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Canvases Get Crafty at Art Studio



With artist Nikki Carson demonstrating scissor skills, a ribbon-cutting declares the Crafted Canvas studio open for business.

Story and photos by Susan Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Nikki Carson has started business with a clean canvas. Dozens of them, in fact.

Central to the Carmichael mother's studio at Fair Oaks Boulevard is a massive worktable with a dozen easels standing at attention. Here, children and adults vent their artistic whims.

"It's long been my dream to have this space



Nikki Carson demonstrates painting techniques with students at her Fair Oaks Boulevard studio. "Gowing up, art was my

safe space. I was the kid who spent lunches in the art room. Teachers became

my mentors; painting gave me a way to express myself."

Art also nurtured lifelong friendships. Carson's chums came out of the woodwork to celebrate the recent opening of her Crafted Canvas studio. The business supplies art and offers Carson's stylish paintings as greeting cards and hangable canvases.

The studio's biggest drawcard are classes that Carson instructs. Adult

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Drop-Off Locations Opening Soon for Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week from Nov. 17 to Nov. 24. Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations in California.

This year, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 12-million children.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach another 12-million children in 2025 with the hope of Jesus.

Shoebox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

"Samaritan's Purse works around the world to help people in need but it's not about good works; it's about the Gospel," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Please prayerfully consider packing a shoebox this year with Operation Christmas Child. These simple gifts open the door for us to share the true meaning of Christmas."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts at samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/?utm_source=OCC-Tool-Kit&utm_campaign=m_YOCC-PRRE&utm_content=OCC-Drop-off-locations

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232-million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. ★

San Juan Unified's Black Student Unions Build 'Community of Belonging'

San Juan Unified School District News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A rainy morning did not stop buses filled with enthusiastic students from attending San Juan Unified School District's Black Student Union (BSU) Community of Belonging Kick Off and Leadership Summit on Oct. 15.

Students across the district's K-8, middle and high schools were invited to attend the event organized in partnership with Black Students of California United (BSCU).

With an information and activity-filled day ahead for Black Student Union students and advisors, sitting at one of the tables was Encina High School's Black Student Union student leaders and advisor Morgan Coulter.

"I have seen my BSU students actually grow and become more open, more outspoken and not afraid to get into spaces where they were afraid to stand up before," said Coulter, who also works as a school community intervention assistant.

For the second year, Coulter attended the kick-off event with a group of

students from her high school. When asked about her goal this year for Encina's Black Student Union, she mentioned the desire to bring more knowledge of African American culture to campus.

The event featured student performances, speeches from district leadership, a keynote speech from Black Students of California United executive director Dr. Angelia Barfield and breakout sessions, where students received valuable information to take back to their schools' Black Student Union.

Session topics consisted of creating welcoming and culturally responsive environments, Black Student Union fundamentals, developing a mission and vision, and exploring the Black Students of California United's online leadership guide and resources.

Jordyn, a Rio Americano High School senior, has been a member of her Black Student Union for two years and serves as the fundraising chair. Jordyn expressed her joy at the opportunities given to students to attend experiences that connect her with the Black Student Union

communities across San Juan Unified.

"At the close-off event in May, Dr. Barfield focused on consistency, whether people show up or they don't; consistency is what helps grow the club," shared Jordyn. "I really like being reminded of the power that we hold and the intention that you put into your club. It will spread to your school and community, so it's just a big positive reinforcement."

Ojechi, an Encina 11th-grade student, reflected on her journey as a student leader and the importance of sharing a

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Annual Stand Down Event Serves Veterans

By Janna Haynes,
Sacramento County
Public Information Office

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - At Mather Community Campus, a line of expectant veterans wraps around the building. Men and women donning hats, vests and jackets filled with patches identifying their service history: which branch and which war they survived.

Some are walking with a noticeable limp; others have prosthetic limbs showing. Many are in wheelchairs, having lost a partial or full leg.

The air is heavy with pride and grief at the annual Sacramento Stand Down event. Pride for the service they gave and the brothers and sisters they served beside, grief for the ones they knew and loved who didn't make it home.

Booths line both sides of the streets, filled with agencies and organizations dedicated to helping veterans get back on their feet after returning from service. For some, that means filling out applications for VA benefits and healthcare. Others need more intervention, such as a job, housing and mental health treatment.

But every person there came searching for the same thing: a community of individuals and support that understands what they've been through and are willing to gently guide and love them through the struggle of returning to civilian life.

As folks amble booth to booth, the strains of a bagpipe ring out and a hush falls. The bagpiper makes his way around the corner, solemnly playing and walking his way through the crowd toward the American flag. At the conclusion of his piece, another veteran steps up to the microphone and sings the National Anthem. My heart squeezed at the reverence and honor in that moment. The weight of sacrifice in the crowd



Pictured are attendees of the Annual Stand Down Event serving local veterans. Photo courtesy of Janna Haynes



Speakers at the annual Stand Up event included members of Volunteers of America, an organization committed to serving veterans and helping support them through the transition back into society. Photo courtesy of Janna Haynes



Booths at the annual event offered resources to veterans getting back on their feet after returning from service. Photo courtesy of Janna Haynes

was so heavy that I could barely breathe.

Sacramento County District 5 Supervisor Pat Hume steps on stage to open the event. His district covers Mather Community Campus, which houses the Volunteers of America (VOA) veteran's service center and

shelter, in addition to several additional shelter programs serving singles, families and transitional aged youth.

Supervisor Hume shared his own family story of sacrifice, losing his father in war. Yet the pride in his voice is evident. He speaks directly to the hearts of

each person in the crowd, "You are not alone. You do not carry this burden by yourself. Do not walk away today without making the connections you need

and the help you need."

As the opening ceremony concludes, the crowd disperses to walk the booths they came to see: dental care, eye exams, haircuts, benefits, basic medical care, lunch tent and more.

The Sacramento County Veterans Services Office staff is onsite to help people get connected to VA benefits. Human Services Supervisor Nick Pulaski shares the challenges of connecting veterans to their earned benefits.

"We see so many people with incomplete paperwork; missing discharge papers or the worst is when private companies take advantage of them by charging them for help," Pulaski said. "We do it for free. We'll never take a percentage of your earned benefits. We work so hard to help and advocate for our clients."

Volunteers of America is committed to serving those who served our country and helping support them through the transition back into society. They serve nearly 1,400 veterans a year at the Mather Campus drop-in center. They provide help with resume building, job applications, mock interviews and job placement with cultivated veteran-friendly employers.

For veterans who need help exiting homelessness, Volunteers of America also has on-site shelter and a housing specialist to help with permanent placements, including paying rental deposits and first and last month's rent.

Don Harper, the Stand Down Event founder and vice president, emphasizes the moniker, "No wrong door" to getting help.

"Our goal is to get veterans off the streets and into the services they need to thrive, whatever that looks like for them," Harper said. "We're here to help." ★

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Step into this charming single-story end-unit in the gated Discovery Village community of Gold River. This 2-bedroom, 2-bath home plus den offers vaulted ceilings, abundant natural light, and a cozy fireplace in an open-concept layout. The kitchen features quartz countertops, modern cabinetry, and bar seating that opens to a private fenced backyard. The spacious primary suite includes a spa-style bath, his-and-her sinks, walk-in closet, and direct patio access. Enjoy community pool, spa, and clubhouse access—all just minutes from shopping, dining, and scenic river trails.

