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Country Faire Lasts for Two-Days, a First in its 12-Year History



A red tractor and a historic red fire engine sit on the lawn of Depot Park in Rio Linda, in between multiple vendors at the 12th annual Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire.

**Story and photos
by Seth Henderson**

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - With the sound of cannons roaring, the smell of food trucks in the air and vendors as far as the eye can see, thousands of patrons were freely admitted to the 12th annual Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire at Depot Park on Sept. 20 and 21.

For the first time in the fair's history, it was expanded from a one-day event to a two-day event, with many organizers and participants citing the significant and exponential growth of the fair's attendance each year.

Various faire attendees of all ages meandered through the canopies of more than 150 vendors that lined the lawn of



Twenty-year-old Avi Chand (left), a graduate of Rio Linda High School, sits with eighth-grader Jacob Lanchinebre in a historic Rio Linda fire engine at the original Rio Linda Fire Station across from Depot Park on Sept. 20.

Depot Park and the parking lot of the park district, featuring resources, local businesses, craft-makers,

inventors, foodies, farmers and raffles.

Tonya Haddix, president
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Fire Stations and Restorations

Historic Rio Linda Fire Station 111 Holds Mechanical Memories

By Seth Henderson

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Built with funds from the World War II era, the Rio Linda Fire Department's original fire station, Station No. 111, still stands today across the street from Depot Park, housing a restoration project of the firehouse and its original fire engines, more than 80 years later.

Joint efforts from multiple organizations facilitate the project's progress, including the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District, as well as passionate individuals who started their firefighting career at that station and others known as the Restoration Crew, which is made up of at least 10 members.

The original fire station, built around 1945 by firefighters, is owned by Sacramento Metro Fire and leased to the parks district, which facilitates the restoration to the RLE Foundation



Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Battalion Chief of Battalion 5, Brian Gonsalves (left), speaks with Restoration Crew member and retired Rio Linda Fire Department firefighter, Roger Mitchell, inside the historic Rio Linda Fire Department fire station across from Depot Park in August. Photo by Seth Henderson

for the Future. The foundation raises funds for recreational programs and the restoration of Rio Linda's second fire truck, Historic Fire Engine No. 2. The Restoration Crew is composed of current and former associates of the

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District as well as former members of the Rio Linda Fire Department from before the Sacramento Metro merger in 2000.

One Restoration Crew member, Roger Mitchell, a retired Rio Linda Fire

Department firefighter and Rio Linda resident, said he has been working with retired Rio Linda teacher and sports coach Hal Morris and others from the Restoration Crew to fully-restore a historic

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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. ★

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Peaking Prices at the Pump

Sacramento–Area
New Home Sales
Moving Upward

Story and photo
by Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - According to the Division of Petroleum Market Oversight (DPMO), California’s gasoline retail prices have risen approximately 16 cents per gallon since Aug. 15, with refinery closures prompting more price-hikes.

The Division of Petroleum Market Oversight is an independent agency within the California Energy Commission established in 2023 by Senate Bill X1-2, designated as the “watchdog agency overseeing the oil and gasoline industry,” according to the agency’s website.

Division of Petroleum Market Oversight monitors California’s gasoline spot market, the market in which fuel is bought and sold in bulk.

Gas prices in the Sacramento Metropolitan Area, including Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado counties, are about eight cents cheaper than the state’s average, which sits at about \$4.65 per gallon, according to AAA’s website last week. The national average, as of Sept. 19, is \$3.19 per gallon, nearly a \$1.50 per gallon difference.

Due to incidents and planned closures within the next year, California’s oil refinery production is slated to significantly decrease, according to a University of California, Davis Economists report, causing the state’s prices to rise \$2.50 above the national average.

The economists wrote that California could see a \$1.21 increase in gasoline prices after the closure of two refineries producing nearly 20% of the state’s gasoline.

