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## Marathoners Hit the Road



The California International Marathon vanguard will hit the half-way mark in Carmichael on Dec. 7. Pounding feet will close 17 county streets along the marathon route from Folsom to the Capitol. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Fair Oaks Boulevard is one of many streets that will channel almost 10,000 California International Marathon contestants to Sacramento this Sunday, Dec. 7.

The marathon samples Californian history and scenery. Athletes follow the path trekked by 1850s goldminers. The predominantly-downhill course makes the race among the fastest marathons in the nation. Participation is favored by elites who seek to qualify for the 2026 Boston Marathon in April.

This Sunday's top placegetters will share a purse of more than \$116,000. Runners will slog 26.2-miles from Folsom Dam through Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Carmichael and Arcade. Reaching downtown Sacramento to the cheers of thousands, athletes then

hit the home stretch to the Capitol.

In a cloudy-day forecast for this Sunday, spectators can admire a pageant of honed physiques, slicked by sweat but no rain, unless the forecast changes after press time.

Last year, Flagstaff-based East African Tsegay Weldlibanos broke the event's record in a blistering two hours and seven minutes. Finishing more than 17 minutes later, British Olympian Callie Hauger-Thackery broke previous female records.

Carmichael's "Great Wall" is the marathon's half-way mark. Leaving Folsom at 7 a.m., a lithe bunch of professionals reach central Carmichael around 8 a.m. Within 30 minutes, miles of Fair Oaks Boulevard will reverberate under thousands more feet.

The symbolism of Carmichael's wall is not lost on runners. A marathoner's "wall," where endurance is most painfully challenged, often

occurs near this landmark.

"I reached my own wall before I got there," said race veteran and Carmichael resident Susan Powers. "Seeing my husband and friends at the Landis Avenue intersection made up for the pain. I knew I would complete the course for them."

In the event's 42nd year, fore-runners will set a formidable pace. Also-rans slog the weary path for hours after the finishing tape is breached. They are lauded by cheers and horn-blasts from passing motorists.

"The support of strangers is what keeps you going," Powers said. "I remember a sign that said, 'Pain Now - Bragging Rights Forever,' that encouraged me to finish."

Dec. 7 traffic will be curtailed along the marathon route. For street closure details, visit online <https://runsra.org/california-international-marathon/course-information>. ★

## Apply Now for 2026-27 Sacramento Grand Jury

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Applicants are now being sought for new jurors to serve on the independent watchdog Sacramento County Grand Jury.

The application period opened Nov. 21 and closes Jan. 2.

Nineteen Sacramento County residents and 11 alternates will be selected from among qualified applicants. The one-year term for volunteer jurors runs from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

The Sacramento County Grand Jury is appointed to provide oversight of Sacramento County, its cities, public schools, including community colleges, and special district agencies and operations.

The grand jury has a different function from that of a jury. Unlike cases presented in a courtroom, grand jurors review and investigate the performance of county, city and local governing entities, recommending changes for improving local government.

The grand jury is authorized to hear criminal indictments and is tasked with visiting regional detention facilities, along with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Crime Lab and the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

The grand jury also investigates complaints submitted by the public and issues reports of its findings. Past grand jury reports and government responses can be found online at [sacgrandjury.org/reports.aspx](https://sacgrandjury.org/reports.aspx).

To serve on the Sacramento County Grand Jury, you must be a U.S. citizen 18 years old or older, a Sacramento County resident for at least one year, and available to serve 25 to 35 hours a week. Applicants must also be able to speak, read and write the English language.

In addition, grand jury members can not have been convicted of a malfeasance in office, a felony or any other high crime; are not elected public officers; and have not served as grand jurors within the last year.

The deadline to apply to be on the grand jury is Jan. 2. The 2026-27 Sacramento County Grand Jury will be empaneled next June. Grand jurors receive a small stipend for their volunteer work.

For more information about the Sacramento County Grand Jury, applicant criteria and how to apply, visit online <https://bit.ly/SCGrandJury2627>. Or call 916-874-7828 or go online to [saccourt.ca.gov](https://saccourt.ca.gov) for more information. ★

## Brunch at the Corner

**Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - With the opening of Brunch Corner on Fair Oaks Boulevard, a Carmichael tradition has been rebranded.

Twenty years under the name of Rey Azteca, the tiny taqueria was a well-kept neighborhood secret. In 2016, owner Ismael Pantoja spread his talents to larger premises nearby.

Dishing up family dishes at Fair Oaks and Palm Drive, his Cantina Azteca survived the pandemic and has become a destination for fans of authentic Mexican cuisine. The business was lauded for "Best Tacos in Town" by voters in the recent Best of Carmichael contest.

With his new cantina firmly established, Pantoja decided on a change of direction for his original premises.

"After the pandemic, it made no sense to have two Mexican restaurants, competing with each other,"



Restaurateur Ismael Pantoja (with ribbon) celebrates the opening of Brunch Corner in Carmichael. Well-wishers are Kosim Latipov (representing Senator Roger Niello), Mark Cullum (representing Assemblyman Josh Hoover) and Matt Ceccato (representing Congressman Ami Bera). Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

he explained. "I decided to move the Cantina breakfast menu to the smaller place. We changed the hours of operation so that there were no more conflicts."

Re-named Brunch Corner, the former Rey Azteca now operates from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays. As a nod to tradition, some Mexican flavors remain. But an eclectic

menu now offers eggs Benedict and crepes as specialties.

Pantoja's hideaway has gone from Tacos in Tijuana to breakfast in America.

"We've made the ambiance brighter," said Pantoja. "The inside is cozy, relaxed and Californian."

Slicing a ribbon as deftly as his maple-candied bacon, the Brunch Corner owner

celebrated his new venture with Carmichael Chamber of Commerce members.

"We used to serve dinner plates here," said Pantoja. "Now, we offer good-morning smiles, sunny-side up. But we're continuing our family tradition. We're still blending great flavors with a lot of love."

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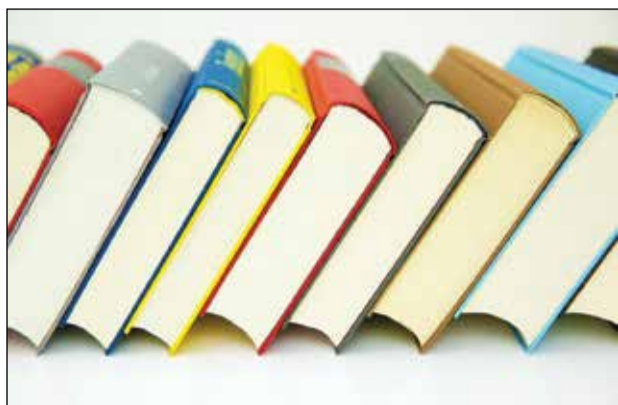
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# Textbook Feedback Wanted by Dec. 17

# Home Sales Remain Above Average During October



Find materials being considered, tips for how to review, feedback forms and other resources. To review physical books, schedule an in-person appointment at Choices Charter School. Photo by Hermann Traub from Pixabay

By Patsy McGavock

**SACRAMENTO AREA, CA (MPG)** - Through Dec. 17, San Juan Unified School District asks parents and community members to provide feedback on textbook choices that the district's adoption committees will soon make that will be used for the next seven years.

The proposed textbooks, used by students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade include TK-8 math to high school history, psychology, ethnic and language studies.

To review the proposed textbooks, visit [SanJuan.edu/curriculum](http://SanJuan.edu/curriculum). Find materials being considered, tips for how to review, feedback forms and other resources. To review physical books, schedule an in-person appointment at Choices Charter School by emailing [loretta.naas@sanjuan.edu](mailto:loretta.naas@sanjuan.edu).

While selection committees of teachers and community members review

rubrics, hear publisher presentations, narrow options and try materials in pilot classrooms, public review is a final piece to the selection process. Recommendations move to the district Curriculum and Standards advisory committee and ultimately to the district's Board of Education.

