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## Celebrating Good Neighbor Day



Smiling faces and sweet treats! Youth enjoy free cupcakes at Good Neighbor Day. Photo by Rick Sloan

By Ornella Rossi

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)**

The City of Rancho Cordova took its community outreach to the next level on Sept. 25, hosting the annual Good Neighbor Day at Cordova Garden Elementary Academy of Art & Sciences. The free, family-friendly event invited residents to meet city officials and partner organizations and learn about resources available to help build thriving neighborhoods.

This year's event from 5



Bike repairs provided by Bike Lab were available at Good Neighbor Day on a first come, first served basis. Photo by Rick Sloan

to 7 p.m. featured a wide range of family-friendly activities. Kids enjoyed face painting, balloon artists and bike repairs provided by Bike Lab. In

celebration of National Comic Book Day, several superheroes were there for photos and high-fives. Attendees were treated to free burgers, hot dogs, chips and cupcakes.

A highlight of the evening was the Mayor in Motion session, giving residents the opportunity to speak directly with city leaders. While Mayor Siri Pulipati was unable to attend, Vice Mayor Garrett Gatewood and Councilmember David M. Sander, Ph.D., were

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## 'Imagine This...' Student Writing Competition Underway

**California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Aspiring young authors with great stories to share about agriculture are encouraged to enter the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's annual "Imagine this..." Story Writing Contest.

Entries are due Nov. 1. Last year, more than 500 students submitted stories and six state-winning entries plus one honorable mention were published in the "Imagine this... Stories Inspired by Agriculture 2025" book. The fifth-grade winner last year who wrote "The Little Farm Dog" was Josephine Slattery from the Twin Rivers Charter School in nearby Yuba City.

The "Imagine this..." Story Writing Contest invites students in third- through eighth-grades from public, private, charter and home schools throughout California to submit original fiction or non-fiction stories highlighting agriculture's positive impact.

"Agriculture is all around us," said Amanda Fletcher, the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's executive director. "We encourage students to get out their pencils and think creatively about an experience they've had that involves food, fiber or any topic related to agriculture."

Regional and state winners will be announced Dec. 1. The six state winners, one from each grade level, will have their stories illustrated by high school art students and professionally published in book form. Along with their teacher and parents, each will also receive a trip to Sacramento for an awards ceremony at the Capitol that includes medals, e-readers and classroom resources.

Regional winners will receive plaques, books and teacher resources for their participation.

"The 'Imagine this...' contest helps students and teachers see just how connected we all are to the farmers and ranchers who keep California growing," Fletcher said. "It's a fun way for students to explore the world around them while also meeting Common Core writing and literacy standards for grades three through eight."

Entry forms, contest rules and tips on incorporating "Imagine this..." into the classroom can be found at [LearnAboutAg.org/programs/](http://LearnAboutAg.org/programs/) contest. Copies of the 2025 book are also available there for \$8.50.

The organization is dedicated to educating youth throughout California about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. ★

## Historic Vote

*Rancho Cordova's Future Shaped by AI and New Arena*

By Ornella Rossi

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - In a milestone meeting on Sept. 23, the Rancho Cordova City Council approved two transformative initiatives: a \$5-million investment to launch an AI and Robotics Ecosystem in partnership with NVIDIA and the Human-Machine Collaboration Institute (HMCI), and a major agreement to develop a 28-acre mixed-use entertainment district anchored by a 7,500-seat arena.

The first of the two milestone approvals came with Item 10.1, a \$5-million investment in an AI & Robotics Ecosystem, including a professional services agreement with the Human-Machine Collaboration Institute (HMCI) and a joint memorandum of understanding with technology giant NVIDIA.

"The future of innovation is changing and we want to be a part of the front side of that innovation," said Rancho Cordova City Manager Micah Runner. "We are a community that's built in a history of rocket science. We are excited to take the next rocket, which is the AI ecosystem and really catch the wave of innovation."

Presented by Runner and Economic Development Manager Laura Fickle, the initiative aims to

make Rancho Cordova the nation's first mid-sized city to build a community-first AI infrastructure, incorporating training, workforce development and real estate activation. The \$5-million funding will support operational partnerships, curriculum pathways and infrastructure development.

The city began exploring the concept in March through a letter of intent with the Human-Machine Collaboration Institute. Since then, the proposal gained momentum with support from educational institutions, local companies and industry leaders, culminating in City Council's formal direction in May and further backing at a Technology Subcommittee meeting this month.

Sadi Saint Laurent, CEO of Rancho Cordova-based the Human-Machine Collaboration Institute, called the approval a "turning point."

"Rancho Cordova has the chance to be the first city in the nation to turn the AI wave into a community-first opportunity," Saint Laurent said. "We ask ourselves, 'How can we make technology more accessible and more beneficial to all?' That's how we came up with our Ecosystem AI."

The project's phase one collaborators include NVIDIA (flagship

and curriculum partner), SMUD, Solidigm, Folsom Cordova Unified District, Folsom Lake College, FarmGPU and UC Davis.

J.P. Lewis, representing NVIDIA, said the partnership between Rancho Cordova, HMCI, and NVIDIA creates "a national model for innovation, jobs and community growth."

Public comments reflected strong community support. Eric Swanson, superintendent of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District, shared excitement about new education opportunities.

"I'm excited about the opportunity for our students," Swanson said. "The school board approved a property on Prospect Road for an innovative high school focused on career tech education, within the AI ecosystem, and a new STEM academy at Cordova High."

Diann Rogers, CEO of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce, highlighted how the chamber works with local businesses and expressed the importance of this project to those businesses.

"Just over six weeks ago the chamber hosted AI training sessions for our small and mid-sized businesses. The feedback was clear, businesses are eager to understand how AI can

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# Historic Vote

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help with data analysis administrative tasks, marketing and making daily operations more efficient," said Rogers. "This is why the proposed AI robotics ecosystem is so vital; it converts the excitement we see into real opportunities. Let's not shoot for the stars; let's go beyond them."

Community members and local business leaders echoed the importance of workforce development, inclusive training pathways and the long-term economic benefits of branding Rancho Cordova as a hub for emerging technologies.

"This initiative aligns with our district's priorities around jobs, education, small-business growth and regional competitiveness," said Assembluman Josh Hoover in an email. "I believe our communities that

will benefit directly from high-quality training pathways, business opportunities, and good jobs created by this ecosystem."

Councilmember David Sander said the project was decades in the making.

"What you're seeing tonight is the culmination of 20 years of work to get to this level of maturity. We finally have all the right parts of the equation," said Sander.

Vice Mayor Garrett Gatewood echoed that sentiment.

"This is going to reach out to make waves throughout the world. This is the future. We are leading the path," said Gatewood.

The motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Shortly after, the council unanimously approved Item 11, authorizing an Economic

Development and Participation Agreement (EDPA) to develop a 28-acre sports and entertainment district at 2875 Kilgore Road, a privately financed project anchored by a 7,500-seat arena.

Proposed by KozPure Development, LLC and Alpha One Sports and Entertainment Group, the project will include two or more hotels totaling at least 800 rooms, a retail and dining district, a movie theater, 640 residential units and a public plaza.

"This is an opportunity to establish Rancho Cordova as a destination," said City Manager Runner. "It's not just something for the city; this will serve the entire region."

Project founders and Rancho Cordova locals described the development as the city's long-awaited "City Center,"

a vibrant, family-friendly gathering place combining professional sports, live music, festivals and dining.

The economic impact could be significant: more than \$4.5 billion in output and nearly 37,000 jobs over 12 years, according to the developers. The project also promises youth sports programming, cultural festivals and the city's first New Year's Eve celebration.

Public comment was extensive, with more than 20 speaker cards submitted. Representatives from the building trades, education and sports communities spoke in strong support.