A Martinez Refining Company fire in February reportedly led to an operator error that caused hydrocarbon material to quickly catch fire, according to JEM Advisors, a third-party company hired to determine the fire’s source. The Phillips 66 refinery in Wilmington and the Valero refinery in Benicia that make up approximately 17% of the state’s refining capacity are scheduled to close before next summer.



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According to the Division of Petroleum Market Oversight, gas prices rose after the Martinez Refining Company fire but prices stabilized after imports exceeded 170,000 barrels per day.

UC Davis economists estimate gasoline’s price elasticity, the percentage increase in price equilibrium in response to a given reduced percentage of gasoline supply, saying “a 16.9% decrease in capacity (the share of the two closing refineries) will result in an approximately 28% increase in the gasoline price after the market reaches its new equilibrium.”

Gasoline demand increased, nationally, whereas the national production supply of domestically produced gasoline decreased, according to the Energy Information Administration.

A Division of Petroleum Market Oversight letter addressed to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire and Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas on Sept. 16 said, “... It appears that strong

gasoline and blending component imports have played a critical role in keeping wholesale and retail prices stable through the spring and summer. According to CEC and U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) data, California received 18 million barrels of gasoline and blending component imports (averaging 150,000 barrels per day) between February and May 2025, peaking at 5.7 million barrels (184,000 barrels per day) in March 2025.”

The Division of Petroleum Market Oversight encourages consumers to shop around for less expensive gasoline because all gasoline sold in California is required to adhere to strict Air Resources Board standards, irrespective of whether the gasoline is branded or unbranded. California’s gasoline has strict regulations, requiring cleaning additives or detergents to protect engine performance and reduce emissions.

“DPMO is not aware of public evidence confirming that branded gasoline outperforms unbranded or generic gasoline in California,” the division’s letter said. ★

North State Building
Industry Association
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the Sacramento region continued moving upwards in August, with 496 sales reported by members of the North State Building Industry Association – the highest total since February.

Tim Murphy, the BIA’s President and CEO, attributed the strong showing to a combination of slightly lower interest rates and the valuable incentives being offered by many builders.

“Mortgage interest rates continue to slowly move downward and are now at their lowest point since last October,” Murphy said. “As Robert Dietz, the chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders, told our members last week, as prospective buyers see rates get close to 6%, we’re likely to see a significant increase in sales. As rates have inched below 6.5%, we may be seeing that trend already getting underway.”

“In addition, many builders are continuing to offer a range of incentives designed to make buying a home more affordable, and those deals are clearly making a difference as well,” Murphy said.

August’s sales totals were well above the historical monthly average of

409 sales during the month and up 3% from July. However, due to July being a five-week month, basic sales were up nearly 30% from the prior month on a weekly basis. Sales were down 18% from August 2024, but because that also was a five-week month, weekly sales year-over-year were almost even.

Rancho Cordova led all area submarkets with 91 sales, followed by Roseville with 87, Elk Grove with 74, Sacramento with 64, and Natomas with 40. Rounding out the top 10 were Plumas Lake (31), Lincoln (30), El Dorado Hills (29), Granite Bay (9) and Galt (8). For more statistical information, see charts below.

BIA statistics covered 198 new home communities reported by members in Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

The North State BIA is the leading advocate for the home building industry in the greater Sacramento region. Representing more than 500 members who provide 55,000 industry jobs, the North State BIA is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members, while also working to enhance the industry’s standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org ★

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Fire Stations and Restorations

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the fire engine that originally serviced the community nearly 100 years ago.

“If it wasn’t for Les Crane and him saving a lot of paperwork and stuff, we wouldn’t know a lot of this stuff,” Mitchell said. “So Les Crane deserves a whole lot of credit for the paperwork of the building here being War Powers Act money.”

Crane was an autobody and fender man in the North Sacramento area, owning his small business in Del Paso Heights, then Rio Linda, according to his obituary. Crane was also a volunteer firefighter with the Rio Linda Fire Department, becoming Rio Linda’s sixth fire chief in 1966 after making assistant chief. He retired from the department in 1975 and died in 2004.