In early November, district staff gave an update to the district's public Curriculum and Standards advisory committee, sharing the large teacher interest specifically in math adoptions and excitement in selecting which history and language texts to review. Staff hope that more families and community members match that excitement and provide input.

"Whether you join us in person or review online, your feedback is important," states the district's Sept. 29 announcement. It helps guide final decisions.

Participation is growing but is still small. While selection committee applications rose from 32 last

cycle to 92 this year, only 22 public reviews had been submitted by early November. While up from 12 last year, it's still a small response in a district of nearly 40,000 students.

Why take the time? Because these materials are part of your child's learning experience. Research consistently shows that student achievement improves when families engage collaboratively in their children's education, even in acts such as reviewing curriculum.

Strong home-school partnerships support stronger outcomes. When you review materials, whether as a parent, grandparent, mentor or neighbor, you're telling a child, "I'm part of your learning team."

Reviewers don't need to be experts or to read the whole book. Pick and compare one or two aspects or sections of each text. Ask: does this help my child learn and stay engaged? Does it help them practice and master standards? Could I see myself supporting learning at home using these materials? Give specific feedback.

Set 30 to 40 minutes to review a course that matters to your family and help shape a better learning experience for all.

*Patsy McGavock is a Curriculum, Standards & Programs Advisory Committee member in San Juan Unified School District, supporting family and community engagement.* ★



Building Industry Association-member builders reported 507 home sales, an 18 percent increase from September and a decline of 5 percent from October 2024. MPG file photo

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - New home sales in the Sacramento region rose modestly in September and remained above the historical average for this time of year, the North State Building Industry Association announced on Nov. 11.

Building Industry Association-member builders reported 507 home sales, an 18 percent increase from September and a decline of 5 percent from October 2024. This year's total marked the fourth-highest October in the past decade. Since 1997, October sales have averaged 386.

Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said that many prospective buyers appear to be waiting for mortgage rates to fall further before committing to a purchase. Mortgage rates have dipped below 6.5 percent but, he said, many buyers believe rates might continue to decline.

Murphy said that sales are also being supported by incentives offered by many area builders to help improve affordability. These incentives can make homeownership attainable for

more families, Murphy said, and he encouraged prospective buyers to visit new home communities while the offers remain available.

Interest rates are only one factor affecting affordability, according to Murphy. He said that the Building Industry Association will continue working with local governments to reduce regulations that slow construction and to lower development fees, which now average more than \$100,000 per home.

Roseville recorded the most sales in October with 99, followed by Rancho Cordova with 92. Elk Grove reported 63 sales, while Plumas Lake reported 43 and Lincoln reported 41. Sacramento ranked sixth with 40 sales. Other totals included Natomas with 29, El Dorado Hills with 27, Rocklin with 20 and Antelope with 10.

The Building Industry Association's data includes 199 new home communities across El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

The association noted that it is no longer publishing detailed home price data, due to confidentiality requirements from builders. ★

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– Dave

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And if something unplanned or unforeseen happens, it sure would be a nice thing to own your home free and clear, wouldn't it?

– Dave

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

## Roger's Review

By State Senator Roger Niello



As the end of the year approaches, I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent our communities. I have five bills that passed the legislature and was signed by the governor this year, and here is the list.

With the support of the County of Placer, I authored Senate Bill 359. This measure establishes clear guidelines for the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and confirms that the existing tax exemptions for fuels, such as diesel and compressed natural gas, used by public transit operators also apply to counties that operate their own transit services directly.

When engaging in a home improvement contract, consumers should be informed about who will be providing the service. I proposed Senate Bill 517 to allow consumers to make an informed decision regarding their home improvement project by requiring a home improvement contract to provide a disclosure if subcontractors are being used on a project.

I introduced Senate Bill 568 to make sure that the requirement to have epinephrine available in public schools is applied in school programs including preschool. Epinephrine is currently required in public schools, and our school health professionals have the medication on hand to provide lifesaving treatment. My bill provides the necessary clarification to this requirement so that our public schools and their programs are prepared to assist any student who might need epinephrine.

Senate Bill 765 establishes the giant garter snake as the official state snake. The giant garter snake can only be found in California. Declaring the giant

garter snake as the official state snake of California acknowledges the important place of the species in the ecology, agriculture and water resources and reinforce the state's commitment to protecting endangered species. It has been my honor to work on this legislative proposal with the California Rice Commission and Save the Snakes, a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve snakes around the world through education, research and community support.

Having spent my early career as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), I have great respect for the accounting industry and am pleased that Senate Bill 788, which eliminates unnecessary regulatory overlap and confusion, was also signed by the governor. This bill reduces compliance burdens and costs for Certified Public Accountants and Certified Public Accountant firms, and California consumers can continue to access the trusted tax professionals they need to meet their compliance needs.

You can review a more extensive list of the bills I introduced this year on my website at [sen.ca.gov/niello](http://sen.ca.gov/niello), and happy holidays to you and your family!

*State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes Antelope, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Clay, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Foothill Farms, Franklin, Galt, Gold River, Herald, Mather, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murieta and Wilton in Sacramento County. The district also includes Auburn, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Newcastle, Penryn, Rocklin, Roseville and Sheridan in Placer County. To reach the senator, call 916-772-0571 or email senator.niello@senate.ca.gov.* ★

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08139**  
Pentabridge LLC, 9502 Village Tree Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Matching Support Services (MSS)" 3550 Watt Avenue Suite 190-2, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2025  
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MATCHING 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08286**  
Ricardo Meza, P.O. Box 276801, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Westview Logistics" 8905 Gold Leaf Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2025  
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WESTVIEW 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07982**  
Joe Gabbard and Ike Gabbard, P.O. Box 1992, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Colors" 8151 Deseret Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2025  
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CALIFORNIA 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08032**  
Sacramento Based Adult Day Services, Inc, 620 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kingdom Living ADHC/Kingdom Living Adult Day Health Care" 620 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2025  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
KINGDOM 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08161**  
Ruslana Shylo, 3660 Rollins Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dreamland" 3660 Rollins Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
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DREAMLAND 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07834**  
Tilford Enterprises LLC, 9280 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TE Auto Sales" 9280 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2025  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
TE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07981**  
Pacheco Water Trucks, 19960 Cold Springs, Reno, NV 89508 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pacheco Water Trucks" 19960 Cold Springs, Reno, NV 89508. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2025  
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PACHECO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08268**  
Jennifer Tracy and Nancy A. Tracy, 1764 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Woven Web Designs" 1764 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2025  
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WOVEN 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08123**  
Mic Locker LLC, 6616 Vierna Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DelCampo Sound" 6616 Vierna Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2025  
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DELCAMPO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08265**  
Francisco Javier Cano, 8727 Lakha Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Stable 916" 8727 Lakha Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2025  
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STABLE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08258**  
Mark Mroz, 6733 Lincoln Oaks Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Winko Group" 6733 Lincoln Oaks Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2025  
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WINKO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08263**  
Caitlin Mae Schullstrom, 3399 Egmont Way, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mae Babe Studio" 3399 Egmont Way, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2025