Dan Branton, senior representative for the NorCal Carpenters Union, emphasized the long-term economic benefits.

"This project is a job creator. It's about creating sustainable,

long-term careers right here in Rancho Cordova and that's exactly what we need," said Branton.

Council members responded with enthusiasm and gratitude.

"This is a momentous night," said Councilmember David Sander. "We finally get a City Center, a place to be proud of. This facility will fill a key role in our city and is a statement about the future of Rancho Cordova."

Vice Mayor Gatewood added, "This council believes in the vision and we're going to help get this over the finish line."

Mayor Siri Pulipati called it a "generational opportunity" and praised the community-driven approach.

"Together, we dream big. This will be something lasting for generations to come," Pulipati said. ★

# Metro Chamber Acquires Sacramento Speaker Series

## Sacramento Metro Chamber News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce announced its acquisition of the Sacramento Speaker Series, ensuring the continuation and growth of the high-profile program.

Now led by the Sacramento Metro Chamber and presented by Sutter Health, in partnership with KCRA 3, My58 and KFBK News Radio, the 2025-2526 Sacramento Speakers Series kicks off on Oct. 22 at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center, 1301 L. St., Sacramento.

Founded in 2004 by Mitchell Ostwald, the series has become the cornerstone of civic

dialogue, featuring some of the most influential voices in politics, culture, thought leadership and more.

"With this acquisition, we want to first recognize the vision and commitment of Mitchell Ostwald and his team, whose dedication has made the Speaker Series a celebrated tradition," said Sacramento Metro Chamber President and CEO Robert Heidt. "As we take the helm, we are committed to honoring its legacy while elevating the experience for our community. The Speaker Series now joins our roster of signature programs, alongside our annual Dinner and Business Awards, Capitol-to-Capitol and Study Mission, that all aim to bring together business and

community leaders to shape the future of our Capital region."

The series will begin with former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg speaking on Oct. 22.

The speaker lineup continues with author/journalist/screenwriter Mitch Albom on Nov. 12, former Vice President Mike Pence on Jan. 28 and author/activist/Equal Justice Initiative community educator Anthony Ray Hinton on Feb. 25.

Environmental activist/documentary filmmaker/author Céline Cousteau speaks on March 25 and actress/neuroscientist/author/mental health podcaster Mayim Bialik speaks on April 29.

"The Sacramento Speaker Series has long been about more

than just remarkable voices; it's about what happens when our community comes together to listen, learn and lead," said Keri Thomas, the Sacramento Metro Chamber board chair and Sutter Health Vice President of External Affairs. "This year's line-up builds on the chamber's commitment to bringing world-class perspectives to the Capital region, fostering dialogue that shapes our region's future and deepens community connection. I'm thrilled to see how these conversations will continue to shape and energize Sacramento's future."

The series will also continue its Share the Vision program, generously supported by the California State Library Foundation, which provides

local high school students with unique access to speakers through exclusive pre-event receptions and complimentary admission.

Capacity is limited for the 2025-2026 Sacramento Speakers Series and a sellout is expected. For more information or to purchase advance tickets to the Sacramento Speakers Series, visit [www.sacramentospeakers.com](http://www.sacramentospeakers.com).

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 2025-26 season, with more information available by contacting Susan Harris Brazelton at [sharris@metrochamber.org](mailto:sharris@metrochamber.org).

More information about the Sacramento Metro Chamber is available online at [metrochamber.org](http://metrochamber.org). ★

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"Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages," is a powerful reminder of the urgent need to address gendered health inequalities across the life course, a core concern for Soroptimist International and our global advocacy. Photo by Best Ovarian Cancer Treatment Centre in Raipur from Pixabay

## Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova and Gold River News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Every five minutes, someone is diagnosed with a form of gynecologic cancer. Awareness, early detection and access to care can save lives. There are five types of gynecologic cancer, most with no early screening tests. Uterine cancer is the most common, followed by cervical and ovarian. Early detection saves lives but symptoms are often missed.

Soroptimist International (SI) is proud to submit its official statement to the 58th session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development (CPD) that took place earlier this year. The commission plays a vital role in reviewing global progress on population and development issues.

This year's theme, "Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages," is a powerful reminder of the urgent need to address gendered health inequalities across the life course, a core concern for Soroptimist International and our global advocacy.

Soroptimist International highlights the compounding impact of gender, age, poverty, disability and climate change on the health and well-being of women and girls in its submission.

**Key Issues Raised in the Statement**  
Gendered poverty continues to place millions of women and girls at greater health

risk, especially older women with limited access to pensions, housing and care.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights must be guaranteed at all ages, with comprehensive sexuality education and access to services crucial for empowering women and preventing harmful practices.

Maternal healthcare and equitable access to medical advancements must be non-negotiable, and education is central to improving outcomes.

Environmental and climate crises are worsening health outcomes, disproportionately impacting women and girls through exposure to pollution, food insecurity and increased vulnerability to violence.

The statement calls for governments to honor international commitments, invest in inclusive health systems and ensure universal access to physical, mental and reproductive healthcare.

This statement reflects Soroptimist International's continued commitment to ensuring the rights of all women and girls to good health and well-being. By centering gender equity in population and development policies, we can close the health gap and build more just, resilient societies.

*Soroptimist is an international non-profit organization that seeks to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists work to help other women be their best.* ★

# Major Arena Soccer League Coming to Area

## New Teams, New Tenants in Rancho Cordova

By MPG Staff

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) announced Sept. 23 that league owners voted unanimously to award two expansion teams to the Sacramento-Cordova region with the addition of a men's team and a women's team for Major Arena Soccer League and Major Arena Soccer League Women (MASLW), respectively.

The proposed Cordova Arena is expected to facilitate sports, concerts and community events in Rancho Cordova, including hosting the new Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) teams, according to a news release from KozPure, a real estate developer involved with the project.

The Major Arena Soccer League features teams playing in the United States and Mexico, with players from more than 30 countries.

"Bringing a Major Arena Soccer League team to Rancho Cordova means our new arena will be anchored by one of the most exciting, high-energy sports around. Arena soccer is fast, fun and built for families and fans across the region are going to love it," said Charanjeet Tiwana-Purewal, co-founder and president of KozPure Development, in a Sept. 23 Major Arena Soccer League news release. "This team will not only fill the arena with excitement but also spark new life in the surrounding development, creating a destination for sports and entertainment that Rancho Cordova can be proud of."

A City of Rancho Cordova report outlines the stadium's potential market feasibility, economic impact, community benefits and overall development proposal. As part of the Economic Development Participation Agreement terms, seven projects compose the proposal.

The seven projects include a 7,500-seat arena with integrated luxury seating; two or more full-service, four-star hotels with a minimum room count of 800; farm-to-fork dining and retail spaces; a cardroom; structured transit-oriented parking; and a public plaza with

other amenities, according to the city's report.

Expected to debut in fall 2027 at the proposed Cordova Arena, select Major Arena Soccer League games will be broadcast on the CBS Sports Golazo Network. The arena is part of a larger vision to create a vibrant destination that drives economic growth and brings people together through year-round entertainment.



The proposal includes specific commitments, according to the report, including a 35-year term of agreement, a cardroom tax and shared revenue proceeds with the master developer.

The most significant revenue source from the project is expected to be the Transient Occupancy Tax, estimated at \$500,000 to \$600,000 annually. Over a 12-year period, more than 35,000 jobs and roughly \$4.5 billion will be generated in output from maintaining the arena, mixed-use, hospitality services and construction activities, according to the city's report.

Together with the Major Arena Soccer League, KozPure will harness the region's ingrained passion for sports, showcase the excitement of arena soccer and build a new community of fans in Rancho Cordova and throughout Northern California, according to the Sept. 23 Major Arena Soccer League news release.