When Sac Metro Fire

was formed in 2000, the Rio Linda Fire District’s station became Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Station No. 111.

Battalion Chief of Sac Metro’s Battalion 5, Brian Gonsalves, said that Station No. 111 was one of the first stations he trained at after joining the district.

Gonsalves said that he had wedding photos taken while on Rio Linda’s first fire engine that ever operated out of the station, “Old Betsy,” which recently received its commemorative 100-year plaque for the Northern California Horseless Carriage Club at the modern Station No. 111’s open house on Sept. 6.

Rio Linda’s second fire engine is receiving a full period-correct restoration with a few upgrades but nearly identical to how the truck arrived at the station all those years ago, the

Restoration Crew said. The truck received intricate artwork, hand painted by a professional artist. Body work and machining that could not be done in-house was outsourced to professional shops to ensure a high-quality restoration.

Earlier this summer, Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez, announced that approximately 25% of the annual funding allocation of her nonprofits will support organizations such as \$5,000 directly to the RLE Foundation for the Future for the restoration of Rio Linda’s second fire engine. The engine’s restoration is part of a larger project to restore the original Station No. 111 as a Fire House Museum.

According to the park district’s website regarding the Fire House Museum project, “the goal is to make this the community’s first living-history museum.”

Fourteen-year-member of the Restoration Crew, Joshua Byrd, said that the most accomplishing aspect of the project for him is trying something new and meeting new people. He said that watching it all come together from “full petunia to how she is now” was fulfilling to see after all these years.

Byrd said that he visited the original Station No. 111 in 1998 and was a part of the opening ceremony for the new Station No. 111 on Rio Linda Boulevard in



An old photograph of “Old Betsy,” Rio Linda’s first fire engine, and “Number 2,” Rio Linda’s second fire engine, hangs on the wall inside the historic Rio Linda fire station. Photo by Seth Henderson

2008, shortly after the closure of the original station around 2007.

Mark Siebert, a veteran reserve firefighter at Sac Metro Fire for more than 20 years and logistics manager, said he has been a liaison for the Restoration Crew, using his vast network of contacts in the fire industry to acquire hard-to-find parts or outsource delicate and tedious work.

“That’s the cool part with the reserve firefighter program,” Siebert said as he described the different opportunities and relationships he’s experienced throughout his career.

Siebert shared some of Byrd’s sentiment, saying that more than a decade’s worth of work has finally begun to pay off. He said that it’s akin to buying a brand-new car, bringing the fire engine back to the condition it was when it rolled off of the production line.

“It’s just fun to watch,” Siebert said. “To see it from where it started, which is pretty much just an old, rusty fire engine, to even today, where you can

see the vision, what it looks like.”

The hand-painted artwork on Rio Linda’s second fire engine was originally layered with flakes of real gold leaf, Siebert said. He never imagined during his first days as a firefighter, Siebert said, that he would have spent more than a decade restoring an original fire engine for the community in which he now lives and serves.

“It’s pretty cool to have some history of our fire district here, locally. This is what I love about this community,” Siebert said.

Describing a conversation he had with a woman who was saved by a city firefighter, Siebert said he got choked up while they shared a relatable moment, emphasizing the significance of firefighters and first responders, not only for the person in danger but for the first responders.

“So, being able to be a part of this and to see the history, and understand where that fire truck came from, the things that it did, and you think about

modern fire apparatus,” Siebert said. “We never had fully enclosed cabs when I started with the fire department.”

To support the restoration of the historic Rio Linda Fire Engine No. 2, the RLE Foundation for the Future announced a fundraiser dinner on Oct. 4 at the Rio Linda Elverta Community Center, 810 Oak Lane in Rio Linda. To see the flier for the fundraiser, visit <https://www.rleparks.com/foundation-for-the-future>.