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MAE 12-5-25  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08278**  
Alexander David Martin, 7919 Tanana River Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trusted Care Pest Control" 7919 Tanana River Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2025  
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TRUSTED 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08284**  
Surinder Singh, 1730 Harwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GHS Trans" 1730 Harwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2025  
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GHS 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08243**  
KVlash Rancho LLC, 9000 Caselman Road, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&V Lash Studio" 10364 Rockingham Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025  
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KV 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08244**  
KV Lash LLC, 9000 Caselman Road, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&V Lash Studio" 6833 Stockton Boulevard Suite 425-435, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025  
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LASH 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08245**  
KV Lash LLC, 9000 Caselman Road, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&V Lash Studio" 6611 Folsom-Auburn Road Suite F, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025  
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KVLASH 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07700**  
Imani Muhammad-Hernandez, 1001 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crowné" 1001 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2025  
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CROWNE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08162**  
Inna Suzanska, 4308 Mascoc Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lady and Gentleman Kids" 4308 Mascoc Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
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LADY 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08285**  
Harjinder Singh, 3812 Water Mist Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "HSK Trucking" 3812 Water Mist Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2025  
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HSK 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07944**  
Prinze Foundational Planning, Inc., 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Guidestone Wealth" 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 24, 2025  
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GUIDESTONE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07923**  
Michelle Lancashire, 9708 Latana court, Elk Grove, CA, 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capital Hair Studio" 1500 7<sup>th</sup> Street Unit 1C, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2025  
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CAPITAL 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07965**  
Block Pro Services LLC, 4032 Senate Avenue, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cubby Colors/Cubby Colors LLC" 4032 Senate Avenue, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 24, 2025  
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CUBBY 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08232**  
Christian Bruce and Jordan Cote, 3631 Truxel Road, Sacramento, CA 95834 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "OneCity/One City" 3631 Truxel Road, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025  
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ONE 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07630**  
Victor Al Richard Mendoza, 110

Globe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Step by Step Innovations & Remodeling" 110 Globe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2025  
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STEP 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08180**  
Dmytro Lyushenko, 730 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dmytro Lyushenko Immigration Consulting/Lyushenko, Tuholukov Immigration Consulting" 730 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
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DMYTRO 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08267**  
Alekozay LLC, 8929 Paulhaus Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "American Gas & Liquor" 5682 Main Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2025  
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AMERICAN 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07945**  
Oksana Stasyuk, 3330 Bryant Court, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Next Chapter" 3330 Bryant Court, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 24, 2025  
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NEXT 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07781**  
Bruceville Softball LLC, 8302 Arroyo Vista Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Civic Empowerment Group" 8302 Arroyo Vista Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025  
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CIVIC 12-5-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08279**  
Leslie Ann Murphy, 3849 Hollister Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AMR Art/Annie Murphy-Robinson Artist" 3849 Hollister Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2025  
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AMR 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08126**  
Claudia Rogus, 3350 Sierra View Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "WoWmom Bakery" 3350 Sierra View Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2025  
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WOWMOM 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08159**  
Maria Stramnova, 2740 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "FaceTypo Agency" 2740 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
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FACETYPO 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08367**  
Travis Harrington, 7344 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Faded Red Friday Publishing" 7344 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2025  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
FADED 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07086**  
Ascend Beverage Co., 8 The Green, Suite B, Dover, DE 19901 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sungod/Sungod Balanced Hardwater" 314 Chimney Rock Road, Stateline, NV 89449. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 22, 2025  
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SUNGOD 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08128**  
Robert Warwick, 12800 Herringbone Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Law Offices of Robert Warwick/Resilience Wildfire Law/The California Wildfire Law Firm" 12800 Herringbone Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2025  
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LAW 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08371**  
Pacific Cities Management Inc., 11344 Coloma Road Suite 155, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Westcal Management" 11344 Coloma Road Suite 155, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2025  
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WESTCAL 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08402**  
F.O.A.M Collective Females/Fellas on A Mission LLC, 8465 Elk Grove Florin Road Suite 100 #2025, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "F.O.A.M Luxe Events/F.O.A.M Collective Apparel" 2108 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2025  
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FOAM 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08389**  
Apex Group International Inc., 1618 Alhambra Boulevard Suite 2635, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Attract-X/Apex Labs" 1929 P Street Unit A, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2025  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
ATTRACT 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08228**  
Matthew Smith, PO Box 276794, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Smith Custom Stoneworks" 3435 Rooter Road #76, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 11, 2025  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
SMITH 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07514**  
United Construction Management Corp, 1225 8<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "United ECM/United Engineering & Construction Management" 1225 8<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
UNITED 12-12-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08435**  
NCA Consultants Corporation, 7255 Roca Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Otakuforever Art" 7255 Roca Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2025  
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NCA 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08394**  
Bellmore Services LLC, 2500 Tourbrook Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento, County November 12, 2025  
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AKAAX 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08341**  
Destiny Renee Wells and Vincent Paul Wells, 5626 Chipping Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wells Home Services/Wells Enterprises" 5626 Chipping Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2025  
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WELLS 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07892**  
LJPB, LLC, 2209 Coroval Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Matua B.J.J" 3039 Kilgore Road #190, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025  
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MATUA 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07804**  
Ryan Maupin, 2919 Naples Street, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pixl Strategies" 2919 Naples Street, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2025  
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
PIXL 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08158**  
Pride Auto Wash LLC, PO Box 734, Isleton, CA 95641 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pride Auto Wash/Wash With Pw" 712 Annemarie Way, Isleton, CA 95641. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
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PRIDE 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08281**  
The Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association, PO Box, 60537, Sacramento, CA 95860 (CA Corp C1262537) is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SVSBA/Amador County Concert Band/Brassy/Gold Country Band/Elk Grove Community Concert Band/Joyous Brass/Pittsburg Community Band/Sacramento Concert Band/Sacramento Symphonic Winds" 5150 Sunrise Boulevard Suite B6, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2025  
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SVSBA 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08498**  
Tinas Home of Care LLC, 7521 Twin Oak Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tinas Home of Care" 7521 Twin Oak Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025  
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TINAS 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08129**  
Atlas Edge LLC, 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 223, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bizefile/Azadi Tax" 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 223, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2025  
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AZADI 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08456**  
Atlas Edge LLC, 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 223, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bizefileless" 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 223, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025  
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BIZEFILE 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08481**  
Michael Bethany, 2100 Red Brook Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Allowe Property Management" 2100 Red Brook Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025  
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ALLOVE 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08494**  
Tolo Partners LLC, 4128 El Camino Avenue Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Darya Restaurant Kabob & Gyro" 4128 El Camino Avenue Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025  
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DARYA 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08282**  
The Wooden Workshop LLC, 2553 Vernaccia Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wooden Workshop Custom Millwork & Cabinetry" 2553 Vernaccia Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2025  
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WOODEN 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07486**  
Stacey Swarhout and Jeff Swarhout, 8091 Greenback Lane Suite E, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Bizzy Bee Salon" 8091 Greenback Lane Suite E, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025  
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BIZZY 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08157**  
VA9 Skylark Place, LLC, 2082 Michelson Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> FL, Irvine, CA 95612 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Renew Fair Oaks" 6930 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
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RENEW 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08220**  
Holt of California, 7310 Pacific Avenue, Pleasant Grove, CA 95668 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Cat Rental Store" 8900 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025  
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CAT 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08519**  
Charles E Sims, 4915 Holyoke Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stringfield's Auto Repair N Electric" 2830 Bravado Drive "D", Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025  
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STRINGFIELDS 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08216**  
Viceroy Improvement LLC, 400 E Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DaBella" 1300 National Drive Suite 170, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025  
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DABELLA 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08547**  
Paul V. Scholl, 2508 Garfield Avenue #A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Messenger Publisher Group/Carmichael Times/Citrus Heights Messenger/Elk Grove Citizen/The Galt Herald/Rancho Cordova

Grapevine Independent/The Rio Linda News/American River Messenger/East Sacramento News/Pocket News/Land Park News/Arden Arcade News/West Sacramento News Ledger/Dixon Independent Voice/Territorial Dispatch/River Valley Times/Gold River Messenger/Colsa County Pioneer Review/The Gridley Herald/Placer Sentinel/Sacramento Oracle/The Placer Mercury/Auburn Sentinel/Granite Bay Mirror/Natomas Messenger/North County Messenger/Orangevale Sun/Wheatland Sun/West Sacramento Sun/Single Again.com/GreatAmericanPatriot.com/USHospice.com/LovingOutLoud.com" 2508 Garfield Avenue #A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025  
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MESSENGER 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08472**  
K'Briany Albro, 7800 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Practical Doula Magic" 7800 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025  
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PRACTICAL 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08476**  
Nestor E. Romero, 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenomenal Pool & Landscape/916 Pools" 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025  
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POOL 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08541**  
Nazim Khakimov, 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Awesome CA" 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025  
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AWESOME 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08514**  
NB Torrez Inc., 3437 E. Collier Road, Acampo, CA 95220 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Chopping Block Deli" 905 C Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025  
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CHOPPING 12-19-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07891**  
NB Torrez Inc, 3437 E. Collier Road, Acampo, CA

# First Installment of County Secured Property Taxes Due

## Sacramento County News Release

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The deadline for paying the first installment of 2025-26 Sacramento County property taxes is coming up. Payments are due no later than Dec. 10, 2025. Late payments will incur a 10- percent penalty for each tax bill. Partial payments are not accepted.