"Rancho Cordova is an incredible market for the Major Arena Soccer League," said Major Arena Soccer League Commissioner Keith Tozer. "Fans in this region have a long history of supporting their teams and an undeniable passion for soccer that continues to grow year after year. With strong and committed ownership in KozPure, we know this team is built on a solid foundation. The new arena and surrounding development will provide a first-class home for both the team and the community, creating one of the most exciting environments in our league. We can't wait to see MASL action come to Rancho Cordova."

For more information on the project and to receive updates, visit [www.dova-masl.com](http://www.dova-masl.com). To learn more about the league, visit the Major Arena Soccer League website at [www.maslsoccer.com](http://www.maslsoccer.com). ★



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# Celebrating Good Neighbor Day

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present and engaging with the community.

“It is really important for local governments to connect with their local residents in a way that is easy for them and makes sense to them,” said Sanders. “We take government and put it on the playground and let people in the neighborhood walk up and ask their questions. This version of how we do community outreach is around two years old and we have done about 10 locations.”

Vice Mayor Gatewood also spoke with attendees and shared what he has been hearing from the community.

“People are super excited about the arena that we just announced at our last special City Council meeting. They are really excited about the jobs and creations ready to happen,” Gatewood said. “A lot have questions about the school district and how we can improve it as well as neighborhood and road safety.”

For many, meeting city officials in person was a highlight.

“We did a community service survey and two things residents mentioned were how great it was that the city came out to them, which isn’t common in many cities, and that they had the chance to meet council members,” said Lorriane Carl, senior community engagement analyst with the City of Rancho Cordova.

In addition to meeting city officials, residents connected



From left are Councilmember David M. Sander, Ph.D., Spider Man, Vice Mayor Garrett Gatewood and Wonder Woman, at the Good Neighbor Day festivities. Photo by Rick Sloan

with local organizations including Rancho Cordova Police Department, Cordova Recreation & Park District, Rancho Cordova Animal Services, Folsom Cordova Community Partnership, Folsom Cordova Unified School District and nonprofit organizations such as Whisker Warriors and Rancho Cordova PAL.

Lisa Gerber, crime prevention specialist with the Rancho Cordova Police Department, emphasized the importance of events such as Good Neighbor Day and highlighted how they try to involve the community,



Youth light up with joy as fairies paint their faces at Good Neighbor Day. Photo by Ornella Rossi

especially the youth, in police activities.

“These are the perfect opportunities for kids to see the police department when it’s not in a stressful situation,” Gerber said. “We try to go down to their level and just be like, ‘Hey, we are the good guys, come and talk to us when you have a problem.’ We have had really good response from this community; they are very supportive of us.”

School leaders also emphasized the importance of the event.

“Partnering with the city is key for us,” said Erik Swanson, superintendent of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. “This partnership helps families learn about available city services while also understanding the services we offer to students. We’re building connections between the school and the community.”

Kristi Zampieri, a kindergarten teacher at Cordova Gardens, echoed that sentiment.

“I think this is a great opportunity to bring the families and the community resources together,” said Zampieri. “By bringing it to the schools, you allow families to utilize the things that our city does so well.”

Alexa Trotter, a Community Schools facilitator at Cordova Gardens, described the partnership between the school district and the city.

“When families are doing well, students are doing well,” Trotter said. “This collaboration helps us build stronger connections and supports the growth of our community schools.”

Residents who missed the event will have another opportunity to attend the next Good Neighbor Day from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Labyrinth Community Park, 12770 Glass Beach. The event will feature a Halloween costume contest, barbecue, face painting and balloon artists.

“It is really important for local government to be in touch with their residents because we have more influence over their quality of life than any other level of government,” said Sanders. “We learn a lot from residents because they are coming to us with questions that we haven’t heard before or haven’t thought of.”

To request a Good Neighbor Day in your neighborhood, contact the city’s community engagement team at [CommunityEngagement@CityofRanchoCordova.org](mailto:CommunityEngagement@CityofRanchoCordova.org). ★



In celebration of National Comic Book Day, several superheroes were there for photos and high-fives. Photo by Rick Sloan

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# Superintendent's Corner



Erik Swanson

**By Folsom Cordova Unified School District Superintendent Erik Swanson**

September marks Attendance Awareness Month, and for me, it's a moment to pause and reflect on one of the most fundamental truths in education: Students can only benefit from the opportunities we provide if they are in school to experience them.

Since we resumed in person instruction after COVID-19, school districts across California have grappled with rising chronic absenteeism. The pandemic amplified barriers that families already faced, from transportation and health challenges to housing instability. But the good news is that we are turning the tide.

Here in Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD), we've made real progress. Our chronic absenteeism rate has dropped from 23.5 percent to 14.5 percent in just three years. This didn't happen by chance. It happened because teachers, principals, staff and families came together with a simple but powerful message: every day counts.

That message was underscored in a powerful way last month when we welcomed State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond to Williamson Elementary in Rancho Cordova. Superintendent Thurmond chose our district to help launch the new California

## Attendance Matters

Attendance Guide because of the strides we've made and the example we're setting for other districts in the state. He reminded us that attendance isn't just about compliance with a rule but rather it's about connection. Each absence represents a missed opportunity for a student to engage, to learn, to grow.

At Folsom Cordova, we've embraced that philosophy. We don't treat absences as statistics. We treat them as signals. Was the student sick? Did a family lose housing? Did transportation fall through? Each answer requires a human response and our staff step up every day to make those connections.

Our approach has been strengthened by Community Schools funding, which allows us to build deeper partnerships with families and community organizations. We've been recognized with the Model School Attendance Review Board Award for our focus on early intervention, collaboration and restorative practices.

And most importantly, our students are showing up. Not just in attendance records but in classrooms, performances, competitions and community projects that enrich us all.

But our work is far from done. The state has set an ambitious goal: cutting chronic absenteeism by 50 percent over the next five years. I believe Folsom Cordova can lead the way and I also believe our story can serve as a model for others.

This September, I invite our families, students and community members to join us in recommitting to the idea that school is where opportunity begins. When students are in class, they not only learn academics but they also discover their passions, build friendships and set the foundation to chase their dreams.

Attendance is more than a number. It's a bridge to opportunity. And together, we are making that bridge stronger every day.

*Erik Swanson is the Folsom Cordova Unified School District superintendent. ★*

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# Kings Korner

## By V.G. Harris



For the diehard basketball fan, Sept. 29 is highlighted on the calendar. Training camp marks the beginning of a new season and brings bright eyes and hope to fans that love the home team.

This season will be no exception, despite the lack of moves on the part of the Kings brain trust.

New G.M. Scott Perry has proven to be a patient man, even if the Sacramento fans are not.

Many teams view the Kings as desperate, after what can only be called one of the biggest gaffes in franchise history, when Sacramento let DeAaron Fox bolt the team in midseason in favor of the San Antonio spurs.

True, Scott Perry was not the G.M. at the time, but Sacramento has a history of poor trades. It will be up to Perry to change that tenor with the league and hopefully regain some respect.

As training camp begins, the name of Jonathan Kuminga continues to resonate, and how Kuminga comports himself at training camp will play a role in the likelihood of a forthcoming trade.

The Warriors are in no mood for anything disruptive as camp begins, so how Kuminga responds to coaches and teammates could be a catalyst for a sudden move. Something to keep an eye on, as Steve Kerr has demonstrated little patience with Jonathan, and perhaps this week will be a springboard for the Kings.

Other names have surfaced, among them 5'8" guard Yuki Kawamura, who impressed the Memphis Grizzlies so much during the summer Olympics, that they gave him a contract and introduced Kawamura to the NBA. Currently on a two-way contract with the Chicago Bulls, Kawamura in lightning quick, handles the ball deftly and is a steal monster on the defensive side of the ball.

Whether the Kings would have room for another guard is questionable, but it comes down to what area of the court needs the most attention.