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Welcome home to this move-in-ready 3-bedroom, 2-bath gem in a peaceful, established neighborhood. A spacious driveway and inviting curb appeal set the tone for this well-cared-for home featuring separate living and family rooms with a cozy fireplace and formal dining area. The kitchen offers granite countertops and white cabinetry, while the primary suite includes backyard access and a soaking tub. Outside, enjoy a private, low-maintenance yard with stamped concrete, a pergola, and a built-in firepit—perfect for relaxing or entertaining. Convenient to shopping, dining, and freeway access.



This updated 3-bedroom, 2-bath home sits on a quiet street in an established neighborhood. Bright and welcoming, it features stainless steel appliances, newer doors, and a cozy fireplace. Enjoy a sunny backyard with citrus trees, pergola seating, and a raised garden bed. Located in the San Juan School District with easy access to Hwy 80, parks, shopping, and dining.



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Mira Loma High Hosts Aviation CTE Pathway Showcase

San Juan Unified School District News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Mira Loma High School will host a showcase event to celebrate the Aviation Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway and its newly renovated classroom from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Nov. 7.

The renovated classroom features state-of-the-art flight simulators, a wind tunnel, 3D printers, drones and airplane engines, providing students with an advanced hands-on learning environment that connects classroom learning to real-world aviation careers.

During the showcase event, students and staff will provide live demonstrations of the new equipment, share their

current projects and provide guided tours of the updated learning space. Attendees will have the opportunity to see hands-on learning in action and witness the innovative projects that students are leading in the Aviation Career Technical Education program.

Community members, families and staff are invited to attend and celebrate this exciting advancement in aviation education. Those interested in attending can RSVP at www.sanjuan.edu/MiraLomaShowcase.

Mira Loma High School and the San Juan Unified School District remain dedicated to expanding innovative CTE programs that equip students with the technical skills and experience needed to thrive in today's dynamic workforce. ★



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Donate to Keep Adaptive Riding Program Open

Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation, one of Northern California's leading adaptive riding programs for people with developmental disabilities, has launched an emergency fundraising campaign to sustain its operations.

The program draws students from throughout Northern California, especially Sacramento County, Yolo County and surrounding counties.

According to Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation (T.R.O.T.R.) board President Shannon Johnson Personeni, the Woodland-based nonprofit organization is facing unprecedented financial strain, due to rising costs for insurance, staffing, facility upkeep and animal care.

"Despite cutting non-essential expenses and stretching every dollar, we have been forced to release over 60% of our instructors, eliminate more than half of our weekly program hours and turn away nearly 75% of our riding students," Personeni said. "Just to stabilize our core operations and prevent further losses, we must raise at least \$45,000 by Dec. 1."

Personeni, who founded Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation in 2005, is a certified therapeutic riding instructor and an equine specialist in mental health and learning, accredited through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International.

"Demand for our services has been growing at an astonishing rate," Personeni said. "We typically have several hundred people on our waiting list. The lives of these children and adults could be transformed by the therapeutic power of horses if we can remain



Instructor Debbie and Leo tack up Cindy Lu for a lesson. Photo courtesy of Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation



India and Mr. B share a moment. Two hearts. One healing moment. Photo courtesy of Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation



Shannon Personeni rescues the horses and they rescue us. Photo courtesy of Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation

open to serve them." Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation combines recreational riding instruction with principles of physical, occupational and social-emotional therapy. It serves students with conditions such as autism, attention-deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD), brain and spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy,

developmental delays, Down syndrome, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and learning challenges, as well as mental, emotional, visual and hearing impairments. "A horse's stride mimics the human gait, which stimulates the rider's physical and cognitive development," Personeni said. "This gentle, rhythmic motion enhances balance, muscle

control, coordination, posture and body awareness. By interacting with their horses, riders also learn trust, patience and self-control while developing communication and social skills." In addition to serving riders with disabilities, Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation operates a rehabilitation program for horses off the racetrack. Many of these horses arrive after neglect, abandonment or career-ending injuries. "With

training, care and compassion, they become part of our adaptive riding program or are placed in loving permanent homes," Personeni said. Community members, businesses and foundations are encouraged to contribute to this urgent effort by donating at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/keep-trottr-alive> or contacting Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation at info@TROTR.org. ★

Local Band Performs Veterans Day Musical Tribute



A show called "GI Blues" will salute the United Services Organization's tradition of military entertainment on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Hey Day band musicians are, from left, Joe Gilman, Steve Helfand, Del Gomes, Susan Skinner and Tom Hannickel. Photo courtesy of Hey Day

By MPG Staff

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Carmichael musicians will lead a Veterans Day show on Nov. 11.

Local singer Susan Skinner will front the Hey Day band, presenting a salute to the United Services Organization's tradition of military entertainment.

Carmichael resident Joe Gilman is acclaimed world-wide as a jazz pianist. Now also a restaurant owner, Gilman will host the Nov. 11 show at his Rosemont (Sacramento) eatery, Twin Lotus Thai. The show follows two sold-out Hey Day performances on Nov. 9.

With clarinetist Del Gomes, Hey Day will present hits from the United Services Organization entertainers old and new. The show is called "G.I. Blues" (after the Elvis Presley movie about a post war musician who gigs in Occupied Germany).

"The United Services Organization's a perfect theme for Veteran's Day," Skinner

said. "Some of the world's biggest stars accepted \$50 per day (in expenses) to cheer homesick troops. Many artists risked enemy fire to reach frontline stages. James Brown and his band survived a helicopter crash-landing in South Vietnam. In World War II, Glenn Miller died while traveling to entertain American troops in France."

A vital element in military morale for 65 years, the United Services Organization history provides a wealth of musical contrast.

"From Bob Hope to the Andrew Sisters; from Nancy Sinatra to James Brown and Katy Perry, they've all performed for millions of service people," said Skinner. "Hey Day and I will offer nostalgia and appreciation for the patriotic artists who entertained Americans and allies all over the world."

Twin Lotus Thai is at 8345 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento. There is no cover charge but reservations are required at www.twinlotusthai.com. ★

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Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

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Mercy San Juan Medical Center Upgrades Stroke Center

**Dignity Health
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center is celebrating the grand opening of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care.

The centerpiece of the upgrade is a new Canon biplane imaging system, which allows doctors to see detailed, real-time images of the brain and blood vessels from multiple angles helping them treat strokes and other complex conditions with greater precision.

Mercy San Juan is the only Comprehensive Stroke Center for Dignity Health in California and the first hospital in the Greater Sacramento Market to receive this designation from The Joint Commission. According to the commission, the Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification is the most demanding stroke certification and is designed for those hospitals that have specific abilities to receive and treat the most complex stroke cases.



Mercy San Juan Medical Center celebrated the grand opening Oct. 22 of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care. Dr. Lucian Maidan, a San Juan Medical Center neurologist, cuts the ribbon. Photo courtesy of Dignity Health

The \$12.9 million renovation also includes a new procedure room, monitoring area and updated staff spaces to support exceptional patient care and teamwork. With this investment, Mercy San Juan strengthens its position as the region's leading hospital for advanced neurological care.

The grand opening was on Oct. 22.