Payment must be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. Dec. 10, postmarked with a legal postmark or paid through the county's property tax website by Dec. 10.

The Tax Collector also wants to remind property owners to include the appropriate installment payment stub from the tax bill or property tax website or write the parcel number of the property on the check being submitted to make sure that you

receive proper credit for the payment.

You can visit the property tax website at county-taxes.net/sacramento/property-tax. Payment can be mailed to P.O. Box 508, Sacramento, CA 95812-0508. Be sure to mail your payment early enough to ensure a timely postmark and avoid penalties.

Property taxes can be paid by online e-check or credit card on the property tax website or over the telephone at 1-844-430-2823, using the 14-digit parcel number. For a 2.29 percent convenience fee, a contractor will process your credit card payment if you elect to pay the annual property tax bill using a credit card. This convenience fee is not revenue to Sacramento County. There is no fee to make a payment via e-check.

To avoid penalties, transactions made either online or over the telephone must be completed

before midnight on the payment pay by date(s). Plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to make your payment. If you are unable to get through on the internet or telephone, causing you to miss the payment deadline, penalties will not be waived.

Please verify your data entry very carefully when making online payments. If your payment is rejected by your financial institution for any reason, you will be charged a return payment fee as well as penalties if your payment is rejected after the due date.

Payments can also be made by cash, check, money order, credit card or pin debit card at the Tax Collector's Office, located at 700 H St., Room 1710, Sacramento. The county does not accept in-person e-check payments at this time. The convenience fee to pay by credit card is 2.29 percent and the fee to pay by pin

debit is \$1.95. If you elect to pay in the office and have your payment stubs (coupons), you can go directly to the cashier located at 700 H St., Room 1703.

If you use your bank's Online Bill Pay service, a paper check will be printed and mailed to the Tax Collector. Because the check is sent without a payment stub, enter the parcel number, current year's bill number and installment being paid in the online account number field for payment identification. The date on the check issued by your bank is considered the postmark, so make sure you are aware of the bank's timeline for issuing the check. Some banks take five to seven business days before the check is issued and penalties will apply if the check is dated after Dec. 10, 2025.

If you have not received a tax bill, you can obtain your tax bill information and payment stubs

(coupons) at the Tax Collector's website, over the automated telephone system at 844-430-2823 or by contacting the Tax Collector's Office at 916-874-6622.

Sacramento County offers an online email subscription service for property tax information to receive e-mail notifications when the annual secured property tax bills are available each year and reminders before the first and second installments delinquent dates. This service is provided at no cost to subscribers.

Visit [www.saccounty.gov](http://www.saccounty.gov) and enter your email address or mobile number under the "Connect with us" header, located at the bottom of the page.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

17, 2025  
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
STAR 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08589  
Anatoly Gontar, 7948 Gander Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A+ Trading" 7948 Gander Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
TRADING 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08441  
David Salomon Lopez Guiza, 3829 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DG Construction" 3829 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
DG 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08493  
Alpha Golden Health Care LLC, 8043 Scythe Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Forbs Care Home" 7011 Forbs Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
FORBS 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08567  
7992 California LLC, PO Box 2888, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Slocum House" 7992 California Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
SLOCUM 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08619  
Ruslan Mubarakshin, 2980 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sactown Locks" 2980 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 24, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
SACTOWN 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-07503  
Joel Dickson Chiropractic Corporation, 11294 Coloma Road Unit H, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Evolved Spine Chiropractic" 11294 Coloma Road Unit H, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
EVOLVED 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08540  
AK Distributors LLC, 3005 Stone Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zain Foods" 3005 Stone Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025  
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ZAIN 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08499  
Rai Acquisition One, LLC, 1840 Prairie City Road Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Steve's Pizza Folsom" 1840 Prairie City Road Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
STEVES 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08575  
Eagle Auto Works LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eagle Auto Works & Tire Zone" 2539 Teska Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
EAGLE 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08179  
Keith E. Jones, 17 Quay Court Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Let's Ride Transportation" 17 Quay Court Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
RIDE 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08534  
Sinbad Group Inc., 3033 Hurley Way Suite 103, Sacramento, CA, 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sinbad Market & Bakery" 3033 Hurley Way Suite 103, Sacramento, CA, 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
SINBAD 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08681  
Michael Tyler ShROUT Reitmeier, 7589 Limerick Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NovaTech Solar Solutions" 7589 Limerick Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
NOVATECH 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08683  
R Davis LLC, 4796 Winding Way, Sacramento, CA 95841

is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Milagro Centre" 6241 Fair Oaks, Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
MILAGRO 12-26-25

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNV202503993

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: WestView Home Group, 8905 Gold Leaf Way.  
Ricardo Meza, 8905 Gold Leaf Way, Sacramento, CA 95826.  
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on May 28, 2025 in the County of Sacramento.  
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: May 28, 2025.  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
WESTVIEW 12-12-25

### STATEMENT OF ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV025319

Tamrat Tadesse Tamrat and Kidist Wolde Neri has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Robel Tamrat Tadesse to Robel Tadesse Tamrat.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: October 23, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
TAMRAT 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026087

Atrin Kalantaripourdarranji has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Atrin Kalantaripourdarranji to Atrin Kalantari.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 4, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
ATRIN 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV020744

Lee Andrew Feijo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lee Andrew Feijo to Lee Andrew Davis JR and Lucas Malcom Feijo to Lucas Lee Davis and Mason Lee Feijo to Mason Lee Davis and Emersyn Makena Owens to Emersyn Makena Owens Davis.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: September 2, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
FEIJO 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026408

Michael Erick Jorgensen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael Erick Jorgensen to Michael Erick Holmes.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 4, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
JORGENSEN 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV025503

Abdul Wasi Niazi & Lida Niazi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Usra Niazi to Dina Niazi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: October 24, 2025  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
NIAZI 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026139

Rosalia Zubillaga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rosalia Zubillaga to Rosalia Spoonhunter.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the pe-

tion for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 3, 2025  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 2025  
ZUBILLAGA 12-5-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV027508

Magda Christy Taraya Perez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Magda Christy Taraya Perez to Magda Taraya Perez Knapp.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 14, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
PEREZ 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026099

Olena Ignatenko has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olena Ignatenko to Olena Oleynik and German Ignatenko to German Oleynik.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026376

Mohad Haroon Shams has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohad Haroon Shams to Haroon Shams.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 3, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
SHAMS 12-26-25

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BONNIE J. ECKHARDT CASE NO. 25PR003660