I remain in shock that Scott Perry could even begin to think that letting big man Jonas Valanciunas walk out the back door was a good idea, and most basketball minds were of the belief that Valanciunas could have easily been the best back-up center in the entire league.

What this has created is a vacuum where

once the Kings were in the catbird seat. Now, they are forced to either play an unproven rookie or bring in Dario Sarik from the bench. Neither of these options will likely produce much in the way of points or a defensive presence, so Kings fans are left to wonder who can capably backup Donantas Sabonis.

It appears to be backup the number 5 by committee, and this is something the Kings have tried many times before without success.

Coach Christie is more likely to play small ball when Domantas is off the floor, and I for one think that is much more likely the result.

Wings, wings, wings, and Sacramento simply does not have enough of them!

We didn't have to watch the NBA finals to know that the long forwards of today's NBA are what makes the train run, and there are far too few of these diamonds in the rough to go around.

I believe that the Kings possess three players that could pass the length test in Keon Ellis, Keegan Murray, and Isaac Jones. What remains to be seen is how Doug Christie will use them, will they log regular minutes every game and know their role?

For certain, Keegan Murray will get all the playing time he can handle, but Jones and Ellis are a question mark.

The Kings signed Doug McDermott to another year, and this guy shoots 3's like most players shoot free throws, so once again, can coach Christie find minutes that are not just garbage time for this talented long-range specialist?

Devin Carter has great length for a guard and is my candidate to back-up Dennis Schroeder at the point. Carter acquitted himself well last season, albeit in limited action, and came out firing in the recent NBA summer league.

Question marks, there are more than a few, and from such quandaries great coaches are born.

If anyone thinks there is not already a bevy of talent on this team, you need to get your eyes checked. They are here, and it matters now, in what way they come together as a team.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because it's heating up right now, and real basketball is right around the corner!

All the best!

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

# Social Security Matters

## Should my Spouse be Getting Half of my Social Security Amount?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I was referred to you to ask a question about Social Security benefits. I receive about \$1,700 a month from Social Security while my husband receives only approximately \$750 monthly. Is he entitled to file for half of my Social Security as a monthly benefit without touching my amount? **Signed: Curious Wife**

**Dear Curious Wife:** For information, spousal benefits are one of the most misunderstood areas of Social Security. A spouse does not always get half of their partner's Social Security benefit -- how much the spouse gets is determined by their age when the spouse benefit is claimed, and it is always based upon both partner's full retirement age (FRA) benefit, regardless of when they actually claimed Social Security. The partner with the lower SS benefit can only get half of the other

spouse's FRA amount if that partner takes the spouse benefit at (or after) their personal SS full retirement age (FRA). And each spouse's FRA may be different depending on the year they were born (FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on the person's year of birth).

Here are two basic rules for a lower earning marital partner to get spouse benefits:

- The lower earning spouse's FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of the higher earning spouse's FRA entitlement. FRA amounts are used, even if SS benefits were claimed earlier than, or later than, full retirement age, and FRA amounts are frequently different than the monthly amounts actually being received.
- If one spouse's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other spouse's FRA amount, the difference between those two amounts can be added to the lower earning spouse's SS retirement amount, to become their spousal benefit. That may, or may not, equal half of the higher earning spouse's FRA amount. So, if you claimed your Social Security exactly at your own full retirement

age, and your husband also claimed his Social Security exactly at his own full retirement age, then - based on the numbers you provided - your husband is likely entitled to about \$850 per month, instead of his current \$750. And that would not affect your own SS benefit in any way.

Your FRA entitlement would need to be more than twice your husband's FRA entitlement for him to receive a spousal boost from you. But if either of you claimed Social Security before (or after) your respective full retirement ages, your husband would not get 50% of your benefit.

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# Insurance Commissioner Targets Consumer Watchdog Fees



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The horrific string of wildfires that has plagued California in recent years, taking dozens of lives and destroying many billions of dollars in property, also created a crisis in property insurance.

Some insurers have abandoned California altogether, some have refused to take more clients, many have sought premium increases and the state's insurer-of-last-resort, the FAIR plan, has seen so much new business that its long-term solvency is in doubt. Meanwhile, fire victims often complain that insurers and their adjusters are low-balling settlement offers.

Obviously California's property insurance market needs reform of some kind to improve its viability, but it's an infinitely complex mélange of financial risks and rewards, truly understood by only a few experts.

Ricardo Lara, a former state legislator, happened to be California's elected insurance commissioner when the crisis hit home, so by default he had to develop a response while simultaneously fielding complaints from victims and dealing with insurers' demand for premium increases to cover mounting losses.

Lara has proposed a major overhaul in how insurers calculate their potential losses, seeking premium adjustments and a shift from using only past experience to projecting future losses, which is called "catastrophe modeling."

It is necessary, he said, to persuade insurers to keep writing policies in California and stave off a collapse of the market.

The proposal has heightened Lara's feud with Consumer Watchdog which began even before his 2018 election.

The organization had sponsored the 1988 ballot measure that converted the insurance commissioner's position from an appointed job to an elected post and laid down a new set of rules for regulating premiums.

Thereafter, Consumer Watchdog enjoyed close relationships with elected commissioners and was awarded many millions of dollars in "intervenor fees" for participating in premium-setting cases in the Department of Insurance. The nonprofit organization contends that its participation has saved consumers many more dollars than it has collected in fees.

From the onset of Lara's bid for the office, Consumer Watchdog was critical of him, alleging he was too friendly with insurers. When Lara unveiled his overhaul of the premium setting process, adopting an approach insurers supported, the feud escalated.

Nevertheless, throughout Lara's tenure, Consumer Watchdog has continued to receive large intervenor fees paid by insurers. However, that may not be true in the future.

Last week Lara proposed another procedural overhaul, this time changing how intervenor fees are calculated and awarded, saying "these reforms will, for the first time, protect consumers from hidden fees, establish clear guidelines for intervenor participation and strengthen oversight of the administrative hearing system to prevent unnecessary delays."

Lara's proposal includes redefining the "substantial contribution" standard for awarding

intervenor fees, requiring more public reportage of intervenor activities and compensation, requiring officials who preside over rate cases to file regular reports on pending cases and requiring the Department of Insurance to post rate case documents online.

The proposal's "substantial contribution" element is the one that could affect Consumer Watchdog's finances. Lara left no doubt it is aimed at the organization.

Lara described the current process, created by the first elected commissioner, John Garamendi, in the early 1990s as lacking transparency and "dominated by a small number of recurring participants."

To punctuate that characterization, Lara released a list of 28 rate cases this year, 26 of which resulted in nearly \$1.4 million in intervenor fees for Consumer Watchdog.

Consumer Watchdog, not surprisingly, opposes Lara's new rules.

"If the goal of Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's new intervenor compensation regulations is to bring in new intervenors into the process, his regulations will do the opposite," Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog, said in a statement. "By making it harder for intervenors to be paid, he will discourage intervenors from participating."

Thus the feud, already 6 years old, will continue, at least until term limits end Lara's tenure and another commissioner is elected next year.

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### Jimmy Kimmel's Mistake

Jimmy Kimmel probably didn't affirmatively lie about the politics of Charlie Kirk's killer -- he just didn't know what he didn't know. In the monologue that got him suspended by ABC, the late-night show host averred, "We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them."

This was so flagrantly wrong and woefully misinformed that it would have been a firing offense if Kimmel were a journalist. We can assume his defense would be that he's trying to be Johnny Carson, not Edward R. Murrow, yet he long ago made himself into a quasi-political commentator.

The deeper question is, why did Kimmel have no idea what he was talking about, as someone who makes a very good living following the news and trying to make jokes -- or at least pointed comments -- about it?