Most of the patients served by the Neuro-Interventional Suite come from the greater Sacramento region, including Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Elk Grove, West Sacramento

and Roseville. The medical center is located at

including community hospitals, urgent care, sur-

and underserved. Dignity Health is a part

Canvases Get Crafty at Art Studio

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group tuition allows participants to take home paintings that are guided step by step. "But I also encourage people, especially children, to express themselves in their own creative style," the teacher said. Children's parties are another studio specialty. More options are adult paint-outs or paint-and-sip evenings.

"We've hosted fundraisers, family reunions, bachelorette parties and team building for businesses," said Carson. "And painting is something different for a date night. It's a change from staring at someone across a table. I want to have parents and children paint portraits of each other for Mother's or Father's days. It's a bonding experience for a child to look carefully into a parent's face. I'd also love

to have people here painting their pets." The studio has begun an after-school art-enrichment club for students 8 and older. Carson also runs crafting workshops, from block printing to resin art and fresh wreath-making.

"There's something creative here for everyone. My 9-year-old daughter is a watercolorist but she recently took our block-printing workshop and fell in love with making her own stamps," Carson said. "Creating art teaches people to trust their own voice and style. It strengthens attention to detail and critical thinking. It lowers stress and fosters friendships and teamwork. Working beside others builds connection and community."

Learn about The Crafted Canvas online at www.thecraftiedcanvas.com ★



The Canon biplane imaging system. The system offers real-time, high-resolution views of the brain and blood vessels from multiple angles, which help physicians perform faster, safer and more precise interventions for patients experiencing stroke and other complex neurological conditions. Photo courtesy of Dignity Health

Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael.

Dignity Health is a multi-state nonprofit network of 10,000 physicians, more than 60,000 employees, 41 acute care hospitals and 400-plus care-centers,

and imaging centers, home health and primary care clinics in Arizona, California and Nevada. Dignity Health is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality and affordable patient-centered care with special attention to the poor

of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit health system committed to advancing health for all people and dedicated to serving the common good. For more information, visit Dignity Health's website at www.DignityHealth.org. ★

San Juan Unified's Black Student Unions Build 'Community of Belonging'

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space with her peers.

"I went into that space and they welcomed me so much, and now I'm president and I feel so comfortable with my BSU because we have one big family and it's always fun," Ojehi said. "I'm someone who's always been passionate about helping kids and youths, and that is what kind of sparked me into wanting

to be an education attorney and also to be in places of leadership because I'm quite confident and I love public speaking."

Through San Juan Unified's partnership with Black Students of California United, students have access to opportunities and resources to grow. Learn more about the district's programs supporting students online at sanjuan.edu. ★

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City Workers, Union Members, Cardroom Employees Protest



A coalition of cities, labor unions and community members are urging the Attorney General to withdraw the proposed regulations and conduct a comprehensive, transparent review that considers their true economic and social impacts. Photos courtesy of the California Gaming Association

California Gaming Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Hundreds of city workers, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union members and cardroom employees gathered outside Attorney General Rob Bonta's Sacramento office on Oct. 22 to protest his proposed regulations that would ban blackjack-style games and severely limit player-dealer games in California cardrooms.

That's a move projected by his own economic analysis to wipe out up to 50% of jobs and revenue, according to the California Gaming Association.

The proposed regulations are unnecessary and punitive, as the games are lawful under California law and have been operating for decades.

For Sacramento County, this means the loss of more than 500 living-wage jobs and millions in city funding for essential public services, including police, fire, parks, libraries and senior programs.

"We've seen this before. During COVID, when cardrooms were forced to close, cities like ours, Hawaiian Gardens, laid off staff, cut community programs, and barely made it through," said Shavon Moore-Cage, the political advocate and past vice president of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 36. "We can't survive another hit like that, and this time, it's not a pandemic; it's an attack by policy that can be avoided."

Cardroom employees and local leaders also criticized the Attorney General's proposal for



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effectively creating a gaming monopoly for the state's largest tribal casino operators, while leaving small cities behind.

Cities are officially warning that eliminating legal cardroom

operations would also increase illegal gambling and organized crime, citing a Los Angeles Times investigation that documented a surge in unregulated pop-up casinos across Los

Angeles County, according to the California Gaming Association.

Even the Standard Regulatory Impact Assessment (SRIA) issued by the Attorney General's office admits that half of all players could stop visiting cardrooms under the new rules, the association stated, yet it fails to account for the devastating ripple effects on nearby restaurants, hotels and small businesses.

A coalition of cities, labor unions and community members are urging the Attorney General to withdraw the proposed regulations and conduct a comprehensive, transparent review that considers their true economic and social impacts.

"Our message is simple," Moore-Cage said. "Protect our jobs. Protect our communities. Don't take away our city's lifeline." ★

Prop 50: A Naked Power Grab by Gavin Newsom



Ted Gaines

Commentary by Ted Gaines, Chairman, Board of Equalization, 1st District

California stands at a crossroads with Proposition 50, a measure that threatens to unravel the progress we've made toward unbiased, transparent redistricting. Californians strongly rejected partisan gerrymandering by establishing

the Citizens Redistricting Commission, taking map-drawing power from self-serving Sacramento politicians, and putting it in the hands of an impartial group dedicated to fairness, not politics. The Commission has been far from perfect, but it beats the Newsom-led alternative.

Prop. 50 would drag us back to the dark days of backroom deals, where political elites carved up districts to entrench their power. This isn't reform — it's regression, and it's driven by one man's ambition: Governor Gavin Newsom.

Newsom and his allies are flooding the airwaves with political ads so shockingly dishonest they set a new low in California politics — and

that's saying something. These ads, among the most misleading I've ever seen, peddle a narrative so far removed from truth it is laughable. The actual truth is that Prop. 50 is a brazen, self-serving anti-reform that flaunts every principle of good governance.

They claim Prop. 50 is about fairness, but don't be fooled. This is about Newsom rigging the system to bolster his presidential aspirations, nothing more.

The proposition's absurdity is laid bare in its proposed districts. Take, for instance, the ludicrous idea of marrying rural, conservative Modoc County with leftist, suburban Marin County. These communities share nothing — geographically,

culturally, or politically. The only rationale for this pairing is to dilute conservative voices and magnify Newsom's influence and chance for the presidency.

It's a masterclass in political cynicism, designed to rob Californians of meaningful representation while consolidating power for one man.

The entire movement behind Prop. 50 is built on a lie: that President Trump is somehow orchestrating Texas's redistricting, and California must follow suit to "counter" him. This is nonsense. Blaming Trump is a cheap tactic, but an effective one, because Democrats have become reflexively anti-Trump.

Prop. 50 exploits this

knee-jerk opposition, using Trump as a bogeyman to justify a power grab that has nothing to do with fairness and everything to do with Newsom's ambitions. The Citizens Redistricting Commission is a bulwark against the kind of political underhandedness Prop. 50 represents. It ensures districts reflect communities, not the whims of Sacramento insiders. By dismantling this system, Newsom and his allies are telling Californians their voices don't matter. They're trading representation for ambition, fairness for favoritism.

Prop. 50 is a naked power grab that benefits Gavin Newsom at the expense of every Californian. It mocks

the will of voters who demanded fair redistricting and sacrifices meaningful representation to one man's presidential dreams. We rejected this kind of politics before, and we must do so again. Vote no on Prop. 50, and let's keep California's redistricting in the hands of its people, not its politicians.