The dinner is expected to be an “all-you-can-eat” chicken and rib dinner with sides and soft drinks at 5 p.m. and the event is scheduled to feature guest speakers, door prizes, drawings and auctions. According to the event flier, tickets sell out every year and are available in a limited quantity. To purchase tickets for the fundraiser dinner, “text Troy” at 916-243-6904.

“Being able to show old and new,” Siebert said, “I think that’s the coolest part about it because how often do you get to see an antique fire engine?” ★



Reserve Fire Fighter Jess Burwell takes Engine 116 to Fleet on her last day. Photo courtesy of Reserve Fire Fighter Dave Manley

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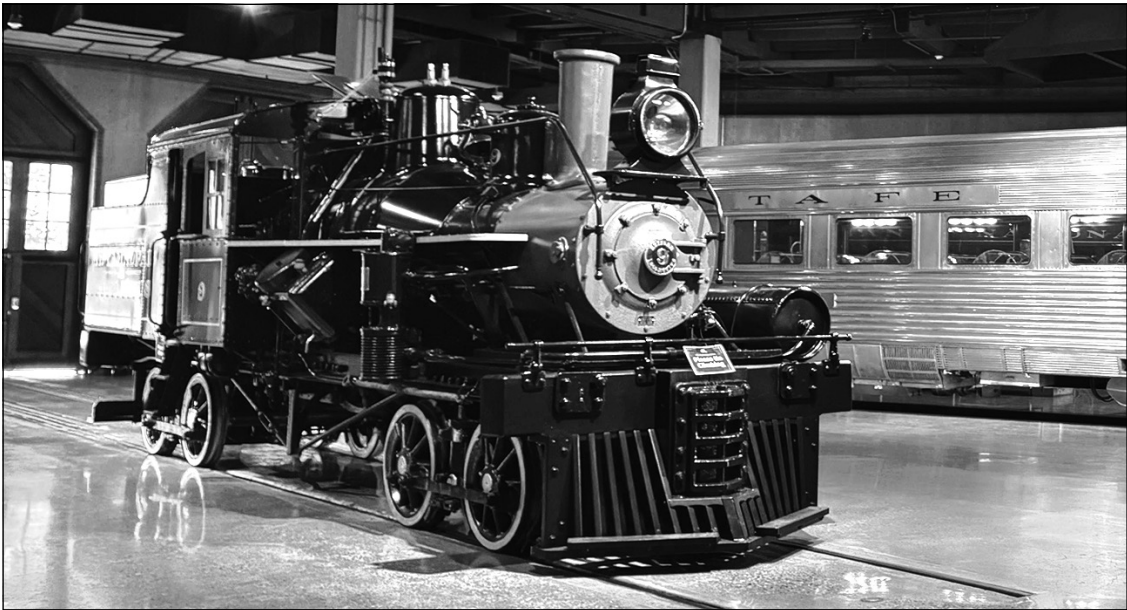
California State Railroad Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

In partnership with Friends of No. 9, the California State Railroad Museum is excited to announce the beautifully restored No. 9 steam locomotive and companion exhibit are now on display inside the museum’s historic Roundhouse. No. 9 is the only surviving locomotive of the Mount Tamalpais Scenic Railway, a tourist railroad in the late 19th and early 20th centuries that enabled tourists to leave the city and enjoy the scenic beauty of Mount Tamalpais and, later, Muir Woods.

In addition to seeing No. 9 up close, museum visitors can learn more about the history of the Mount Tamalpais Scenic Railway and the prized locomotive by watching a special 8-minute video that is part of the exhibit.

The Mount Tamalpais Scenic Railway, built in 1896, was known as the “Crookedest Railroad in the World” based on its 8.2-mile route with 281 curves climbed from Mill Valley (70 ft) to the summit (2,353 ft). At the top, visitors



Restored No. 9 Steam Locomotive is on display for a limited time at the California State Railroad Museum. Restorations on the historic locomotive with California roots began in 2019 and were completed this year. Photo courtesy of the California State Railroad Museum/Kim Whitfield

enjoyed sweeping views of San Francisco and the Pacific as they danced and dined at the Tavern of Tamalpais. Despite its popularity, rising automobile travel, mounting debt and a 1929 wildfire ended operations by 1930.