Kimmel was presumably misled by the legacy media's unwillingness to be forthright about Tyler Robinson's motive and by the obfuscations of Democratic officeholders and progressive commentators. If he thought he was trusting the trusted sources, he made a grievous error.

Because the Kirk assassination doesn't fit the

preferred narrative of a hateful right-winger committing an act of violence -- rather, the complete opposite -- there hasn't been a national crisis-level wave of concern about the motive of the suspect and its potential sources.

Instead, much of the press acts as if it is grappling with an epistemological problem of the depth and subtlety that led to the German physicist Werner Heisenberg arriving at his uncertainty principle in the 1920s (it's impossible to determine both the exact position and velocity of a particle at the same time).

Reporting on the Kimmel imbroglio, The New York Times wrote, "Prosecutors said Mr. Robinson had written in private messages about Mr. Kirk's 'hatred,' but the authorities have not identified which suspect found hateful."

Yes, which views could they have been? Kirk's hateful opinions on how to streamline the licensing for liquefied natural gas terminals? On antitrust policy? On how to settle the dispute over Kashmir? (The Times did note that Robinson's mother told prosecutors that he'd moved left over the last year and become more "pro-gay and trans-rights-oriented.")

On CNN the other night, Kaitlan Collins had a testy exchange with Ted Cruz during which she insisted: "We don't have a motive yet. We don't know yet, we're waiting." This after the charging document was released that details how Robinson told both his parents and his gender-transitioning boyfriend that he killed Kirk because of the influential activist's hate.

"I'm saying," Collins explained, when pressed by Cruz, "that law enforcement has not put a specific motive."

This is true -- depending on how you define "specific" -- but law enforcement has made it obvious that Robinson killed Kirk for ideological reasons, and everything points to Kirk's opposition to the trans agenda being a prime motivator.

There is no need to be pettifogging about this. It's a little like in the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King, leaving open the possibility that James Earl Ray might have killed the civil rights leader for his views on the doctrine of substitutionary atonement. But it's nearly impossible for the media to process the concept of "pro-trans militancy," let alone violent pro-trans militancy, so they prefer to mumble and look at their shoes.

An ABC reporter even characterized Robinson's text messages to his boyfriend after the assassination as "very touching" (before apologizing). It's doubtful if, in 1963, journalists had found a loving note from Lee Harvey Oswald to his wife Marina that they would have been similarly moved.

What, when, where and why are supposed to be foundational questions in journalism. In this case, though, that last question is too awkward, so the coverage has lacked frankness. Jimmy Kimmel apparently made the mistake of thinking it was authoritative and complete.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★*



# Sacramento Choral Society Celebrates 30th Anniversary Season

## Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra announced its milestone 30th season of choral-orchestral excellence, promising audiences an unforgettable lineup of concerts, world-class soloists and a journey through powerful repertoire.

Under the direction of Dr. Donald Kendrick, music director and conductor, the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra will present four major performances during the 2025-26 concert season.

This winter, the professional orchestra is excited to perform "Stained Glass: Music of the Spheres" on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Vivaldi, Mozart and Whitburn, and "Home for the Holidays" on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. featuring holiday classics.

This spring, see Dvořák's "Requiem" on Saturday, March 7 at 3 p.m. and Beethoven's "9th Symphony - a monumental collaboration with the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera," on Saturday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets for Beethoven's 9th are available exclusively through the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera website at [sacramentochoral.org](http://sacramentochoral.org).



The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra has announced its 30th anniversary season with four upcoming performances at the historic Memorial Auditorium and SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra

"As we celebrate this milestone anniversary season, we are committed to presenting concerts that move and inspire our audiences," said Kendrick.

"Our large chorus, professional orchestra and world-class soloists will deliver an extraordinary season from the intimacy and sparkle of Stained Glass to the joy of Home for the Holidays,

the profound power of Dvořák's 'Requiem' and the electrifying grandeur of Beethoven's '9th Symphony.'"

Celebrate 30 years of music-making with Sacramento's largest choral-orchestral ensemble, performing live in some of the region's most iconic venues, including the historic Memorial Auditorium and the state-of-the-art SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center.

The Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra proudly offers one-of-a-kind performances, new traditions for families and friends and the opportunity to support local arts and artists.

To purchase tickets online visit [sacramentochoral.org](http://sacramentochoral.org).

Ticket prices range from \$40 for general admission and \$50 to \$66 for reserved seating. Students will receive 50 percent off all ticket prices. Group rate discounts are available for 10 or more tickets. Save on online ticket fees by calling the Memorial Auditorium/SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center Box Office directly at 916-808-5181 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. ★

## County Launches New Property Tax System



Sacramento County's new tax system, TaxSys, is now live. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

### Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - After three years of planning and development, Sacramento County has launched a modern property tax system that replaced a decades-old platform responsible for collecting and distributing more than \$3.1 billion in annual tax revenue for the county, school districts, cities and special districts.

The new system, known as TaxSys, is now live. Property owners will see the change on their secured tax bills.

Sacramento County is mailing 498,576 secured tax bills, which are payable beginning Nov. 1. These tax bills are only mailed once per year; however, property owners can pay their bills in two installments. These updated bills are available on the Department of Finance's website.

The previous system, first designed in 1980, became increasingly complex and outdated over the

years. It relied on numerous programs, more than 25 ancillary systems and more than 25 different data sources. Replacing this patchwork of technology was critical to improving efficiency, accuracy and customer service.

"This is a once-in-a-generation upgrade," said Sacramento County Director of Finance Chad Rinde. "Not only are we replacing aging technology with a modern system but we are making the property-tax process more efficient, more secure and more user-friendly for our residents."

Benefits of the new system for property owners include electronic billing, meaning residents can opt for paperless billing, cutting down on waste.

Improved customer interactions can be expected due to one fully integrated database, allowing staff to quickly research complex cases, print corrected bills on demand and more efficiently resolve issues.

Tax bills will be condensed and easier to read.

Additionally, residents can pay online with e-checks at no cost, receive receipts instantly, and view recent bills and payment history in one place. Overpayments will be processed more quickly, reducing delays for property owners.

Property owners with delinquent tax accounts can set up standardized payment plans online without visiting county offices.

The new system also brings stronger information security, including regular vendor-provided updates and reduces human error by automating manual processes that previously required retyping, transferring and reconciling information across multiple databases.

With TaxSys, Sacramento County is not only modernizing its technology but also enhancing transparency, security and convenience for property owners.

If you own property and have not received a tax bill by Oct. 15, you can obtain tax bill copies, property tax information and payment stubs at the Tax Collector's website at [finance.sac-county.gov](http://finance.sac-county.gov).

California Revenue and Taxation Code 2610.5 states that "Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of the liability to pay taxes in a timely manner or give the Tax Collector reason to cancel penalties imposed for late payment." ★

## County Warns EBT Cardholders about Fake Mobile App



The official FIS ebtEDGE Mobile App allows users to easily view their SNAP or TANF benefits. A fraudulent app mimics the official app and attempts to charge users fees for weekly or lifetime access. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance

### Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Social Services has alerted counties to a fake mobile application that is targeting Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cardholders.

The app, called "Ebt edge - food stamps," is currently listed in the Apple iOS App Store and

mimics the official FIS ebtEDGE Mobile App but is not legitimate.

The fraudulent app attempts to charge users a \$4.99 weekly fee or \$60 for lifetime access. California EBT cardholders should know that the state will never charge fees to access or manage their benefits.

Cardholders are strongly advised to download and use only the official, state-supported

FIS ebtEDGE app to protect their benefits and personal information. (FIS stands for Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., which manages the electronic benefits transfer system for the California Department of Social Services.)