Ted Gaines, Chairman, Board of Equalization, 1st District (a retired state senator) is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Prop. 13 and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly 10-million constituents in 34 counties of Northern, Eastern and Southern California. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

46 Counties Awarded for Reporting Accurate Financial Data

California State Controller's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California State Controller Malia M. Cohen awarded 46 counties the State Controller's Office Excellence in Reporting Accurate Financial Data for County Financial Transactions Reporting at the 80th annual County Auditors Conference in Lake Arrowhead on Oct. 22.

"I want to congratulate this year's award recipients for their outstanding commitment to accuracy, transparency and accountability. County auditors are essential partners in strengthening public trust. Their diligent work ensures that taxpayer dollars are managed responsibly and that local governments have the reliable financial information they need to serve their communities," said Controller Cohen. "This year's theme, 'The Auditor's Role in Trust: Unlocking Oversight and Transparency,' reflects the spirit of this recognition. When county and state partners work together to enhance oversight and elevate financial reporting, we do more than balance budgets: we build stronger, more equitable communities where all Californians can thrive."

This award recognizes counties for accurate and timely financial transaction reports to the

State Controller, essential for generating precise local government financial data, crucial for policymakers, researchers and constituents throughout California.

The 46 counties are Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity and Ventura.

In accordance with Government Code (GC) 12422, the State Controller is required to convene county auditors at least once a year to discuss issues related to county budget procedures, financial transaction reporting, property tax revenue allocation, and to ensure uniformity in the duties of county auditors across the state. These meetings also aim to strengthen the collaboration between the State Controller's Office and county auditors.

For more information and to view the agenda, visit the California Controller's 80th Annual County Auditors Conference website at https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_fall_conference.html. ★

Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Dr. Shirley N. Weber announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures on Oct. 21.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent(s) and to the Secretary of State and the initiative can be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides a calendar of deadlines to the proponent(s) and to county elections officials.

The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows: "Authorizes up to \$25 billion in bonds to offer eligible buyers fixed-rate mortgages for up to 17% of the purchase price of a 'qualified new home' (new construction or first sale of converted nonresidential property, priced below about \$1 million to \$1.5 million, depending on county, adjusted annually). Borrowers must be California residents for one year, plan to occupy the home, earn less than 200% of area

median income and pay at least 3% down. Requires that bonds be repaid by homeowners' mortgage payments, not State. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: No direct state or local costs. (25-0013A1)"

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1990 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 25-0013A1.

The proponent of the measure, Robert M. Hertzberg, must collect signatures of 546,651 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 general election) for the measure to become eligible for the ballot.

The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than April 20, 2026. The address for the proponent is c/o James Harrison and Ben Gevercer, Olson Remcho, LLP, 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814. The proponent can also be contacted at jharrison@olsonremcho.com, bgevercer@olsonremcho.com and 916-442-2952. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The NBA season is in full swing, and the Sacramento Kings have had a shaky start getting out of the gate.

The good news is that after 3 games the Kings could easily find themselves 3-0 instead of the anemic 1-2 that they currently find themselves.

Sunday night's loss to the visiting Los Angeles Lakers was a winnable game, just as the opener against the Phoenix Suns was a winnable game. What both games had in common were two distinct threads, that I believe capsulize the direct cause of coming out on the losing end. These two reasons are not an anomaly and are a hold-over from the results of last season.

Reason #1. Terrible free throw shooting! The Kings after 3 games are shooting an atrocious 64% from the charity stripe and this is the #1 contributor to both losses sustained in the early going.

How does that rank with other NBA teams you ask? Would you believe dead last. That's right, last place among all other teams.

Reason #2. To add insult to injury the Kings are the worst team in the NBA guarding the 3-point line. For all of last season, the Kings finished once again, dead last in the NBA, allowing opposing teams to shoot a league high 38% against them.

Opinions matter, but statistics don't lie. The Kings, and in particular the coaching staff that have been talking defense since before the start of training camp, have access to the same statistics that I do. When every other team in the NBA guards the 3-point line better than you do, the question is what are you going to do about it?

I've heard coach Christie go on and on about team defense, being active, deflecting passes, and many other defensive factors, but I'm not hearing about the glaring problem that is purely losing them games. With the number of coaches that NBA teams carry today, you would think someone would be focused on the best practices for guarding effectively the 3-point line.

In Sunday night's game against the Lakers, poor perimeter defense allowed a shorthanded team to take a game away that for all intents and purposes should

have been the Kings. Yes, once again it came down to terrible free throw shooting by the Kings, and the fact that no one could stop the point guard for the opposing team. Austin Reeves went off with a career night scoring 51 points and torching the Sacramento Kings from beyond the arc, going 6 for 10 from 3-point land. Reeves was a one-man wrecking crew gathering 11 rebounds and handing out 9 assists in what was certainly his best game as an NBA player.

While I give credit to Austin Reeves for his incredible performance, at what point do the Kings shut down some of his offensive. Mid-range jumpers are one thing, but wide-open looks from beyond the arc constitute a recipe for a losing night.

Add to that 41 made free throws by the Lakers on 89% shooting compared to the Kings 12 made free throws at 66%, and this close game simply wasn't one that the Kings could win.

Simply stated, get out of the NBA cellar now, and put a renewed emphasis on free throw shooting! Every player on an individual basis must take accountability and begin the process of improving his free throw shooting. Two games that the Kings could not afford to lose are in the loss column, and it is largely if not directly because of their inability to make an uncontested shot from 15 feet away, over and over again.

When a team is losing and it's a mystery why, everyone should be worried, but when the nemesis is known, get busy and fix the problem!

The Kings are about to embark on a nasty road trip beginning in Oklahoma City Tuesday night, and facing the defending NBA champs will be no easy task. So, let's control what we can, and not allow the Thunder to beat us from the free throw line. It's a tall order to best the Thunder on their home floor, but I've seen this team do it before, so I refuse to count them out.

Take to heart the two areas I've cited and let the rest play itself out.

Welcome back Domantas Sabonis and may he stay healthy!

All the best Kings fans!

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

Social Security Matters

Do I Need to Sign Up for an Online Social Security Account?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I recently I heard the tail end of a radio program which was discussing "signing up for my Social Security account." I am now 76 years old and have been receiving my SSA monthly amount directly into a credit union account for years. Since the time when I applied to begin receiving Social Security, I have had no need to contact SSA again since everything is working fine. I do not like having to use the Internet. It seems the government is just giving me busy work and requiring me to remember usernames, passwords, etc. just when I am trying desperately to simplify my life. Can you shed any light on the need to sign up for an online SSA account by answering this:

1. What is the background regarding this "call" by the SSA to create an online account?

2. Why is the SSA wanting us to have "accounts"? Mysteriously, no one I have asked is able to give me a reason why we should have "accounts" on-line.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"?

4) Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"?

Thanking you in advance for any light you can shed on this issue.

Signed: Concerned Senior Dear Concerned: While creating an online Social

Security account is recommended by the Social Security Administration, doing so is more of a convenience than a necessity. It is mainly a way to confirm your identity to Social Security in advance, in case you need to contact them in the future to make changes to your SS account. If you don't plan to make any changes, then it is not mandatory for you to create an online "my Social Security" account. Nothing will change for you — you will continue to get your monthly benefits as you have been doing all these years.

