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Council Honors Outgoing Mayor



The Citrus Heights City Council honors Jayna Karpinski-Costa for service as mayor. Photo courtesy of the City of Citrus Heights

By Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - At the Jan. 14 meeting, the Citrus Heights City Council honored Councilmember Jayna Karpinski-Costa for her service as mayor, a role she held for more than a year.

Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff said, "It is hard work."

Councilmember Porsche Middleton said, "You have done an excellent, just absolutely stellar, job at your duties. You've taken them seriously."

Councilmember Kelsey Nelson said, "Thank you so much for your leadership last year. I learned so much...with you at the helm."

Councilmember Tim Schafer said,

"You made yourself available and accessible. A job well done."

Karpinski-Costa thanked them for the kind words, and to the public she said, "It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as mayor for over a year."

Her favorite part of the role was "Monday with the Mayor," where residents could come and speak with her directly in a more casual setting. She said it was satisfying "to help someone solve a problem right then and there," with the help of the staff who were always ready to step up and get things done.

City Manager Ash Feeny said the staff appreciated Karpinski-Costa's leadership as mayor over her extended term, as she collaborated

and worked to find solutions to every challenge.

The council also heard an update about the Sayonara Drive Habitat for Humanity project, which is already under construction. The project will offer 26 affordable new homes, providing homeownership opportunities for low-income first-time homebuyers.

The total cost for the project, including infrastructure and construction, is \$8.5 million, with the average home cost at \$320,000. Funding support comes from various sources, including the City of Citrus Heights, the State of California's CalHome, and federal Community Project Funding, as well as donations from individuals.

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Rob Kerth Elected SMUD Board Vice President



Rob Kerth. Photo courtesy SMUD

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - SMUD's Board of Directors elected Rob Kerth as Vice President of the Board, effective Jan. 1, 2026, through December of 2026. Vice President Kerth was first elected to the SMUD Board of Directors in November 2008 and served a four-year term. He was re-elected in 2014 and is serving his fourth term. He represents Ward 5, which includes midtown, downtown, North Sacramento, Natomas, Rio Linda and Elverta.

Rob is a third-generation Sacramentan and former two-term city councilman who got his start in public service as a neighborhood activist for the historic Woodlake district of North Sacramento. While on the Sacramento City Council, he was recognized as a major force for revitalization efforts not only in his district but also in other long-established neighborhoods.

During his time with the city of Sacramento, Rob also specialized in regional problem-solving. His assignments included the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. Rob developed notable expertise on infrastructure issues throughout the six-county Sacramento region.

Rob founded Ice Unlimited, which brought Sacramento and Folsom their original holiday ice rinks. He is also responsible for the design of ice rinks in Sacramento's Arco Arena and at Squaw Valley U.S.A.

A graduate of Stanford University, Rob holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering with an emphasis in controls and systems. He and his family still live in Woodlake, less than three blocks from his childhood home.

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Sweet Music Studio Cafe Celebrates Grand Opening

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Let there be sweet songs to fill the air.

Sweet Music Studio Cafe, a new family-owned music venue at 8040 Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights will celebrate its grand opening on Friday, Jan. 23, after press times, with a morning ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a long-time dream of mine, and it's now about to come true," said co-owner Evelyn Guizar, providing a pre-opening walk through.

The months of hard work in transforming a once vacant, fire-damaged commercial interior space into something fresh and welcoming are now done.



The music stage of the Studio Music Café and rehearsal space features a grand piano. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

Just days before the public grand opening, Guizar provided a tour of the 1,600-square-foot Sweet

Music Studio Café, its front windows still masked by construction paper. Guizar visualizes the

Sweet Music Studio Café to soon be a place for everyone to come together

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Girl Scouts of Northern California Kicks off Cookie Season

Welcomed Exploremores to Cookie Lineup, Bay Area's Adobe a National Sponsor

Girl Scouts of Northern California News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, CA (MPG) - Girl Scouts of Northern California kicked off their 2026 Girl Scout Cookie season on Jan. 12. Girl Scouts throughout all 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon Border will embark on the highly anticipated cookie season, exploring more possibilities through the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

From Jan. 12, consumers can support their local girl entrepreneurs by ordering from the iconic cookie lineup online at ilovecookies.org. Local shoppers can also locate cookie booths starting Feb. 4 for in-person cookie sales. The 2026 Girl Scouts of Northern California cookie season runs through March 15, and all cookie flavors are \$7 a box (shipping fees additional).