The Heisler locomotive No. 9 dates to 1921 when it was purchased by the Mount Tamalpais

and Muir Woods Railway of Mill Valley to operate on the rails of the scenic tourist railway. In 1924, the locomotive was sold and spent the next two and a half decades working for lumber companies in Siskiyou and Humboldt counties.

In 1953, the Pacific Lumber Company bought the locomotive for display next to its new

museum in Scotia, California. The locomotive was later put up for auction in 2018 when a group of dedicated rail fans joined together to raise funds to secure No. 9 and begin restoration. The dedicated group was steadfast in their focus to return No. 9 to its Mt. Tamalpais roots and viewed it as the “last piece

of a lost era.”

Carefully researched, the meticulous restoration work began in 2019 and will be completed in 2025. The historic locomotive remains an important piece of logging, tourist and rail history.

“The restoration of the No. 9 represents the very best impulses of the preservation community,” said Dr. Ty Smith, Director of the California State Railroad Museum. “Although the locomotive won’t steam passengers up Mt. Tamalpais, it serves as a window into a remarkable episode in California History. We’re grateful to be able to share in telling this important story.”

The prized No. 9 steam locomotive and companion exhibit will remain on display in the museum’s Roundhouse until January 2026. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., regular admission to the California State Railroad Museum is \$12 for adults, \$6 for youth (ages 6 to 17), and are free for children five and under.

For more information about the California State Railroad Museum and Foundation, visit www.californiarailroad.museum. ★

Sacramento to ‘Light the Town Pink’ for Breast Cancer Awareness

Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

Sacramento is set to glow pink this September and October as the community comes together to “Light the Town Pink” in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The campaign invites residents to display a pink light bulb at home or work as a visible show of solidarity with breast cancer survivors, their loved ones and those currently in treatment. For every bulb distributed, a donation will be made to Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation, a local nonprofit organization that provides life-saving breast cancer testing, prevention education, advocacy and support services.

Community partners KYMX MIX 96 and Bonney Plumbing, Electrical, Heating & Air have joined forces to help distribute bulbs throughout the Sacramento region, with the goal of seeing 3,000 homes shining pink this fall. There are three easy ways to take part: stop by any MIX event, book an appointment with Bonney or request a bulb online at bonney.com.

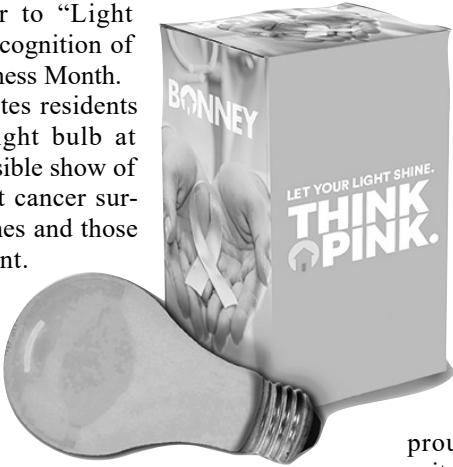
“Something as small as a pink light can

have a huge impact,” said Doug Carson, founder of Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation. “It not only honors survivors and those currently fighting breast cancer but it also fuels our ability to provide critical resources to people here in Sacramento who need them most.”

Bonney Plumbing, Electrical, Heating & Air has also pledged a donation for every bulb distributed to ensure this campaign translates into direct support for Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation’s programs.

“At Bonney, we’re proud to stand with our community in this effort,” said JR Pasion, CEO of Bonney. “Lighting the town pink is a visible reminder that no one faces breast cancer alone and we’re honored to support Albie Aware’s mission in such a meaningful way.”