For questions or assistance EBT cardholders can contact the customer service number on the back of their EBT card or visit [ebt-edge.com](http://ebt-edge.com). ★

## SCOE Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent of Education Services



Navdeep Purewal has been appointed as Sacramento County Office of Education's Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

### Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools David W. Gordon has announced a leadership change at the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). Navdeep Purewal, Ed.D., has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Navdeep Purewal as Assistant Superintendent of Education Services," said Superintendent Gordon. "Dr. Purewal

has been a driving force behind our work to expand California's Community Schools Partnership Program in the Capital Region, and her leadership reflects the very priorities set forth by our Board. With a proven record of advancing equity, strengthening student support and fostering community engagement, she brings the vision and experience needed to continue building opportunities for every student to thrive."

Purewal most recently led the Sacramento County Office of Education's California Community Schools Partnership Program Capitol Area Regional Transformational Assistance Center (R-TAC). She previously served as Chief of Learning Services for the Alameda County Office of Education, where she oversaw curriculum, instruction, and multiple student support initiatives and launched the statewide Community Schools Partnership Program's Transformational Assistance Center.

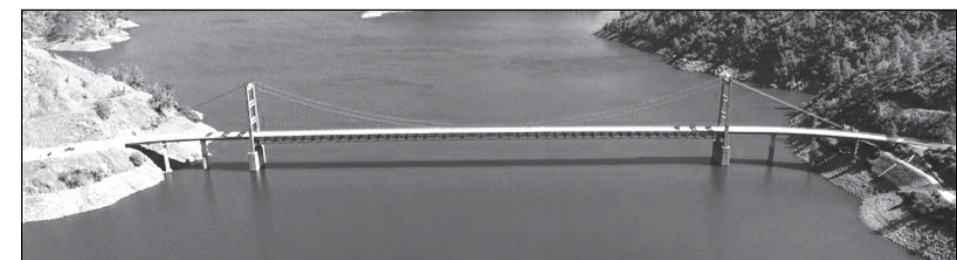
"I am honored to serve

in this new role and continue advancing the Sacramento County Office of Education's mission to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive," Purewal said. "By working in partnership with our districts, educators and families, we can strengthen equity-driven practices that create inclusive learning environments and prepare all students for success in school, career and life."

A strong advocate for educational equity, Purewal brings a passion for ensuring every student has access to a high-quality education. She succeeds Channa Pitt, Ph.D., in this leadership role.

Purewal holds a Doctor of Education in Learning and Instruction from the University of San Francisco, a Master of Arts in Education from Pepperdine University and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of California, Riverside. She also earned a California Professional Administrative Services Credential. ★

## Grants Available to Protect Waterways



The application process is simple and straightforward, making it easy for schools and organizations to submit their proposals. Courtesy photo

### Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Department of Water Resources (DWR) is offering grants of up to \$2,500 to support school and community projects that help protect or improve creeks and rivers in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

For more than 20 years, the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources has funded a wide range of grant projects, including creek and river clean-up events, installation of eco-friendly landscaping,

field trips to learn about Sacramento's watershed, water quality monitoring projects and pollution prevention campaigns.

The application process is simple and straightforward, making it easy for schools and organizations to submit their proposals.

To learn more about eligibility, requirements or to download the grant application, visit the Department of Water Resources website at [waterresources.sac-county.gov](http://waterresources.sac-county.gov).

The deadline to apply for these grants is Oct. 17. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06370  
David Erdman, 2533 Furnmint Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "X-Perit Fire Suppression Service" 2533 Furnmint Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2025  
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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 FBNF2025-06548  
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  
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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  
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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  
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  
Azuzza 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  
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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  
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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

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  
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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  
Kearle Homell, 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/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 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 Ostroshchenko, 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  
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  
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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 Creekrcrest Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Overhead Door Express" 6313 Creekrcrest 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 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 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  
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025  
RIVER 10-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06902  
Fatoumata Karawana, 505 E. Amaudo 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

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  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-05893  
Finding Home Foundation, Inc., 1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 200, Eagle, ID 83616 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "First Call Foundation" 6929 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 180, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 7, 2025  
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FIRST 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06888  
Albini Services and Products LLC, 11945 Armandi Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Mecca of Results (Magnus Elite Coaching Conditioning and Achievement)" 11945 Armandi Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2025  
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MECCA 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06612  
Simply Appliances, Inc., 3229 Fitzgerald Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eco Appliance/Eco Appliance Recycling" 3229 Fitzgerald Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2025  
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ECO 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06928  
Wood Bookkeeping and Tax Service Inc, 5824 Northgrove Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Taxeasusa.com" 5824 Northgrove Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2025  
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TAX 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06901  
California Emergency Food Link, 5800 Foodlink Street, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hope and Threads Thrift Shoppe" 10343-A Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2025  
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HOPE 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07064  
Jamie Cavanaugh, 7805 Caber Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pure Soul Kitchen Co./Pure Soul Plant-Based Kitchen Co/We Be Brunchin'/Phattie's Wraps & Bowls." 5780 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 19, 2025  
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PURE 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07140  
Tochukwu Ejekwe, 8020 Sawgrass Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ledivine Auto" 8020 Sawgrass Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 23, 2025  
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LEDIVINE 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07142  
God-given Rights And Community Empowerment GRACE Inc., 7301 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grace Non Profit" 7301 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 23, 2025  
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GRACE 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06727  
Allia O'Donnell, 7640 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zuffles" 7640 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 8, 2025  
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ZUFFLES 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07155  
Elijah Yefremenko, 8725 Spruce Ridge Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eco Shine Window and Gutter Cleaning" 8725 Spruce Ridge Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 23, 2025  
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ECO 10-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06891  
Herman Melnyk, 4500 67th Street Bldg. 2-512C, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mel Pro Electrical/MP Electrical" 4500 67th Street



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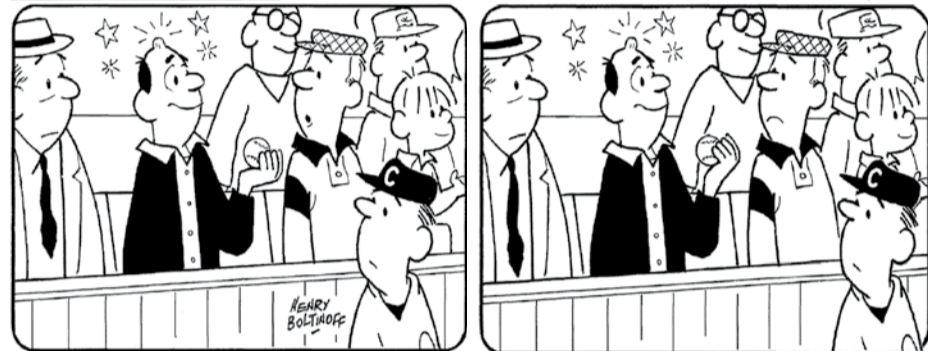
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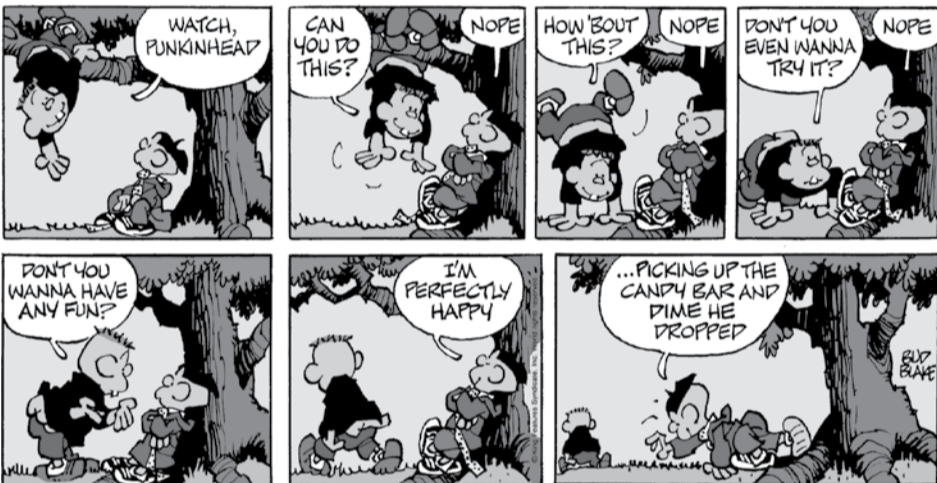
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# Eli Simonson Named Trophy Semifinalist

## UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - University of California, Davis graduate offensive lineman Eli Simonson has been named by the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) a 2025 semifinalist for the prestigious William V. Campbell Trophy, which recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation.