"Exploremores", a rocky road ice cream-inspired sandwich cookie, will join the legendary lineup for the 2026 cookie season. Filled with delicious flavors of chocolate, marshmallow and toasted almond-flavored crème, Exploremores reflect the spirit of exploration at the heart of every Girl Scout.

The new flavor will be the 9th cookie flavor to join Northern California customer favorites such as Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, and Trefoils. Exploremores will be available for purchase online and in-person during booth sales. Visit www.ilovecookies.org for more information.

"What better way to kick off the new year than with a new cookie for the 2026 cookie season," said Mary-Jane Strom, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern California. "Behind every cookie sale is a Girl Scout learning essential life skills far beyond just selling cookies. Buying or donating cookies is a delicious and easy way to help cultivate



As this year's national sponsor of the cookie program, Bay Area-based Adobe will encourage girls to express their individuality and think creatively as they pursue their goals this cookie season. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

future leaders, innovators, and change-makers. It is a win-win for all."

The Girl Scout Cookie Program provides invaluable entrepreneurial skills for Girl Scouts across the country and funds a variety of experiences. Each cookie season, Girl Scouts develop important life skills like goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics through the Cookie Program.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the cookie program are used locally and provide critical funds for girls' access to affordable programming, the outdoors, camp and program centers, STEM, financial aid and volunteer support services. Girl Scouts and their troops depend on these funds to support their community service efforts.

This year, over 14,000 Girl Scouts in Northern California will



"Exploremores", a rocky road ice cream-inspired sandwich cookie, will join the legendary lineup for the 2026 cookie season. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

participate in the cookie entrepreneurship program with the goal of selling over 3 million packages of cookies.

As this year's national sponsor of the cookie program, Bay Area-based Adobe will encourage girls to express their individuality and think creatively as they pursue their

goals this cookie season. Through a national educational video featured on the Digital Cookie platform, Adobe will equip Girl Scouts with essential skills in online communication and responsible digital design. By sharing these creative tools, Adobe is supporting Girl Scouts to become confident digital

creators and entrepreneurs.

Girl Scouts of Northern California serves over 46,000 youth and adult volunteers across 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon border. Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges — whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike, advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and create change on the issues that matter most to them. To learn more about Girl Scouts of Northern California, visit www.gsnorcal.org. ★

ADU Construction Continues to Rise



The city's Permit-Ready Accessory Dwelling Unit (PRADU) program simplifies the process of adding an ADU to your property with free, pre-approved plans for property owners. Photo courtesy of City of Citrus Heights

City of Citrus Heights News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The popularity of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) continued to grow in 2025, with the City of Citrus Heights issuing 31 ADU permits. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), often referred to as granny flats or in-law units, allow homeowners to add a second, independent living unit on an existing residential property.

ADUs are most commonly used to provide independent living space for family members, such as aging parents or adult children, while others are built to generate rental income and increase housing options within the community.

The increase in ADU development can

be attributed in part to the City's Permit-Ready Accessory Dwelling Unit (PRADU) Program, which offers free, pre-approved ADU plans to Citrus Heights property owners. Since the program launched in the summer of 2021, 26 property owners have successfully built ADUs using the City's pre-approved plans.

The PRADU plans include one- and two-bedroom units in a variety of exterior styles, ranging in size from 499 to 749 square feet. By using these pre-approved designs, homeowners can avoid hiring an architect, bypass the traditional plan review process, and save more than \$7,000 in plan preparation costs.

To learn more about ADUs or the City's PRADU Program, visit www.citrusheights.net/aducentral. ★

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Construction Yet to Begin at Drive-Thru Site

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Nearly five months after the demolition of the former Marie Callender's Restaurant and Bakery at 5525 Sunrise Blvd, construction of a new quick serve restaurant (QSR) which was previously approved by the city of Citrus Heights for the location has yet to begin.