Organizers hope the glowing displays across Sacramento will spark conversations around early detection, ongoing research and the importance of strong support networks. From neighborhood porches to local storefronts, Sacramento’s skyline could take on a new glow this fall in honor of survivors and their families. ★



September is National Preparedness Month



Sacramento County officials encourage having open conversations about emergencies and disaster preparedness. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) -

September marks National Preparedness Month, the annual campaign to remind everyone that preparing for emergencies and disasters can keep them, their families and their communities safe.

Ensuring that the county is ready to handle natural and man-made emergencies is the responsibility of the Office of Emergency Services (OES).

It’s nearly impossible to predict when the next disaster will hit Sacramento County but Office of Emergency Services staff say it’s important to be ready for what might come next, whether it’s floods, fire or an attack. That’s why the county is encouraging residents to learn how to protect themselves and their families from emergencies and disasters.

Starting a conversation today can help you and your family take more action to prepare. By taking simple steps, you can build your preparedness at your own pace.

The Office of Emergency Services suggests setting aside a time when everyone is calm and relaxed. It might help to hold continuous discussions, so decisions aren’t rushed and everyone is more comfortable talking about the topic. Talk about steps

you’ve taken to prepare and encourage others to ask questions about preparedness actions that might work for them.

While you might not know when a disaster will happen, you can begin to take easy but impactful steps now to keep your family safe.

The public can find more ways to protect themselves and prepare for an emergency or crisis at sacramentoready.org.

Sacramento County residents are encouraged to sign up for Sacramento Alert at sacramento-alert.org to receive emergency alerts by email, phone or text. Residents will only receive alerts that are critical and time-sensitive, including flooding, levee failures, severe weather, disaster events, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods in specific geographic locations.

The flooding that stuck Sacramento County in 2017 and 2023 disrupted lives and caused destruction totaling in the tens of millions of dollars.

The 2025 National Preparedness Month puts a spotlight on a topic many don’t think about. Planning ahead now means being ready when disaster strikes in the future. ★

Helping Older Resident Repair Home



The Sacramento County Age-Friendly Community Initiative micro-grant program funded much-needed home repairs for an older woman living on a fixed income. The grant is part of a one-time fund allocated by former Supervisor Don Nottoli and Agency on Aging Area 4 administers the funds. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - When a 77-year-old Sacramento County resident began facing mounting fines and pressure from her homeowners’ association (HOA) over much-needed repairs to her home, she wasn’t sure where to turn.

Living on a fixed income, the cost of repairs seemed out of reach until Sacramento County’s Senior and Adult Services Division (SAS) stepped in. The division teamed up with community partners to restore her home, resolve her homeowners’ association issues and help her remain safely in the community she has called home for decades.

The homeowner, a widow who raised her children in Sacramento County,

reached out for support earlier this year.

With guidance from Sacramento County staff and partners at Agency on Aging Area 4, she began setting goals to both address her immediate housing needs and work with the homeowners’ association to pause fines. Agency on Aging Area 4’s Senior Connections program, which is funded by Sacramento County, supported the woman through the process.

Agency on Aging Area 4 case manager Danielle Neef-Dawes worked with the homeowner throughout the process. The homeowners’ association agreed to stop issuing fines and reduce existing penalties while repair work was underway.

The Sacramento County Age-Friendly Community Initiative (SCAFCI) micro-grant program funded

the repairs for the woman’s home.

Dr. Julie Bates with Agency on Aging Area 4 facilitates the Sacramento County Age-Friendly Community Initiative program. The grant is part of a one-time fund allocated by former Supervisor Don Nottoli and Agency on Aging Area 4 administers the funds.

“This success story is a perfect example of what can happen when county services and community partners come together to support older adults,” Bates said. “Programs like the SCAFCI micro-grants allow us to address real needs quickly and help people remain in their homes and communities.”