Simonson, a history major, is currently working on his Master of Management through the UC Davis Graduate School of Management.

A two-time Big Sky All-Academic team honoree in 2023 and 2024, Simonson entered 2025 having started 25 games at left tackle and he entered the year named to the 2025 Big Sky Preseason All-Conference team.

Off the field, Simonson has spent time volunteering at assisted living homes in his home state of Nebraska and recently while he was a member of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, joined the team for an annual road race to raise funds to battle pediatric brain cancer.



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In its 36th year, the Campbell Trophy takes into consideration combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership. Named in honor of the late Bill Campbell, this year's Campbell Trophy semifinalists total 177 across all levels of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Known as "The Coach of

Silicon Valley," Campbell became one of the country's most influential business leaders, playing critical roles in the success of Apple, Google, Intuit and countless other high-tech companies. The captain of the 1961 Columbia Ivy League championship team, Campbell found his true calling after an unlikely career change at age

39 from football coach to advertising executive. Campbell's ability to recruit, develop and manage talented executives, all lessons learned on the gridiron, proved to be a critical component of his ability to inspire his business teams to the highest levels of success.

Later in life, Campbell was driven by a heartfelt desire to

give back and he quietly gave away tens of millions of dollars to multiple charities while also finding an hour and half each autumn weekday to coach an eighth-grade boys and girls flag-football team near his home in Palo Alto. Campbell died April 18, 2016 at age 75.

UC Davis football season tickets are on sale now and fans can visit online [ucdavisaggies.eventue.net](https://ucdavisaggies.eventue.net) to secure their spot for the 2025 season. Tickets start as low as \$100 for new alumni and \$140 for the general public.

Football group ticket discounts start at 10 or more tickets. Aggie fans can also save on tickets by bundling multiple games via the Pick Any 2 or Pick Any 3 Plans that offer a discounted rate versus buying single-game tickets. Both plans can be bought online at [ucdavisaggies.eventue.net/events/FBPACK](https://ucdavisaggies.eventue.net/events/FBPACK).

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

## River Cats Season Ends in 4-2 Defeat

## Registration Open for Republic Elite Session



Luis Matos makes contact during Sacramento's 4-2 loss to the Round Rock Express at Sutter Health Park on Sept. 21. Photo courtesy of Ralph Thompson Photography

## Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Singles from Luis Matos and Jesus Rodriguez provided the only two tallies of the afternoon Sept. 21 for the Sacramento River Cats, leading them to finish the 2025 baseball season with a 4-2 loss at Sutter Health Park to the Round Rock Express.

The River Cats (41-34/77-73) turned what was a 1-0 lead for the Express (43-32/77-73) after the top of the third into a slim one-run lead at the end of the frame.

Back-to-back outs put the River Cats back on their heels but a walk and trio of consecutive hits flipped the game's momentum, with both Matos and Rodriguez earning the RBI (Runs Batted In) on singles through the left side.

Unfortunately, that lead did not last long as the Express struck back for two in the top of the fourth inning, using a Trevor

Hauver walk and Omar Narváez single and turning them into two runs, thanks to an Alex De Goti double and Jax Biggers single.

One final insurance tally for Round Rock came during the eighth, with De Goti earning yet another RBI on a sacrifice fly that brought home Cooper Johnson.

Charged with the loss was Will Bednar, who allowed the two runs in the fourth during his second career Triple-A appearance, his first career Triple-A loss.

Both Matos and Dayson Croes ended with a multi-hit effort, going 2-for-4 although just the former had a double and RBI. Sacramento drew just one walk, a free pass that belonged to Thomas Gavello in an otherwise 0-for-3 effort with one run scored.

The River Cats have finished the 2025 season and will return to the diamond in 2025. For the full 2026 schedule, visit [www.rivercats.com](http://www.rivercats.com). ★

## Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This November, Republic FC is hosting its next session of the Republic Elite Development Program (RED).

This program is the perfect way for the region's top competitive players to wrap up their season and participate in exclusive training sessions with Republic FC Academy and Youth Programming coaches.

Launched in January, the Republic Elite Development Program provides a competitive environment for players aged 10 to 16 to grow their skills on the pitch under the direction of the club's professionally licensed coaches, including academy director Eder Quintanilla.

More than 100 players have participated throughout the year and as the Republic Elite Development Program serves to bridge a gap between club soccer and Republic FC's academy program, several attendees have since gone on to earn a spot on an academy roster for



Republic FC's development pipeline offers players different options in their journey as soccer players. It is the only club that can elevate players into a professional, first-team environment, while allowing players to retain their eligibility to play at the collegiate level. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



the 2025-26 season.

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It has propelled hundreds of young players into the next stage of their soccer journey, including three on pro contracts with the first team in 2025.

The five-week fall edition of the Republic Elite Development Program will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Sunday in November at Mather Sports Complex, 3755 Schriever Ave., Mather.

To learn more about the session, visit [sacrepubfc.com/register/form/523678090](https://sacrepubfc.com/register/form/523678090). ★

## Freshmen Lead the Way for Women's Golf

### Tseng, Lee Record Lowest Scores for the Team at the Golfweek Red Sky Classic

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California State University, Sacramento women's golf team will enter the final round of the final round of the Golfweek Red Sky Classic in 13th place after shooting 303 during the second round on Sept. 23 in Wolcott, Colorado.

The top two scores on the team belonged to a pair of freshmen as Jocelyn Tseng shot 74 and Sophia Lee 75.

Tseng was even through the front nine bogeys on numbers 1 and 4 followed by birdies on numbers 5 and 9. Tseng had seven pars and a pair of bogeys on the back side of the course to

complete her round at 2-over par.

Lee started her round with a bogey before six consecutive pars. She remained at 1-over through 10 holes after sandwiching birdies on Nos. 9 and 10 inside a pair of bogeys. Lee closed her round with six pars and two bogeys to get to 3-over.

Ella Kraft (76) and Darla May Dela Torre (78) completed the team total. Kraft led the team with three birdies in the round but also had a pair of bogeys, a double bogey and a triple bogey. Dela Torre finished with a birdie, five bogeys and a double bogey. ★

The top two scores on the California State University, Sacramento women's golf team belonged to a pair of freshmen as Sophia Lee shot 75 (left) and Jocelyn Tseng shot 74. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics



# Lancers Get Back in Win Column

By James Darnell

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Cordova Lancers came away with a much-needed 19-6 victory in a non-league football contest at John F. Kennedy High School on Sept. 28.

The first half wasn't pretty, as the first points of the contest came with just under one minute remaining in the second quarter following a two-yard scoring plunge from Lancers' do-it-all athlete Trey Wallace, who split time between quarterback and running back early in the contest for the first time this season. Luckily for the Lancers, a gritty, grind-it-out game is exactly how they want it.

Wallace would return to quarterback for the entirety of the second half and take the ball himself from one yard out midway through the third quarter to give Cordova a double-digit lead. He would end the quarter with his third total touchdown on the night as he tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to junior Terryn "TK" King as the clock expired.

Wallace finished the night going 4-of-6 passing for 103



Sophomore Gino David makes a great tackle on the Kennedy receiver for a short gain. Photo by Rick Sloan

yards and the touchdown. Just as impressively, Wallace recorded 14 carries for 121 yards and his two scoring runs.