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Bonnie J. Eckhardt.  
A Petition for Probate has been

filed by Wanda L. Dewolf, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Wanda L. Dewolf be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Esther Raich, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-985-3466  
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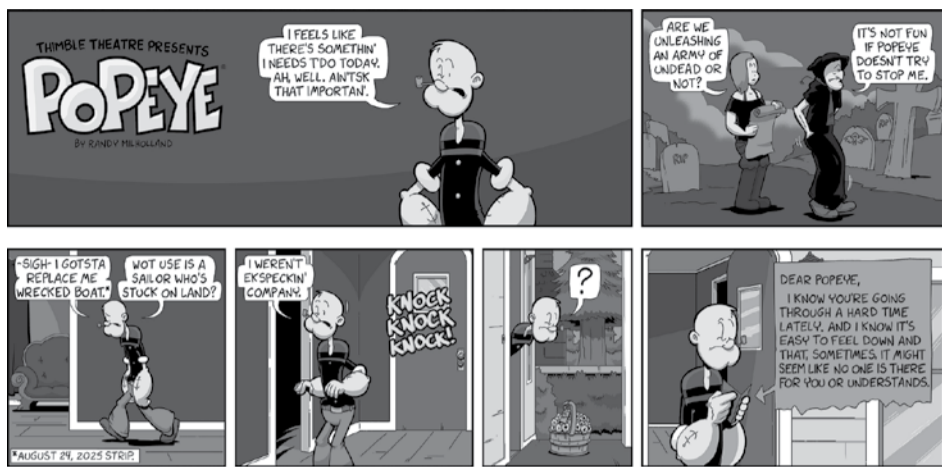
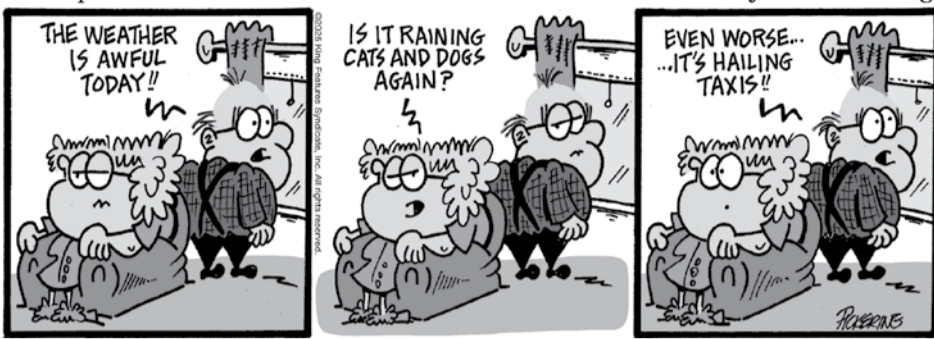
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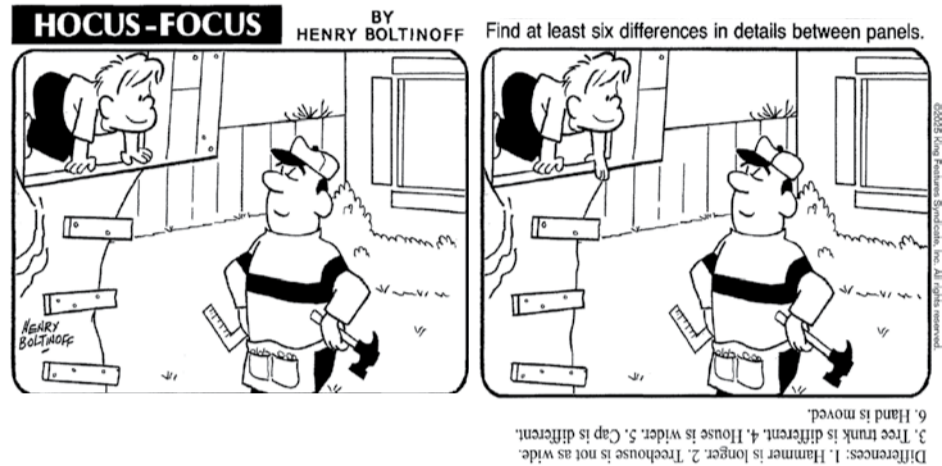
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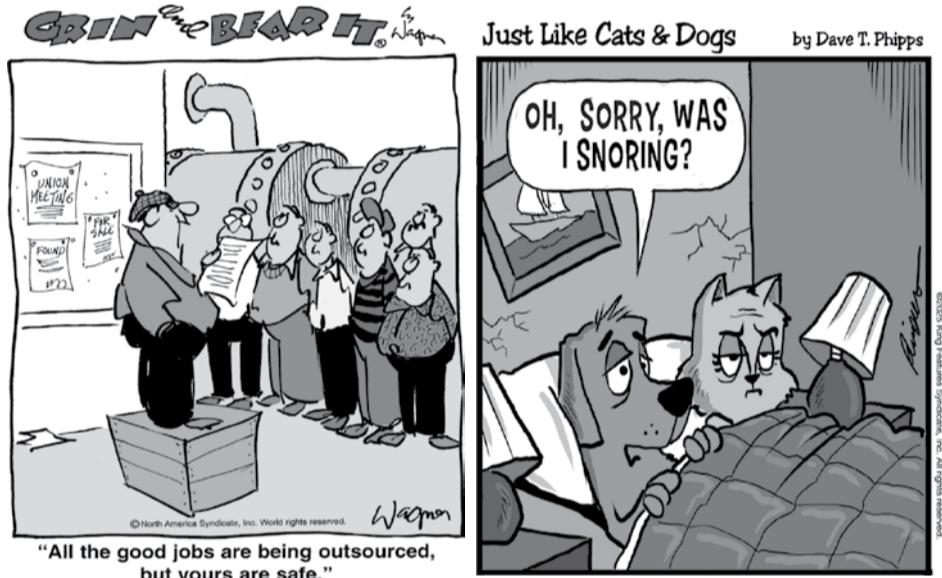
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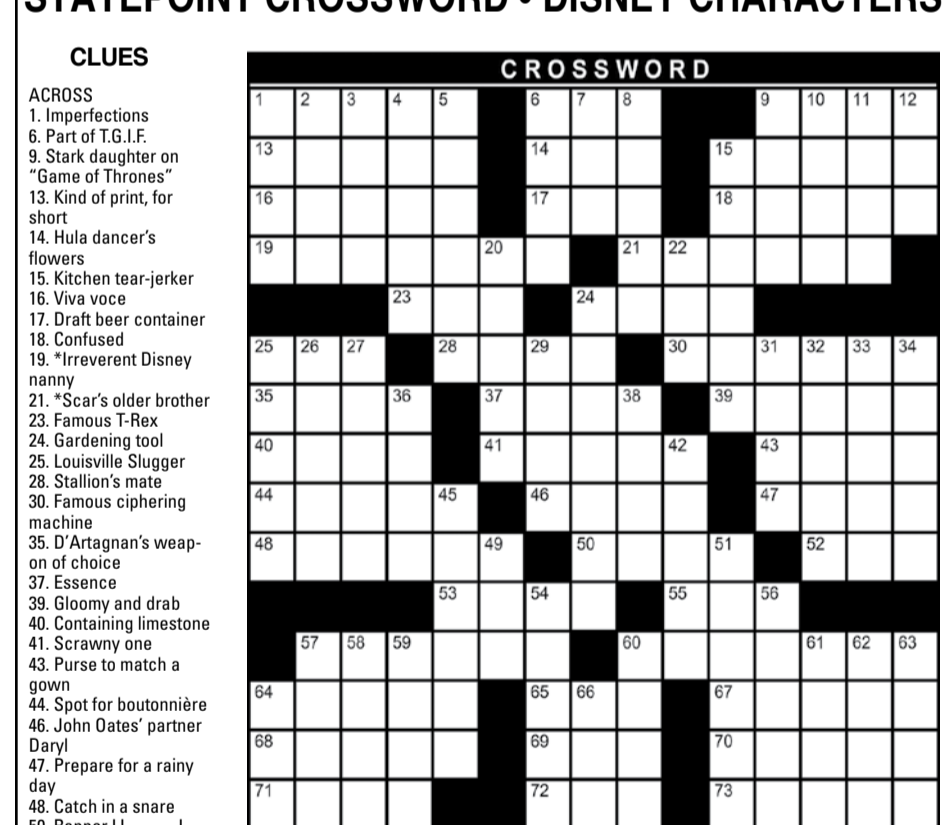