Regarding your specific questions:

1. What is the background? Social Security has, for many years, been encouraging people to do business with them "online." This is, essentially, a way to improve the efficiency of a) getting your needs handled more quickly, and b) improving SSA's internal efficiency so as to handle more transactions with fewer staff.

2. Why does SSA want you to have an online account? SS fraud has become an issue, with nefarious individuals constantly trying to get at a person's Social Security (and other) government benefits. As part of its process for online access, SSA has evolved to a quite secure online identification process, which includes modern security techniques. These include things like "Two-Factor Identification" and use of certain specific identification measures through two main programs for access to government systems (known as LOGIN.gov and ID.me). These create a single pre-verified way to access multiple government systems (such as SSA, IRS, VA, etc.). It means that only one ID and password are required to access numerous government systems and ensures that those who access the account are the correct person. It is

primarily a way to protect your benefits from others and prevent fraud.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"? Nothing will happen, unless you have a need to change something with Social Security. For example, if you for some reason wanted to change the financial account to which your SS benefits are deposited. With a secure LOGIN.gov account you could make that change quickly using your online account. Without a secure online account, you would, instead, need to make an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to make the change and provide proof of who you are. Again, this is to reduce fraud.

4. Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"? As indicated above, there is no time in which you must "sign up." If you do not sign up for online access, and don't need to change anything with respect to your SS benefits, then you do not need to create an online account.

So, while creating an online SSA account is highly recommended, it is not mandatory for those who have no need to interact directly with the Social Security Administration.

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Bay Area Transit Measure Tests Voters' Taste for Higher Sales Taxes



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The three largest sources of revenue for California governments are taxes on personal income, real estate and retail sales — and increasing them ranges from difficult to bordering on impossible.

Raising income tax rates requires legislative approval by two-thirds voting majorities or voter approval via ballot measure. After winning a second stint as governor in 2010, Jerry Brown persuaded voters to temporarily increase taxes on high-income Californians (and a token increase in the sales tax) to close a budget deficit.

A ballot measure in 2016 extended that income surtax to 2030. It's likely public employee unions and their allies will seek another extension via ballot measure in 2028.

Property tax rates are frozen by the state constitution, thanks to passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, and efforts to repeal or modify property tax limits have failed at the polls.

That leaves sales taxes, divvied up among state and local governments, as the state's most flexible levy.

The current basic rate is 7.25% on taxable goods, and that's what it is in some rural counties. State law limits any additional tax on sales to 2 percentage points,

so theoretically the highest legal rate including local, voter-approved increases, is 9.25%.

However, actual sales tax rates range as high as 10.75% because local officials routinely ask the Legislature to exceed the 2% cap, and the requests are virtually certain to be granted.

This month Gov. Gavin Newsom signed bills granting three jurisdictions permission to exceed the cap, including a 1% increase in San Luis Obispo County and a 0.25% boost for the Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

The third and most important would be a 0.5% hike in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties, plus 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, all to prop up Bay Area Rapid Transit and other transit services in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Bay Area measure, Senate Bill 63, would maintain the new levies — estimated to raise just over \$1 billion a year — for 14 years if approved by voters. It results from several years of effort by the region's political and civic leaders to shore up transit systems, which saw ridership and farebox revenues plunge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How the issue will be presented to Bay Area voters is uncertain. Under current law, were the newly formed Transportation Revenue Measure District to place the tax hike on next year's ballot, it would require approval by two-thirds of those voting, which could be difficult to muster.

However the state Supreme Court has declared, albeit indirectly, that tax increases placed on the ballot via initiative petition require only a simple majority for approval, and many of the local surtaxes in recent years have been enacted via initiative to take advantage of that dictum.

Last year, the court invalidated a ballot measure that would have reversed the policy on tax votes. Antitax groups such as the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are planning another such measure for 2026.

Backers of the Bay Area transit tax hike are apparently prepared to use the initiative process if polling indicates it's the only pathway to enactment. Were it to pass, sales taxes would top 11% in some cities and counties, close to the nation's highest retail sales levies.

The Tax Foundation, a Washington, DC-based organization that tracks tax policy, says that Louisiana, at 10.11%, has the highest average sales tax of any state. It calculates California's average to be 8.98%, the nation's seventh highest.

So, one might wonder, at what point does a high sales tax rate become a factor in consumer decisions? Some Bay Area cities and counties will be testing that out if the proposed transit tax is imposed.

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



New Jersey's Wind Debacle

June of this year, on top of what were already some of the highest rates in the country. There is yet more where that came from projected for next year.

When Murphy took office, the prevailing winds of fashionable opinion said that wind power was the future.

So, New Jersey set out to become the wind capital of the United States. It was going to get 3,500 megawatts from offshore wind. No, 7,000. Come to think of it, why not make it 11,000? The higher the number, the greater the climate virtue.

At first, New Jersey set a goal of achieving 100% clean energy by 2050, then goosed it up to 2035.

It's all come a cropper, as wind has been a no-show. The pandemic and Trump administration regulatory hostility to wind didn't help, but the basic problem is that wind is uneconomical, even with the feds and the state showering wind companies with lavish subsidies and credits.

Meanwhile, New Jersey took out coal, natural gas and nuclear plants without replacing them, and the energy fought pipelines with the resolve of Winston Churchill vowing to resist the Nazis on the beaches and landing grounds. The governor fought the PennEast natural-gas pipeline project — which would have connected Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to Mercer County, New Jersey, along a 116-mile route — all the way to the Supreme Court. The governor lost, yet PennEast gave up in frus-

tration anyway.

Neighboring Pennsylvania, also with a Democratic governor, is a notable contrast. It actually decommissioned more coal-fired plants than New Jersey did, but didn't suffer shortfalls in capacity because it readily embraced natural gas as an alternative rather than chasing an energy will-o'-the-wisp.

Murphy's make-believe plan was that by 2050, New Jersey's power mix would be 34% wind, 23% solar, 16% nuclear and 6% biogas, with another 21% from out-of-state wind and solar.

Here, back in reality, after eight years of stupendous clean-energy exertions, New Jersey still gets 90% of its energy from natural gas and nuclear. Only about 8% comes from renewables, largely solar.

New Jersey was a small net exporter of energy when Murphy took office, and now it is a large net importer. It contributes less to the regional grid than when Murphy started. Energy is a dominant issue in the gubernatorial race and deserves to be. Murphy is the author of an asinine, entirely predictable policy failure that directly affects the welfare of residents of his state. If Murphy is capable of introspection, he might want to contemplate the question asked in another Springsteen song long ago: "Is a dream a lie if it don't come true, or is it something worse?"