By June, the home was power-washed, dry rot was replaced and the entire exterior was freshly painted. Today, the home not only meets homeowners’ association standards but also provides a safe and comfortable place for the 77-year-old to age in place.

Once the repairs were complete, the homeowner reached out to thank everyone who worked on her home and expressed her gratitude through a message.

“The house looks so beautiful! I have no words. Thank you doesn’t seem to be enough. From my heart, thank you so much,” the homeowner said.

Through partnerships such as the one with Agency on Aging Area 4, Sacramento County works to ensure older adults can



Thanks to the Sacramento County Age-Friendly Community Initiative micro-grant program, repairs such as those to make this deck safe and functional for a Sacramento senior resident were completed. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

access resources they need to live comfortably in their homes.

To learn more about Sacramento County’s Senior and Adult Services, visit its website at dcfas.saccounty.net.

Visit the Agency on Aging Area 4 website at agencyonaging4.org to learn more about its programs. ★

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 loosing 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. ★



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, multifaceted 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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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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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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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
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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
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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
Azuaa 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

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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

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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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TOWERS 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06317
First Castle Security Corp, 5052 Country Club Drive, Rohnert Park, 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
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SACRAMENTO 10-10-25

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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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SUNRISE 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06437
Karlée 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
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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
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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
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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) "A Danish Construction Company" 2807 Chad Court, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 4, 2025
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DANISH 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06554
Oleg Vlasov, 7325 Cottillion Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NVN Transport" 7325 Cottillion 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
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STARPOM 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06827
McAttee 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
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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
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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
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OVERHEAD 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06366
Karen Burlinson, 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 Fictitious Business Name(s) "River Rats Septic and Plumbing" 14915 Isleton Road, Isleton, CA 95641. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025
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RIVER 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06902
Fatoumata Karawana, 505 E. Amanda Boulevard #236, Mountain House, CA 95391 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eyana Hair Studio" 1440 Ethan Way Suite 42, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2025
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EYANA 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06595
Leavitt Group Texas Select, LLC, 6546 Greatwood Parkway, Suite A, Sugar Land, TX 77479 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crossland Coverage" 6546 Greatwood Parkway, Suite A, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2025
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CROSSLAND 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06951
RVIM Consulting LLC, 4339 Auburn Boulevard Building A 1005 Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River Valley Investment Management" 4339 Auburn Boulevard Building A 1005 Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 16, 2025
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VALLEY 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06822
Tessa Anne Buys, 8700 Longspur Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Root and Reach Movement" 8700 Longspur Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2025
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ROOT 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-06856
Latinxcaliforniacuisine LLC, PO Box 543, Isleton, CA 95641 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
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MEMOS 10-17-25