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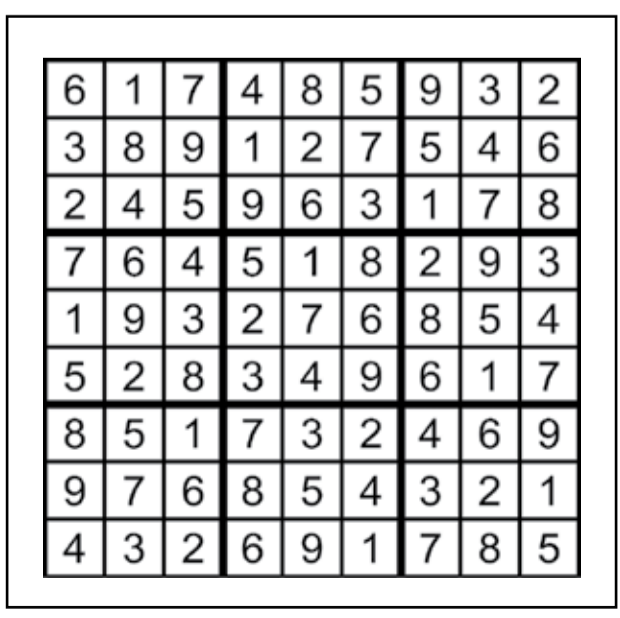


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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Will the real Sacramento Kings please stand up. Yes, Kings fans, it's been a conundrum to say the least, and in spite of a 5 and 16 record to start the season, bright spots have actually surfaced.

Stuck with 3 paltry wins just one week ago, the Sactown boys went into the city of Denver, and handed the first place Nuggets a surprising 128-123 defeat. Perhaps equally surprising was the 117-112 win over the Timberwolves just 2 nights later before a roaring crowd at Golden One Center. Both victories came with big man Domantas Sabonis sidelined with a knee injury, leaving fans and pundits wondering what can these guys do if they play like this at full strength?

Well, that's certainly a good question, but we can all remember what the team looked like 3 seasons ago when Domantas arrived in Sacramento and led the Kings to 48 wins and a playoff berth. That team led the NBA in scoring but also had a vaunted point guard by the name of DeArron Fox.

I think it's important to take a closer look at these back-to-back wins that the Kings recently put together and try to find a common thread. It's actually very obvious. In both wins the Kings shot remarkably well from the free throw line, something that has been seemingly impossible for this team to do. Against the Nuggets the Kings went 22-23 missing amazingly only one shot the entire night. Two nights later against the Timberwolves the Kings went 26-28 from the line missing only 2 shots.

Now compare that with Sunday night's game against the Grizzlies. 59% from the free throw line in a tight game converting on only 13 of 22 attempts in a 115-107 loss.

Unfortunately, the game against the Grizzlies has been the pattern we've seen all too often when the Kings put together that alarming 8-games losing streak.

So, even with Domantas Sabonis sidelined, the Kings are capable of taking down some of the best teams in the NBA, but making their free throws is absolutely critical!

Unfortunately, the Kings are among the worst shooting NBA teams when it comes to free throws, and as we've seen, if wins are to come that pattern has to change.

Doug Christie can talk all he wants to

about defense and playing for 48 minutes, but if his team can't convert from the line the stats don't lie.

But the Sacramento Kings can only play the players on the court, and this year's pattern of substitutions has been a head scratcher. Last year's first round draft choice Devin Carter has been all but forgotten as he sits game after game on the pines. A solid defender, good rebounder, and efficient scorer around the rim, Devin appears not to be in the Kings future and fans want to know why.

The coaching staff talks about a youth movement while second year player Isaac Jones was recently cut from the team. 6'9" with a huge wingspan, Isaac was scooped up by the first place Detroit Pistons almost immediately, and it won't surprise me to see them utilize Jones moving forward.

The number 1 problem has been identified and it's the inability to shoot free throws with any consistency, but what is #2?

The coaching staff and entire franchise can't evaluate talent! Drafting talent over the years, and talent that resides already on the team.

Allowing Jonas Valanciunas to get away was a huge mistake, and one that has benefited the Denver Nuggets greatly.

No one could see or even imagine a Kings team with Domantas at the #4 and moving Valanciunas to the #5.

Any way you look at it, the Kings shot themselves in the foot when they let Jonas walk away.

Defensive standout Keon Ellis is getting less and less playing time, logging all of 6 minutes in the loss to the Grizzlies, and fans attending home games have taken to collectively calling, "we want Keon, we want Keon!"

This is not a good look, but it begs the question, why? Why do fans have to beg the coach to play a player that could obviously help the team?

Player evaluation, it's as simple as that. Don't put all the blame for a 5-16 record solely on the players and give the coaching staff a pass.

All the best!

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

## New Studies Gives Lowdown on California's Sky-High Living Costs



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

We Californians know, or should know, that while living in this state has many positive aspects, we are paying through the nose for the experience.

A flurry of recent studies drives home how deeply California residents must dig to meet costs of living that are either at or near the highest of any state.

One comes from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Legislature's advisor on the state budget, delving into the astronomic costs of buying a home.

The LAO study found "California home prices far exceed the rest of the country." Mid-tier homes, those roughly in the middle of the price range, are more than twice as expensive as the typical mid-tier home elsewhere in the U.S. Monthly payments for such homes run about \$5,500 in California, 74% more than what they were 25 years ago.

The study also found that the annual household income needed to qualify for a mortgage on a mid-tier California home in September was about \$221,000 — more than two times the median California household income in 2024, which was \$102,000.

For a bottom-tier home, about \$136,000 in annual income is needed to qualify for a mortgage — about 33%

higher than median household income was in 2024.

The data illustrate why California has the second lowest rate of home ownership in the nation. Just 55.3% of Californians live in homes they or their families own, slightly higher than New York's ownership rate.

It's not surprising that hundreds of thousands of California residents, unable to aspire to home ownership, have decamped for more affordable states, such as Texas, where home prices are a fraction of California's.

Those who do migrate to other states find not only are houses much less expensive but fuel for their cars and utilities to light, heat and cool their homes are markedly less expensive.

The Center for Jobs & the Economy, an offshoot of the California Business Roundtable, continuously monitors energy costs in California and other states. Its latest report says gasoline, averaging \$4.64 a gallon in California, is as much as \$1.50 a gallon higher than in Texas and other states. California's electrical power rates are roughly twice as high.

Another take on California living costs comes from the Transparency Foundation, a conservative economic think tank.

It gathered a wide variety of factors and calculated living costs for an upper-middle class California family with a \$130,000 annual income. It concluded the family would pay \$29,753 more per year than the national average for housing, utilities, health care, taxes and other costs of living.

"This report should be a wake-up call to all Californians, that they are

being unfairly punished by the bad policies imposed on them by their politicians — and they are literally paying the price for it," Dave McCulloch, the foundation's chairman, said in a statement about the report.

A new poll by the Public Policy Institute of California confirms that Californians worry about living costs. Nearly a third of those polled said they, or someone in their household, have reduced food purchases to save money.

The California Farm Bureau revealed that a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people will cost a California family \$72.61, well above the national average of \$55.18.

Finally, there's a new report from WalletHub, a website devoted to personal finance, implying that Californians are taking on more debt to pay their rising bills.

In this year's third quarter — July through September — the average California household added \$880 in new debt, increasing the total owed to \$259,773, second only to residents of Hawaii.

All together, Californians' personal debt increased by \$11.8 billion during the quarter.

Now it's nearly \$3.2 trillion, just a bit lower than their \$3.6 trillion in annual personal income.

A truly staggering number.

