singles and doubles. She was also the Division II Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Cup national runner-up during the fall, won the ITA Central Region Division II singles championship, and was a finalist for the region's doubles crown.

Following her playing career, Smagina served one season as a graduate assistant coach at Washburn for both the men's and women's programs while concurrently pursuing her MBA degree. Smagina helped the Ichabod women finish 20-6 overall for the program's first 20-win season since 2018-19, with seven victories over ranked opposition and a third consecutive trip to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. The team reached as high as No. 3 in the national rankings, the highest in program history.

On the men's side, Smagina helped the Washburn squad to a 20-5 overall record and an undefeated MIAA mark, making an appearance at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national championships for the second straight season and advancing to the round of 16. During the fall, the Ichabods claimed a regional singles title, the program's first ITA Cup national title in doubles, and a berth in the Division II fall national championships.

Smagina compiled 12 singles and 23 career doubles wins on the International Tennis Federation pro circuit, ranked as high as No. 1,012 in the world in singles and No. 576 in doubles. ★

Butler Nominated for Roberto Clemente Award



Lawrence Butler's nomination highlights a season defined by leadership and impact beyond the diamond for the Athletics. Photo by Seth Henderson

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Major League Baseball announced that Lawrence Butler has been named the Athletics' nominee for the 2025 Roberto Clemente Award, one of the most prestigious honors in the sport.

The Roberto Clemente Award annually recognizes the Major League player who best represents the game of baseball through extraordinary character, community involvement, philanthropy and positive contributions on and off the field.

Butler's nomination highlights a season defined by leadership and impact beyond the diamond. Through the L4W Foundation,

Butler has created opportunities for inner-city youth by providing financial education, elite baseball training and meaningful mentorship.

Butler has also been an active presence in the Sacramento community, participating in events including Nike RBI Camps, hospital visits at UC Davis Children's Hospital and MLB's Dream Series.

The Athletics were proud to honor Butler during a pregame ceremony on Sept. 23, after press time.

There are 30 nominees for the Roberto Clemente Award. A's fans can help celebrate Butler's impact by casting their vote online for the Roberto Clemente Award winner at MLBTogether.com/clementeaward through Sept. 28. ★

Palmatier Picks Up Second Big Sky Weekly Honor



Folsom native Izzy Palmatier won her first award of the year on Aug. 26, following her shutout of Oregon, to open the Outrigger Soccer Kickoff in Honolulu, finishing with eight saves in Sacramento State's 1-0 victory. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the second time this season and the fifth time in her California State University, Sacramento soccer career, junior goalkeeper Izzy Palmatier was named the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 16 after helping the Hornets shut out CSUN on the road last week.

The Folsom native won her first award of the year back on Aug. 26 following her shutout of Oregon to open the Outrigger Soccer Kickoff in Honolulu, finishing with eight saves in Sacramento State's 1-0 victory.

Palmatier's five defensive player of the week awards rank tied for second in school history alongside Savannah Abercrombie (2008-11) and trails only Aailyah Fesili (2017, 2019-20) for the most by an individual in program history.

Against their future Big West Conference rivals, Palmatier went the distance and finished with seven saves against the Matadors, helping the Hornets clinch only the fourth

win over CSUN in 12 all-time meetings and the first-ever in Northridge in a series that dates back to 1996 when the two programs were Big Sky rivals.

Four of Palmatier's seven stops came in the first half as Sacramento State grabbed a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute and would not relinquish it. Palmatier's final three saves came in the last 11 minutes against a CSUN squad pressing for the equalizer, preserving the team's third shutout of the season.

With her seven saves, Palmatier solidified her hold on fifth place on the school's all-time list with 215, needing just three more to match Fesili on the career chart. Palmatier's 14th career shutout gave her sole possession of third on the school's career chart, standing four shy of Fesili on that list for second place.

The junior entered the week leading the Big Sky in total saves (39), saves per match (6.50), and save percentage (.848), while standing second in overall shutouts (3) and fourth with a 1.27 goals against average, as of press time. ★

Hastings Joins Republic FC as Partnerships Vice President

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As preparations for Republic Stadium at the Railyards are in full swing, the club announced the addition of Brian Hastings to its executive team on Aug. 28.