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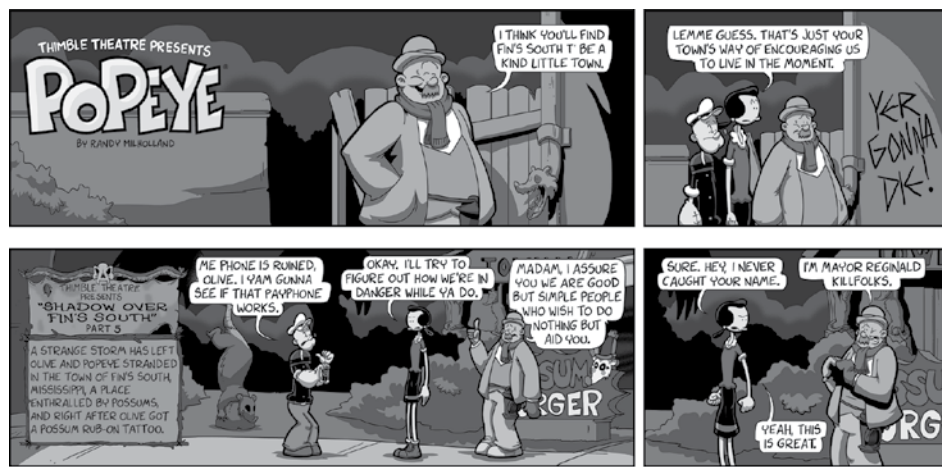
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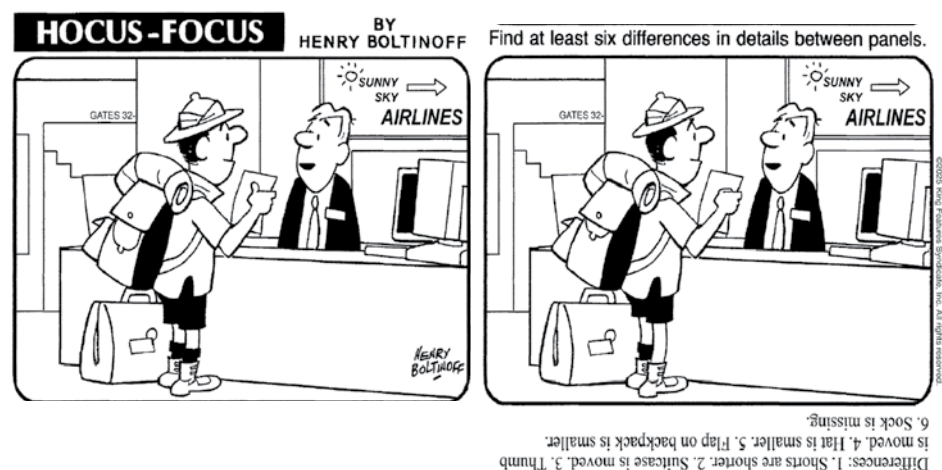
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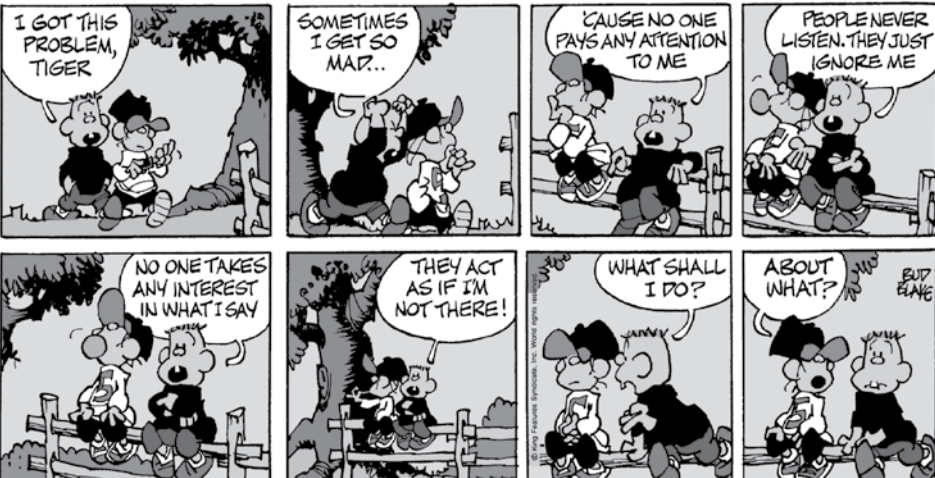
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18. Alaska native
19. *The heaviest metal
21. *Inert gas of balloon fame
23. "Jersey Shore" network, acr.
24. Move like parasailor
25. Pick up, as in a criminal
28. Z, NATO phonetic alphabet
30. "A ship without _____ or one without purpose
35. Paella pot
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.
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2. Additionally
3. Common allergens
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9. Island near Java
10. Stead
11. Reproductive cell
12. Kind of nurse
15. The Beatles' "I Am the _____"
20. Throat lobe
22. "Lend me your _____"
24. Glucose+fructose
25. *Like Ar, Xe and Ne
26. Completely dedicated (2 words)
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32. Pasta wheat
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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.

For more information about Republic FC's new downtown home, visit RepublicStadium.com. ★