*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.* ★

## Social Security Matters Is Social Security Really a "Good Deal?"



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** You've said in the past that most people recoup their SS contributions within five years of starting benefits, thus Social Security "is an exceptionally good deal." Your calculation is correct but misleading; if it were not, SS would have been insolvent long ago. I will, in fact, get "my" contributions back in about five years, but my employer's contributions will take another five years, and that is money that my employer could have been paying me, so they are really "my" contributions. But even that ignores the time value of money. I did a calculation as if my contributions, along with those of my employer, were invested in an account earning 5% per year. That would provide me the equivalent of SS income for 24 years, presumably what my life expectancy was when I retired. So, it's not a bad deal, but it is hardly exceptional. It is roughly the equivalent of me investing that money throughout my career and using the total to buy an annuity.

Of course, Social Security does have the advantage of certainty, at least until it goes broke. My portfolio

would not earn a steady 5% every year, though that is at the low end of what financial managers would expect over a long period. And it does force people to save, many of whom would otherwise make no provision for retirement. **Signed: Realistic Senior**

**Dear Realistic:** Thanks very much for your feedback on my previous article. I think it's important to draw a distinction for SS contributions made by an employer, because that is not money the individual personally pays, but rather an obligation for employers to help fund the Social Security program. Without that federal obligation, it is doubtful that employers would, instead, provide employees with equivalent additional compensation, so the thought that these are really your contributions is not a fair assessment. Indeed, they are contributions which happen to be tied to your earnings level (to a cap), for which employers receive relief on their corporate income tax, and likely would not make if not required by law.

As you have noted, Social Security has the advantage of certainty, something which is lacking when it comes to investing the equivalent amounts in the financial markets. And, as you have hinted, there exists a substantial failure by future American retirees to save adequately for their retirement, a problem well known in most financial circles. Thus, the certainty of Social Security makes it a crucial part of everyone's retirement planning — and it will be there! Despite all the

angst attributed to the current financial issues facing the program, there is little doubt that Social Security is here to stay. The question is — what reform is needed to make the program fully solvent for generations of future Americans? The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has developed a proposal to sensibly reform Social Security and avoid the currently projected 2033 date that the SS Trust Funds are expected to be depleted (which will necessitate an across-the-board cut for everyone). We have little doubt that the reform needed will happen (it would be political suicide for Congress if it did not), and hopefully soon. You can read about AMAC's proposed solution at this link: [www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee](http://www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee).

Again, thank you for your feedback and commentary. Please know that we very much appreciate your thoughts and are always willing to discuss these issues.

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## The Epstein Conspiracy in Plain Sight

Regardless, populists have a different narrative at hand that is consistent with the known record. Namely, that some of the most privileged members of our society — at the very top of the financial, academic, political, media and social worlds — had no standards or ethics, and embraced Epstein as a friend and consigliere.

Epstein knew influential people, so influential people felt that they should know him. They considered him fun, and useful — for advice, for banter, for introductions, for information and for donations. The emails suggest that Epstein missed his calling as a high-level, seamy advice columnist to the rich and powerful.

Want to know more about the reputation of the woman you are having an affair with? Seeking advice on how to gain political influence in Europe? Wondering how you're handling your interactions with a potential mistress? Looking for insights about Donald Trump? Trying to survive sexual harassment allegations? Need a reference for a gastroenterologist? Well, then, ask Jeffrey Epstein.

He emailed with former Harvard president Larry Summers, the linguist Noam Chomsky, venture capitalist Boris Nikolic, Emirati businessman Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Trump activist Steve Bannon, the journalist Michael Wolff, the artist Andres Serrano, the department store scion Jonathan Farkas and former White House counsel Kathryn

Ruemmler, among others. It's not as though Epstein was particularly insightful, but if he knew so many important people, he must know something, right?

As for his scrape with the law, clearly all had been forgiven and forgotten. If he was in the good graces of the social wrangler Peggy Siegal, whose job was to get bold-faced names to accept invitations, he must be OK. For some of Epstein's correspondents, it was part of his appeal that he was disreputable. Larry Summers, who leaned on Epstein for romantic advice, asked him at one point: "How is life among the lucrative and louche?"

Epstein's social currency is one reason that he got off so easily the first time he was prosecuted — he hired the best, most connected defense attorneys, who outclassed and intimidated his prosecutors.

As for Trump, he is guilty of enjoying Epstein's company a couple of decades ago, presumably for the same reason so many others did. But he had a falling out with Epstein long ago. Trump didn't have anything to do with him at the time that so many others in these emails were socializing with Epstein, confiding in him and asking him for insight on Trump. That's a disgrace, and it's always been in plain sight. In the Epstein story, it's not so much follow the money — although that's important and still mysterious — as follow the social network.

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

# Sacramento Superior Court Hosts Adoption Day Event

**Sacramento Superior Court News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Superior Court finalized and celebrated the adoptions of children from foster care on Adoption Day, Nov. 15.

Adoption Day is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the need for adoptive parents and educate prospective adoptive parents about the adoption process. It is also a time to celebrate local families who have opened their lives to children needing permanent homes.

“Courthouses are often stressful places to visit but this is a special opportunity to witness love and joy, and we are delighted to host this annual adoption day event,” said Juvenile Court’s Presiding Judge Kristina Lindquist.

Adoption Day in Sacramento County is a collaborative effort between multiple agencies.

“I am proud of the hard work our court staff and community partners put into this successful event, as well as the collaboration, dedication and care they put into every single case throughout the year,” Lindquist said.

During Adoption Day, judges



The Sacramento Superior Court finalized the adoptions of 26 children from foster care at the Juvenile Courthouse on Nov. 15. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Superior Court

and court staff were joined by community partners, including the Department of Child and Family Adult Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Sacramento (CASA), Parent Cooperative Community, Sacramento Sheriff’s Department Youth Services Unit, Sacramento Public Library, Zeta Phi Beta and Wayfinder.

“All children deserve to have a family and strong connections for life. Adoption is a great work of love and provides a child the

opportunity to develop secure attachments and be supported to achieve optimal physical and emotional growth and health overall,” Sacramento County’s Deputy Director of Child Protective Services Melissa Lloyd said about adoption.

Adoption Day festivities included adoption proceedings, refreshments and children’s activities, such as face painting and balloons.

The Nov. 15 event from 9 to 11:30 a.m. was at the Juvenile

Courthouse, 9605 Kiefer Blvd., Sacramento.

“We are glad to celebrate the adoptions that are occurring on Adoption Day but we should also take this time to reflect that there are many more children and youth who are still looking for permanent homes,” Lindquist said. “It is important to raise awareness of the need in our community for additional foster and adoptive families. Every child deserves the love and connection of a supportive family.”★



Adoption Day in Sacramento County is a collaborative effort between multiple agencies. Lend a Heart is an all-volunteer organization that provides animal-assisted therapy to the Sacramento area and surrounding counties with teams of certified handlers and therapy dogs. An adoptee plays with one of the therapy dogs on Adoption Day. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Superior Court

# Keeping Your Peace Through the Holidays



A group sits at a table for a holiday feast. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

**By MPG Staff**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - While many residents spend the season preparing Thanksgiving meals, lighting the menorah, decorating their homes or planning festive gatherings, others experience the holidays as a period of heightened stress.

Feelings of overwhelm stemming from financial strain, social pressures, loneliness or challenges related to substance use are common this time of year.

To support residents navigating these emotional ups and downs, the Sacramento County Department of Health Services is sharing guidance to promote behavioral health and help the community cope with

holiday-related pressures.

Health officials say that the first step is acknowledging how you feel. Recognizing signs of stress or disruptions to normal routines can make it easier to respond early. Maintaining consistent sleep schedules and mealtimes can also support emotional stability during a busy season often filled with additional events.

The Sacramento County Department of Health Services also encourages residents to make a plan for managing stress. Whether it’s taking a walk, relaxing in front of the television or connecting with friends through online games, identifying enjoyable activities provides a reliable outlet when

emotions run high.

Connecting with others is another key recommendation. A quick phone call, text message or social media check-in can lift both your spirits and the recipient’s. Officials emphasize that reaching out, no matter the method, helps strengthen support systems.