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Isabel Galvez, 6817 Chevy Chase Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Creciendo Con Isabel" 6817 Chevy Chase Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2025
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CRECIENDO 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06432
Bernard Fok, 8250 Calvine Road # C361, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ByeBye Computers" 8437 Armita Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 29, 2025
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BYE 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07566
2A Business Services LLC, 4142 E Commerce Way #112, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Natomas Auto Registration" , 4142 E Commerce Way #112, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2025
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NATOMAS 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07512
Terrana, 2201 Shoreline Drive B1501, Alameda, CA 94501 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Giovanni's Landscaping" 600 1st Avenue Suite 102, Seattle, WA 98104. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
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GIOVANNIS 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07529
Next Chapter Marriage and Family Therapy, Inc., 5030 S Land Park Drive #22815, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Next Chapter Therapy" 900 Fulton Avenue #130-4, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2025
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NEXT 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07391
Brielle Robinson, 180 S Lexington Drive Apt 518, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Symbylu Physical Therapy" 180 S Lexington Drive Apt 518, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 3, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07490
Juliette Miller, 4524 McDonald Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lil Dandelions Playschool" 4524 McDonald Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
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LIL 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07605
AVH Consultants LLC, 3400 Cottage Way Suite G2 #30107, Sacramento, CA 95625 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ship it 916" 7777 Sunrise Boulevard #3300, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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SHIP 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07453
Kenneth Dalton Jr and Danny May Dalton, 2667 Alta Arden Expressway, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" 2667 Alta Arden Expressway, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 7, 2025
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WHISKEY 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07579
Perspective Star LLC, 3414 Lerwick Road, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Perspective Gymnastics" 5555 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 10, 2025
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PERSPECTIVE 11-14-25

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Next Step Home, LLC, 2851 Castro Way, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RoomWorks Home Organizing" 2851 Castro Way, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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ROOMWORKS 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07439
Herman Melnyk, 1500 67th Street Apt 2512C, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CrowdX" 1500 67th Street Apt 2512C, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2025
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CROWDX 11-14-25

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Almir Kutliakhmetov, 5730 Callie Lane Unit E, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Almir's Car Detailing" 5730 Callie Lane Unit E, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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ALLMIRS 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07666
Chris A Apicella, 8122 Dart Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Enterprisiva" , 8122 Dart Way, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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ENTERPRISIVA 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07644
Rachel Jean Larsen, 8091 Livorna Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rachel Jean Studio" 8091 Livorna Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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RACHEL 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07496
Berfoods Inc., 163 Belle Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wingstop 743" 5950 Florin Road #100, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
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WINGSTOP 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07497
Wingtrained, 163 Belle Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wingstop 1102" 7909 Walerga Road #105, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
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WINGSTOP 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07546
Eudaimonia &EK, 8070 Willow Glen Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Smart Star Kids" 8070 Willow Glen Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2025
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SMART 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07523
Eudaimonia &EK, 8070 Willow Glen Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tuft Glow" 8070 Willow Glen Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
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TUFT 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07454
Wellbeing Care Management Inc., 602 Falcon Way, Roseville, CA 95661 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hollister Wellbeing" 3747 Hollister Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 7, 2025
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HOLLISTER 11-14-25

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Eduardo David Elias Rodriguez, 10501 Croetto Way Apt 84, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Navarro Skin" 1329 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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NAVARRO 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07580
Marcellina Solis, 774 Carro Drive #2, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "VS Landscaping" 774 Carro Drive #2, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 10, 2025
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VS 11-14-25

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A-Sac Partners Inc, 4643 Scenic Vista Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TMAD Folsom" 1300 E Bidwell Street Suite 135 Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2025
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TMAD 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07474
Valley West LLC, 2108 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tealbee" 2108 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
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TEALBEE 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06250
H2Osaze Inc., 601 Par Three Lane, Hampton, GA 30228 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Guardsman Wildfire Protection Company (GWPC)" 1401 21st Street #6281, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 22, 2025
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GUARDSMAN 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07472
North Valley LLC, 4640 Northridge Boulevard, Suite 180, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Continuum" 4640 Northridge Boulevard, Suite 180, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07767
Katherine Beatham, 6348

Longdale Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Poppy Local/Poppy Local Ads" 6348 Longdale Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025
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POPPY 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07720
Another California Insurance Agency Inc., 1024 Iron Point Road, Suite 1072, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AnCal Insurance Agency" 1024 Iron Point Road, Suite 1072, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2025
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ANCAL 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07548
Brian Delphino Sr, 4721 Dea Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wearcraftdesigns" 4721 Dea Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2025
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WEAR 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07777
Roadway Motor Inc, 8434 Walerga Road Apt 233, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Roadway Motor" 2500 Marconi Avenue Suite 135, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025
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ROADWAY 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07728
Temacius Felton, 6644 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Xpress Mart" 6644 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2025
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XPRESS 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07556
Angela West, PO Box 160223, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eres Property Services" 3626 Fair Oaks Boulevard #33, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2025
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ERES 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07621
Mafalda Irene Lozano Delgado, 2108 N Street #9875, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MyForteMind/HelloMyForteMind" 2108 N Street #9875, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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MYFORTEMIND 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07814
PNG Service LLC, 2800 Walnut Avenue Apt 21, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PNG Trade USA/PNG Store" 2800 Walnut Avenue Apt 21, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2025
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PNG 11-21-25

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Taylor Michael Hunter-Epley, 2649 Benny Waym Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eternal Echo Engraving" 2649 Benny Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2025
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ETERNAL 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07802
Idehai Oserogho, 2043 Wyda Way Apt 17A, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kathy Bella" 2043 Wyda Way Apt 17A, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2025
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KATHY 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-06946
Fresh Slice Holding LLC, 1680 Butte Vista Lane, Yuba City, CA 95993 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Papa Murphy" 3557 Bradshaw Road Suite 2-D, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 16, 2025
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PAPA 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07808
John Franklin and Charline Franklin, 304 Ginny Way, Rio Linda, CA 95673 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ever Fresh Carpet Care" 304 Ginny Way, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2025
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EVER 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07223
Nickolas Scott Lambdin, 5632 Valhalla Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bay Area Brick Repair" 5632 Valhalla Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 25, 2025
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BAY 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07792
Elder Creek Delivery LLC, 8880 Elder Creek Road, Suite 180, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The California Flowers Company" 8880 Elder Creek Road, Suite 180, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025
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FLOWERS 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07798
All Star Auto House LLC, 4636 Freeway Circle, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "All Star Auto House" 6836 26th Street Unit 36, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025
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ALL 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07773
Blauberg CA LLC, 830 Morris Turnpike, Suite 201, Short Hills, NJ 07078 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Blau & Berg Company" 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025
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BLAU 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07676
Hanita Alyu, 653 Howe Avenue Apt #21, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Addis Flavor House" 1120 Fulton Avenue Unit N, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025
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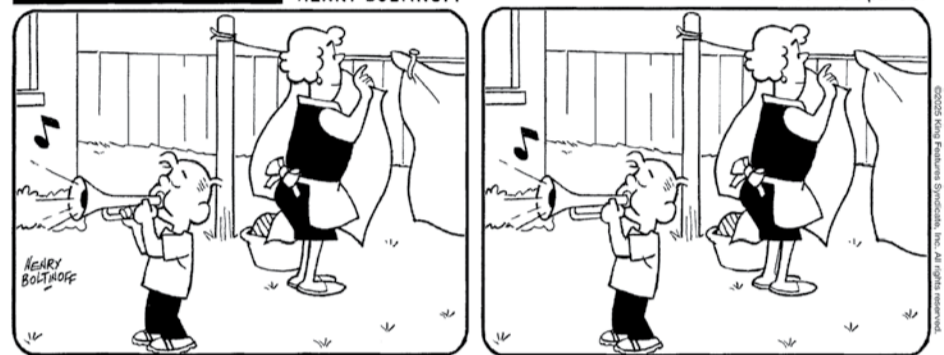