Through the club's strategic partnership with Elevate, Hastings is the first hire in a new team brought on to support partnerships, including naming rights and identifying founding level stadium sponsors, along with other revenue-generating

opportunities at the team's new stadium.

"I'm thrilled to join the front office of Sacramento Republic FC at such a pivotal moment in the club's history," Hastings said. "With the new stadium on the horizon, it's an exciting time to help shape the future of the franchise, continue developing authentic community-driven partnerships and a stadium that is truly transformative for Sacramento."

Hastings comes to the Indomitable Club with decades of sales experience. He got his start in sports with the San Francisco Giants in 2011 as

the senior manager of media sales and sponsorship, driving multimillion-dollar sponsorship sales with iconic brands, including Carmax and McDonald's.

In 2016, Hastings made the move to Sacramento Kings as the director of corporate partnership sales during the team's transition from Sleep Train Arena to Golden 1 Center.

"Brian's experience and passion for fostering meaningful and innovative partnerships will help us continue to set the standard for what USL (United Soccer League) teams can do in both the stadium

and the community," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "Thank you to our partners at Elevate for leading the search to find the right fit for this important role."

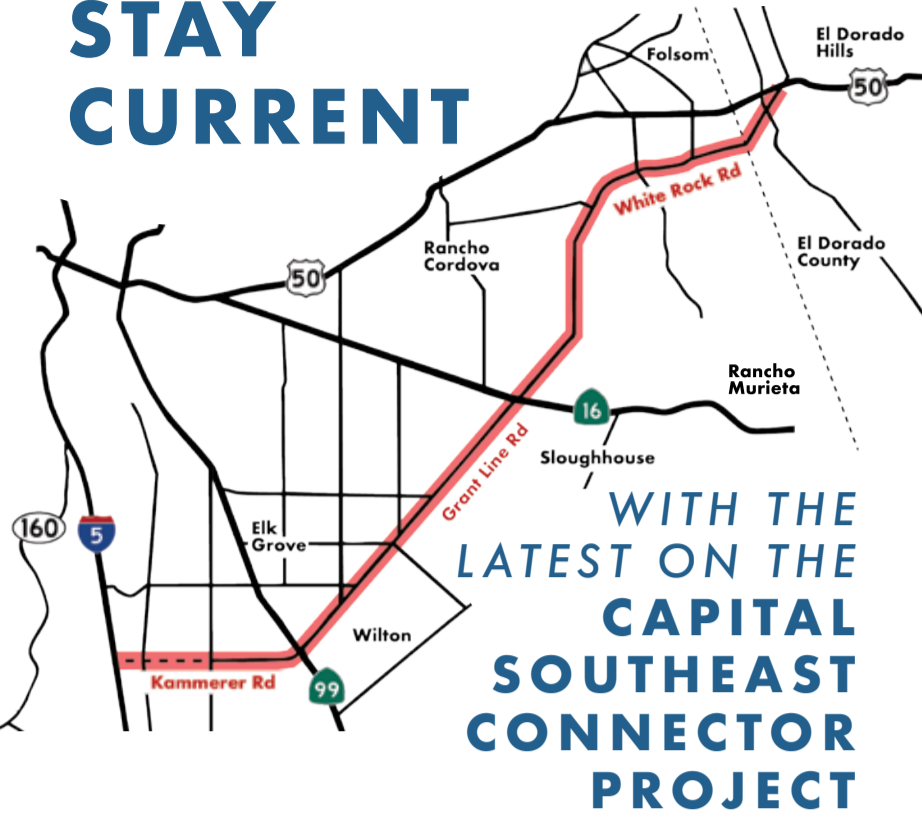
Hastings later stepped into the role as vice president of business development at Pivot Agency in 2018, where he directed sales strategies for major league sports teams and collegiate institutions. Most notably during this time, Pivot successfully sold the naming rights to San Jose State's basketball arena as well as the stadium for the San Jose Sharks'

minor league team.

Hastings most recently served as the general manager of CIF Sports Properties. He spearheaded statewide sales and activation efforts, setting record-breaking revenue for high school sports programs in California. His team launched innovative sales platforms addressing societal issues such as financial literacy and mental health, while also engaging new sponsors aligned with community-driven values.

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