Additionally, senior wide receiver Damajae Moses continued to flash, snatching three

receptions for 87 yards.

The story of the night might very well have been the physical play of the Lancers' defense, however. Junior linebacker Masiyah Mejia led Cordova in total tackles with 10, including

one tackle for loss. Senior defensive lineman and team leader Julian Drahn was dominant up front, registering eight total tackles, including four tackles for loss, one sack and a fumble recovery. Fellow seniors Antonio

West and Chicago Bush also recorded sacks.

Following the game, Cordova head coach JP Dolliver was pleased with his team's performance, particularly on defense.

"I like the way our defense played tonight," Dolliver said. "I like how physical our team played tonight. Guys really brought it. I thought Julian Drahn was a handful."

The win comes after the Lancers (2-3 overall, 0-1 Metro League) had dropped their previous three games and stopped the slide just in time for their next Metro League matchup against McClatchy on Oct. 3 inside Hughes Stadium at Sacramento City College. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. The Lions will enter the game 3-2 overall, including 0-1 in league play.

Dolliver knows that the Lancers will need to be prepared.

"They (McClatchy) are going to go into that game feeling a lot better than they did last year," Dolliver said. "We've got to shut them down. The big part of that game is winning the first five minutes. Get some type of momentum to start that game and break them early." ★



Junior quarterback Trey Wallace sights his receiver downfield against Kennedy. Photo by Rick Sloan



Senior Antonio West brings down the Kennedy quarterback in the backfield. Photo by Rick Sloan



Junior wide receiver Terryn King takes the ball into the endzone for a touchdown after catching a Trey Wallace pass. Photo by Rick Sloan

# Playing Through Growing Pains

By James Darnell

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Cordova Lady Lancers are going through growing pains and that's alright.

On a volleyball team with just two seniors in defensive specialist Erica Bailey and middle hitter Lauren Huckleberry, the Lady Lancers (4-12 overall, 0-2 Metro League at press time) are a team without a ton of experience.

With seven juniors and five sophomores, the Lady Lancers are learning game by game, which hasn't translated on the scoreboard just yet but figures to pay off big time in the long run.

The Lady Lancers have lost seven straight contests at press time, including their first two Metro League matchups against McClatchy and Kennedy last week.

Yet, if you watch the team in action or attend practice inside the auxiliary gym at Cordova, the positivity and energy is infectious. That all stems from head coach Jaimee Stevenson, who is cultivating a very strong team-oriented atmosphere. The vibes around the team remain high at all times regardless of what the outcome is on the court.

That aligns with the goals Stevenson had in mind for her group prior to the start of the season.

"Our goal this year is to have mental endurance no matter what the scoreboard says," Stevenson said. "We start our practices every day self-assessing. How am I coming into the gym today? How am I feeling? What am I bringing? That mental endurance and camaraderie are our goals this year."

The Lady Lancers are led by junior libero and team captain Isabel Stevenson, who is often one of the smallest players on the court yet can be seen routinely diving to the ground in an attempt to make a play on the ball. She plays with a toughness and tenacity that energizes her teammates throughout the course of a game and has been a huge bright spot for the group this season.

Additionally, a trio of sophomores in outside hitter Madisyn Keys, opposite Annabelle Cody and middle blocker Asena Qoro have all been solid contributors as the group continues to learn how to win. All the team's youth will ultimately turn into experience moving forward and that bodes well for the future.

The Lady Lancers are hosting league rival West Park on Oct. 7 with a start time of 6:30 p.m. inside the auxiliary gym at Cordova. ★



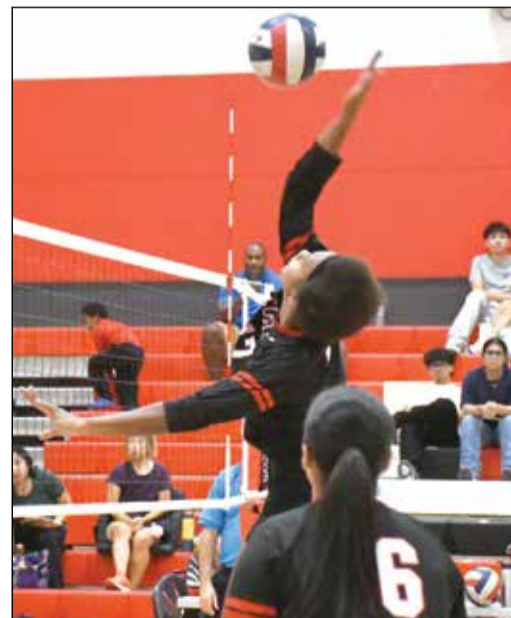
Junior defensive specialist Isabel Stevenson makes a nice dig against Kennedy. Photo by Rick Sloan



Junior outside hitter Rebecca Colianna goes up high for the spike against Kennedy. Photo by Rick Sloan



Junior defensive specialist Sophia Caceres makes a great dig on a hard Kennedy serve. Photo by Rick Sloan



Sophomore Asena Qoro goes up high for the kill shot against Kennedy. Photo by Rick Sloan

Head coach Jaimee Stevenson gives her squad a pep talk during a timeout against Kennedy. Photo by Rick Sloan



# Free After-School Youth Programs Offered



Participants gather to read at the Rancho Cordova Youth Center. Photo courtesy of Rancho Cordova

**City of Rancho Cordova News Release**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Rancho Cordova Youth Center (RCYC) continues to provide free daily after-school programming that keeps local students safe, supported and engaged close to home. Each weekday, youth can enjoy free meals, homework help, enrichment activities and a welcoming environment where they can learn and connect with friends.

To make accessing the free youth programs even easier, the Rancho Cordova Youth Center has launched its first seasonal program guide. The new Fall/Winter 2025 guide is a one-stop resource for parents, guardians and youth to explore the wide variety of free programs offered at the center, including sports clinics, STEM learning, creative arts, leadership development and more. Updated each season, the guide makes it easy for families to discover opportunities that fit their child's interests.

"This is an exciting milestone for the Rancho Cordova Youth Center," said Rancho Cordova Mayor Siri Pulipati. "With this program guide published, our community can easily view the free RCYC programming the city offers and all in one place, making it simpler than ever for families to register."

Located in the heart of Rancho Cordova, the Rancho Cordova Youth Center is owned by the city and operated in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Sacramento and the Rancho Cordova Police Activities League, creating a hub for youth enrichment and connection.

Since opening its doors, the center has provided free programs for youth who live

in Rancho Cordova or attend a school within city limits to learn new skills, make friends and stay active year-round.

To help more families access afterschool programs, the Rancho Cordova Youth Center offers free bus transportation during the academic year in partnership with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Service is available from seven elementary schools: Cordova Gardens, Peter J. Shields, Rancho Cordova, Cordova Meadows, Cordova Villa, White Rock and Williamson. Students are picked up from a safe, staffed location at their school approximately 15 minutes after the school day ends.

"I like to ride the bus because I get to sit with my friends. We talk about school and some of them come to the RCYC, too. At the RCYC, I love Power Hour because I can finish my homework," said Gael, a Rancho Cordova Youth Center member.

The transportation program is free, aligned to the 2025-2026 academic school year, and began Aug. 7. Students are eligible for the free bus transportation program if they attend school at any of the seven participating elementary school sites. For details or to request transportation, contact the Rancho Cordova Youth Center at 916-866-4742 or [rcyc@cityofranchocordova.org](mailto:rcyc@cityofranchocordova.org). Availability is limited and seats are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The new Fall/Winter 2025 Program Guide is available online at [CityofRanchoCordova.org/RCYCProgramGuide](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org/RCYCProgramGuide), with registration open now for most activities. Families are encouraged to sign up early, as space in many programs is limited.

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