County health professionals also urge residents to remain mindful of alcohol and substance use. For individuals in recovery or those who find holiday gatherings triggering, planning ahead can be critical. Strategies such as having an exit plan, contacting a trusted person or choosing a nonalcoholic drink can help prevent setbacks. Resources are available for anyone concerned

about their use or their ability to cope.

Knowing when and how to seek support is essential. Residents experiencing serious feelings of depression, anxiety or isolation are encouraged to reach out for help. The 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline connects callers to local crisis centers, and in situations requiring in-person support, Sacramento County’s Community Wellness Response Team could be dispatched.

The Behavioral Health Services Screening and Coordination Team operates a 24/7 hotline offering brief screenings and referrals to appropriate mental health services at 916-875-1055 or 888-881-4881. The Mental Health

Urgent Care Clinic at 2130 Stockton Blvd., Building 300, in Sacramento provides walk-in crisis services for all ages and can be reached at 916-520-2460.

Sacramento County officials remind residents that holiday stress is common and that it is acceptable and encouraged to seek peace wherever possible. They emphasize that no one needs to face these challenges alone and recommend turning to friends, family members or professionals for support.

More information and additional behavioral health resources can be found on Sacramento County’s Behavioral Health webpage at [dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS/Pages/BHS-Home.aspx](https://dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS/Pages/BHS-Home.aspx). ★

# Help Pets Safely Enjoy Holidays

**By MPG Staff**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The holidays bring gatherings, festive décor and plenty of special meals but the season can also present hazards for household pets, according to Sacramento County’s Bradshaw Animal Shelter.

Shelter officials are encouraging pet owners to plan ahead to ensure that celebrations remain safe for cats and dogs.

Food is among the most common holiday risks. While some seasonal dishes are safe for pets in small portions, such as plain turkey or chicken without skin or bones, plain sweet potato or pumpkin, simple fruits and vegetables, and xylitol-free peanut butter, many traditional items should be kept out of reach.

Chocolate, onions, garlic, grapes, raisins, sugar-free foods containing xylitol,

cooked bones, alcohol and raw dough are dangerous and life-threatening for pets. The shelter urges owners to stick with pet-specific treats when in doubt and to secure trash bins to prevent scavenging.

Decorations also pose potential dangers. Tinsel, ribbon and string can cause intestinal blockages if swallowed. Glass ornaments can break and injure pets, while holiday lights and electrical cords might tempt chewers. The shelter recommends keeping candles out of reach or opting for flameless versions to avoid burns or fires.

Several popular holiday plants can be toxic as well. Poinsettias can cause mild stomach upset, while mistletoe and holly can lead to vomiting and diarrhea. Lilies are especially dangerous for cats and should be avoided entirely. Artificial greenery can offer a festive alternative

without the risk.

In addition, the shelter notes that the holiday season’s busier household routines can be stressful for animals. Visitors, parties and frequent door openings could overwhelm pets or create opportunities for escape. Officials advise providing a quiet retreat, reminding guests not to feed pets table scraps and ensuring collars, ID tags and microchip information are up to date.

If a pet ingests a potentially harmful substance, owners should contact their veterinarian immediately or call the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435.

Bradshaw Animal Shelter staff wish the community a safe and happy holiday season and encourage residents to keep their pets in mind as they celebrate. ★

# Holiday Airport Travel Ramps Up

**By MPG Staff**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento International Airport (SMF) has prepared for another busy holiday travel season, with passenger volumes expected to exceed last year’s total.

Between Thanksgiving and the New Year, hundreds of thousands of travelers will pass through the Sacramento International Airport.

During the Thanksgiving period, the busiest day was expected to be Sunday, Nov. 30.

For the winter holidays (Dec. 24 to Dec. 31), 30-percent more seats are available compared to the same week in 2024, which means the potential for even more travelers at the Sacramento International Airport.

“We know how important these trips are for our passengers,” said Sacramento County Department of Airports’ Airport Operations and Public Safety Deputy Director Sheri Thompson-Duarte. “We’re ready for a safe, efficient and festive holiday season and we encourage travelers to plan ahead so they can start their journeys stress-free.”

In addition to preparing for higher passenger volumes, travelers will find new dining options throughout the terminals.

Sidewalk Juice and West Coast Sourdough are now open in both terminals, offering fresh sandwiches, soups and smoothies, while Terminal A welcomes Golden Grove Market and a new Starbucks location.

Travelers can make their holiday trips smoother by arriving early and allowing extra time for the busiest travel days. Airport officials recommend getting to the terminal at least two-and-a-half hours before domestic flights and three hours before international departures to accommodate parking, check-in and security screening.

Drivers should check parking availability in advance, as the parking garage and daily lot often fill quickly during peak morning hours. Officials suggest using an Economy lot and taking a shuttle to the terminal. Real-time parking updates are available on the Sacramento International Airport website at [flysmf.gov](https://flysmf.gov).

Those picking up arriving passengers can avoid curbside congestion by using the airport’s free cell-phone waiting lot until the passengers are ready for pickup.

Travelers are also encouraged to pack smart and review Transportation Security Administration (TSA) guidelines for carry-on items, especially when bringing food, gifts or liquids. ★

# Two Carmichael Little League Victories Celebrated



Carmichael Little League's San Diego Padres and Toronto Blue Jays teams celebrate their duel Hergert Classic Tournament wins at Starr King School. Photo courtesy of Monica Biro

By Susan Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Two Carmichael Little League teams recently nailed impressive victories.

The league's San Diego Padres and Toronto Blue Jays brought home trophies from the

annual Hergert Classic tournament. Eleven Sacramento teams completed in the event at Arcade Creek's Little League Field (Starr King School).

Composed of athletes ages 10 to 13, the Carmichael teams trained on La Sierra Community Center diamonds.

Coach Ryan Martinez applauded 18 wins that made his Blue Jays undefeated division winners.

"They provided teamwork and heart," said Martinez. "Though one of the youngest rosters in the League, they played like veterans."

Fellow Carmichael players, the San Diego Padres, claimed eight victories over the two-month series. Manager Matt Sanchez declared this team "the most talented I've ever coached."

In their final game, the boys were pushed to learn new

team dynamics.

"Watching each kid adapt was truly rewarding," said Sanchez.

Carmichael Little League is now accepting new boy and girl players for the 2026 season. For more information, visit online [www.carmichaellittleleague.org](http://www.carmichaellittleleague.org). ★

# Giving Back, One Pint at a Time

## Rio Americano Students Host Blood Drive

San Juan Unified School District News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Rio Americano High School's student government is proving that leadership goes beyond the classroom.

On Oct. 28, the student government hosted a campus blood drive, an event fully organized and led by students dedicated to making a difference in their community.

The blood drive was

spearheaded by Student Government Community Service Commissioners Lulu, Rylan and Clara, a team of students committed to creating service opportunities for their peers.

The trio worked together to plan every detail of the event, ensuring that it ran smoothly.

"We organized the whole blood drive. We had sign-ups at lunch, contacted Vitalant and scheduled them to come and set up the gym this morning," Lulu said. "I feel

like I gained a sense of responsibility by making sure I was on top of everything and keeping things organized."

Throughout the day, students and staff stopped by to participate and donate blood. A total of 13 pints of blood were collected, enough to help save up to 39 lives.

"It feels good that people noticed the blood drive and wanted to give back to the community," Lulu said. "We put a lot of effort into the planning and

it's rewarding to see it all come together."

For Rylan, the experience was her first time planning a major event, one that made a lasting impression.

"It was nice knowing that what I did made a difference," Rylan said. "It feels good seeing everyone show up and knowing that an event I planned helped the community."

San Juan Unified District celebrates the dedication of its

students and is proud to see them lead with compassion, teamwork and a commitment to improving the lives of others. Events such as the blood drive reflect the district's vision to inspire each student to make a positive impact in the world through inclusive and equitable practices.

"I hope that the students who donated blood feel like they've made a difference and continue to look for opportunities to help others," Clara said. ★

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