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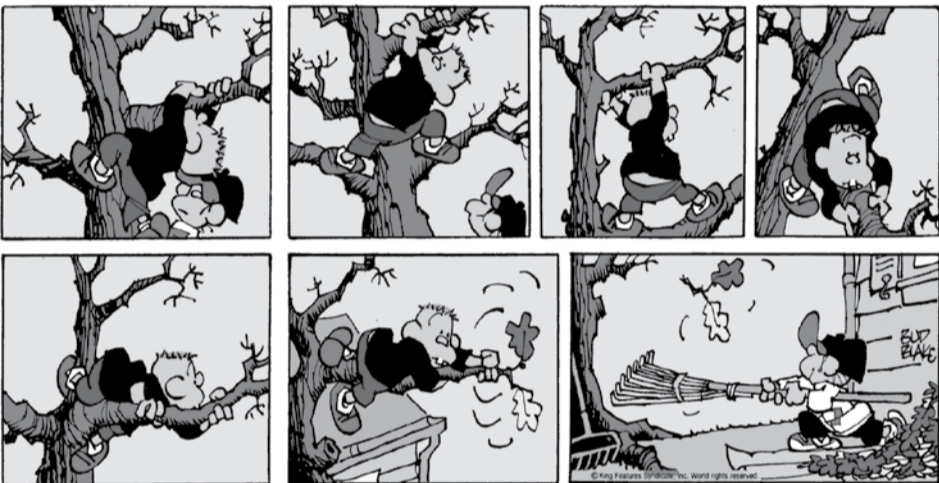
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 - Rum cake
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Sac State Defense Preserves Homecoming Win

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the second year in a row, the Sacramento State defense came up with a late-game stop to secure a Homecoming victory, this time edging Northern Colorado 40-35 in front of 20,022 fans at Hornet Stadium.

With Northern Colorado facing 4th-and-1 from the Hornet 3-yard line and just over 30 seconds remaining, the Bears elected to throw but Eric Gibson's pass was broken up by Malik Tullis and fell into the end zone. The victory improved the Hornets to 4-3 overall and put the team over .500 for the first time this season. UNC fell to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in league game.

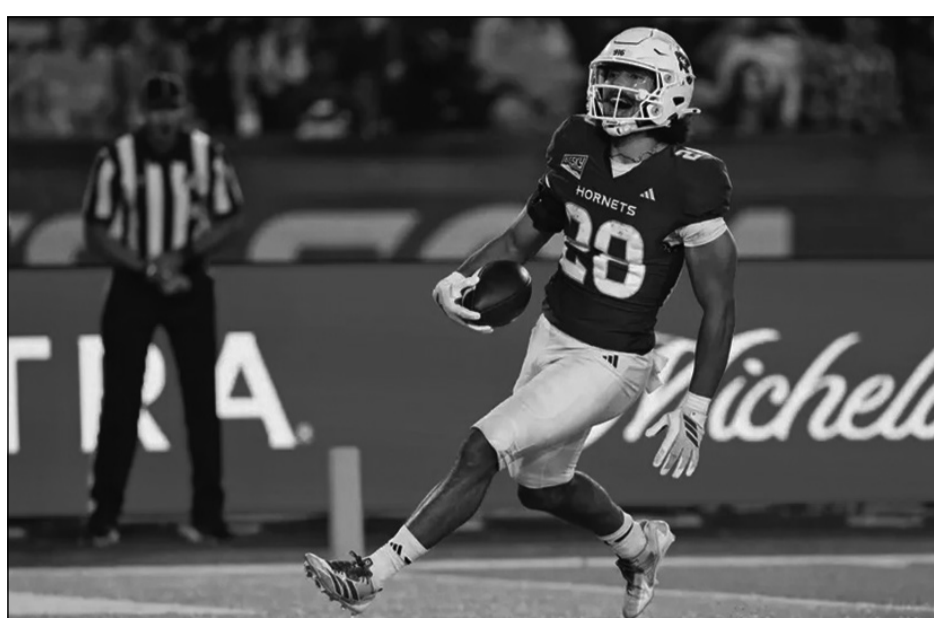
The game had numerous ebbs and flows as the teams combined for eight lead changes. The Hornets, once again, relied on its rushing attack, finishing with 323

yards on the ground with 134 from Rodney Hammond, Jr., and 103 from Jaquail Smith. The pair became the first Hornet duo to go over 100-yards in consecutive games since 1985.

The Bears did most of its damage through the air with 321 passing yards, including 223 to Carver Cheeks. However, the Hornet defense was able to come away with four interceptions to help turn the contest's course.

The biggest pick came from Ricky Lee III, who stepped in front of a third-down pass and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter. The score gave the Hornets a 34-28 lead and was the first pick six for the cornerback at any level of his career. Koa Akui, Jason Oliver and Lono Chouteau provided the other three interceptions by the Sacramento State defense. The unit also had six pass breakups.

Sacramento State won the



Sacramento State won the time of possession for the first time this season, holding the ball for 35:57. However, the team had four drives stall but were salvaged by a career-high four field goals from Grant Meadors. Photo courtesy Sacramento State Athletics

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the game with four makes on five attempts this season with a long of 36 yards.

After Lee's interception put the Hornets on top, UNC had an immediate answer less than a minute later as Cheeks broke free from a tackle along the sideline

and traveled 62-yards for a score to give the Bears a 35-34 lead.

Sacramento State used 10 plays to take the ball to the Northern Colorado 17-yard line but a third-down pass was incomplete and Meadors put the team back on top

with a 34-yard field goal. Chouteau's interception gave the team the ball back at the Bear 30-yard line with 4:08 remaining. The Hornets ran on the first two downs but were sacked on a third-down pass, resulting in a 42-yard field goal and a five-point lead.

One of the biggest plays of the game came on the first play of the next series. Gibson threw deep down the right sideline where Brayden Munroe was tangled with a Hornet defender. Munroe came away with the ball near the 50-yard line and then broke free for a touchdown and a would-be lead. Instead, replay ruled that Munroe caught the pass while standing out-of-bounds, negating the score. A pass interference penalty was still enforced taking the ball to the UNC 40. Rocha finished the contest with a team-high 11 tackles while Akui added seven to lead the Sacramento State defense. ★

Swingin' for Silver

Kurtz, Rook and Shea Earn Silver Slugger Nominations

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A's designated hitter Brent Rooker, catcher Shea Langeliers and first baseman Nick Kurtz have been named 2025 Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Award finalists.

Rooker won the award last season and became the first A's player to win since third baseman Eric Chavez in 2002.

The A's have not had back-to-back Silver Slugger Award winners since first baseman Jason Giambi in 2001 and Chavez in 2002.

Rooker, 30, batted .262 with 30 home runs, 89 RBI, and a .814 OPS in

a career-high 162 games this season, including 135 games at designated hitter. Rooker also collected 40 doubles and was the only American League player to hit 30 home runs and 40 doubles this season. He is just the fifth player in A's history to record 30 home runs and 40 doubles in a season, joining Marcus Semien (2019), Eric Chavez and Jason Giambi (2001) and Al Simmons (1929 & 1930).

Langeliers, 27, batted .277 with 31 home runs, 72 RBI, and a .861 OPS in 123 games this season, including 108 games at catcher. Among American League catchers, Langeliers ranked



The Silver Slugger Award is the top offensive award in Major League Baseball, with the season's best players at each position selected in a vote by MLB coaches and managers in their respective leagues. Each team receives four votes: the manager and three coaches of their choice. Photo courtesy of Athletics

second in batting average, home runs, doubles (32) and slugging percentage (.536), and third in RBI, on-base percentage (.325), and extra-base hits (63). He joined Terry Steinbach

in 1996 as the only catchers in A's history with 30 home runs in a season.

Kurtz, 22, batted .290 with 36 home runs, 86 RBI, and a 1.002 OPS in 117 games played,

including 112 games at first base. He led American League first basemen in home runs, OPS, ranked second in extra-base hits (64), and runs scored (90), and third in RBI and walks (63). His 36 home runs were the second most in a season by an A's rookie, trailing only Mark McGwire's 49 home runs in 1987. On July 25 at Houston, Kurtz went a perfect 6-for-6, tying the MLB record for home runs (4), extra-base hits (5), and total bases in a game (19). He won both American League Rookie of the Month as well as American League Player of the Month for July.

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Club's First Signing Rodrigo Lopez to Retire Following 2025 Season

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After two decades defined by passion, loyalty and unforgettable moments, Republic FC's captain and first-ever signing, Rodrigo "RoRo" Lopez, has announced that he will retire at the conclusion of the 2025 United Soccer League (USL) Championship season.

The man who helped ignite professional soccer in Sacramento will hang up his boots, leaving behind a legacy that helped shape a club, inspire a city and define an era.

Across his 22-season career, Lopez has featured for 13 different clubs in the United States and Mexico, including seven seasons for Sacramento Republic FC. He will now begin the transition to a player development role bridging Republic FC's youth academy and first team beginning in the 2026 season.

"This game has been my life. I started playing fútbol when I was just 3 years old at the Santa Barbara Boys and Girls Club, running around the field with nothing but pure joy in my heart. My career has been full of ups and downs, victories, defeats, injuries, comebacks and everything in between," said Lopez. "But I wouldn't trade a single moment of it. I've been fortunate to become a champion, to represent my teams with pride and to share the field with some of the most talented and passionate people in the sport."

"As I close this chapter, I do so with a full heart and no regrets. Fútbol has given me more than I ever dreamed of," Lopez said, "and now I'm excited to pour that same passion and energy into the next phase of my journey helping develop, inspire and guide the next

generation of players. Before I begin this new chapter, my focus is on one thing: win another USL title for Sacramento before the year is done."

Said Republic FC Managing Partner Kevin Nagle, "To say Rodrigo Lopez is synonymous with Sacramento Republic is an understatement. From our title run in the inaugural year to watching him try and lead us to another years later, it's been an honor and pleasure. Not only is RoRo an excellent athlete and leader of men, he's an amazing person and the perfect example of what Sacramento is all about. There is no replacing him and I cer-

tainly wish him all the best going forward. What a career."

Said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant, "RoRo has been a transformative force for this club time and time again and has been synonymous with many of the biggest moments in team history. This is a special moment to celebrate RoRo and thank him for his impact on

Sacramento but at the same time, we know his work is not done. His first year in Sacramento ended in a championship and it will only be fitting to send him out the same way."

As one of the few Sacramento sports icons to bring a trophy home to the

Capital City, Lopez calls a close on a career that has traversed the United States and Mexico. In Sacramento, his accomplishments across seven seasons have elevated the club to national prominence, established new records and benchmarks, and turned miracles into realities.

As captain in each of his seven seasons in Sacramento, Lopez has amassed 167 appearances, 45 goals and is ranked first with 49 assists. Lopez's career highlights include extraor-

inary moments: The Miracle at Bonney, an Indomitable run to the U.S. Open Cup Final, Sacramento's first championship and a slew of honors, including two All-League First Team selections, USL Championship Final Most Valuable Player, and a nomination for league Player of the Year.

Lopez led the 2022 Open Cup with four goals and four assists and

became the first player to be named TheCup.us Player of the Tournament and Lower Division Player of the Tournament, and in 2024 was the only active player to have an Open Cup group named after him. Earlier this year, Lopez helped lead the team to another tournament final, the USL Jägermeister Cup, the club's third championship match.

RoRo's other stops in the USL ecosystem include Ventura County Fusion, Portland Timbers, Orlando City and Rio Grande Valley FC. His list of honors and achievements is extensive: two USL All-League First Team selections, an All-League Second Team selection, a USL League Two title and USL League Two Final MVP, and more than 20 Team of the Week selections. Earlier this year, Lopez became the fourth player to surpass 40 goals and 50 assists in the USL Championship regular season.

Born in Guadalajara, Mexico,

contract with MLS side Chivas USA in 2005 and went on to make eight appearances. Lopez signed another MLS contract with Portland Timbers in 2011.

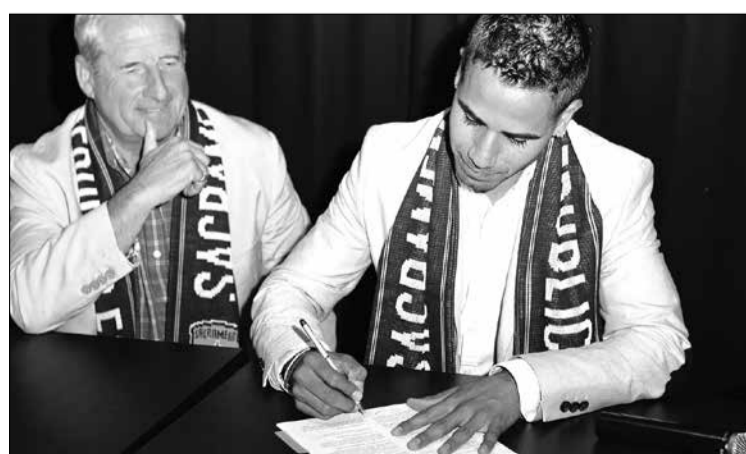
In addition to his stints in American soccer, RoRo spent time playing in his native Mexico, featuring for Cuervos Negros de Zapotlanejo and Querétaro in 2008-2009. In 2016, he signed with Acenso MX side Celaya FC and across three seasons made 94 appearances. Lopez also played three seasons in Liga MX, first with Toluca in 2017 and later with Veracruz in 2019 before returning to the United States for the final chapter of his career.

Fans are encouraged to share their favorite RoRo memories, photos and videos on social media using the hashtag #OurC8ptain.

The following weekend, RoRo's final playoff run begins when Republic FC hosts a Western



Republic FC will celebrate RoRo's career on Oct. 25, when the club hosts Miami FC for the regular season finale at Heart Health Park. Every fan in attendance will receive a special cheer card to celebrate the night and a limited-edition shirt will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association and GiGi's Playhouse, two organizations that are meaningful to the Lopez family. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



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Lopez grew up in Santa Barbara and in 2003 joined the Chivas youth system. He signed his first professional

Conference Quarterfinal match on Nov. 2. Tickets are available now at SacRepublicFC.com. ★

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