Signage installed by the commercial real estate brokerage Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) of Sacramento, on behalf of the property owner, Patterson Properties, placed in front of the former restaurant, continues to describe and market the location as a "fully approved quick service restaurant (QSR) entitled site available for ground lease."

"We (JLL) are in active discussions (on 5525 Sunrise Boulevard), but there is no material update, or insight to share with the public at this time," said Torren Ragan, senior associate, retail for the brokerage.

An active Loopnet commercial listing describes the property as the "only entitled quick service restaurant (QSR) site that is ready to build in the Sunrise Marketplace corridor."

At this time, the city of Citrus Heights Planning Department "has not received any applications for a specific user for that property," said Marisa Brown, city communications officer.

Very little remains of the former restaurant, previously situated along the city's restaurant row, between the recently opened Must Be Cow Korean BBQ and Hibachi Buffet along busy Sunrise Boulevard.

Crumbling red brick rubble outlines several of the remaining raised landscaping beds which surround the former restaurant.

The unevenly cut, thick stumps of multiple young trees which once provided a generous canopy of lush foliage have left



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utility enclosures in the parking lot.

In June 2025, the Citrus Heights Planning Commission members unanimously approved a design use permit to allow the construction of a new 5,000-square-foot quick serve, drive-thru restaurant which would feature two drive-thru service lanes on 1.55 acres at the southwest corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Pebble Beach Drive.

Owner James Patterson, president of Patterson Properties, Inc. in Roseville, had told the Citrus Heights Planning Commission that their unanimous decision could allow his investment and development firm to actively market the location to compatible users such as Chick-fil-A or In-N-Out Burger.

A representative for Patterson Properties did not respond to a specific request for comment regarding the progress of the firm's marketing efforts or when project construction could begin.

Project drawings for the approved quick serve restaurant (QSR) show a double lane drive-thru condensing down to a single lane around the final turn facing Pebble Beach Drive before the pick-up window. A 50-foot sloping landscape green belt will also face Sunrise Boulevard.

Pebble Beach Drive separates the planned drive-thru restaurant from the Hibachi Buffet restaurant located next door.

The current site plan also calls for the addition of 58 regular parking spaces, three Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking spaces and 13 electric-vehicle-capable parking spaces.

Vehicular entrance points are from Birdcage Street, Pebble Beach Drive and through the parking lot which is shared by the now open Must Be Cow Korean BBQ restaurant, as well as the commercial office space which faces Birdcage Drive. ★

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and create social cohesion through art, music and culture. She also looks forward to featuring local artists and musicians ready to take the stage.

“I’m hoping that local musicians in the surrounding area will come to call the Sweet Music Studio Café their favorite and a very special place to play,” Guizar said.

Guizar will oversee daily operations while her husband, Javier, a sound engineer who will be behind the controls managing the live audio once the café is open to customers.

The café performance stage is up front, just to the right of the entrance, where a black grand piano, speakers and a drum kit are set up from a previous rehearsal.

Their son, Daniel, a member of a local band, Tastes Like TV Static, will serve as musical director for the café, she said.

The Sweet Music Studio Café which will offer small bites, desserts, local coffee, artisanal beer and wine, has a capacity of 82 people and will be closed on Mondays where it can be utilized by local musicians, including her son, either as a dedicated rehearsal space, or for private rental.

Across the main counter where patrons will order beer, wine, coffee or tea, there’s a cozy nook with a small sofa and plush chairs, which Guizar describes as one of her favorite spots in the café.

“We’re starting with a staff of eight, including our head barista,” Guizar said. Coffee and tea will be sourced by The Mill Coffee Roasting & Tea Studio of Sacramento. Guizar said she was also finalizing her choice of a local pastry provider before the upcoming Friday opening date.

Once open, the Sweet Music Studio Café, situated in a small commercial plaza on Greenback Lane just before Fair Oaks Boulevard, will serve as both a live musical performance venue and a casual eatery, offering customers desserts, coffee and artisan beer and wine, Guizar said. Tentative business hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

The plaza is home to Matthews Mattress and Clearance Center, Valencia’s Meat Carniceria – Taqueria which her parents

own, and the nearby Royal International Market and Restaurant.

Inside the café, insulated high black interior walls with an open industrial-style ceiling give the café a spacious feel. Contemporary vertical lighting fixtures spaced along the walls leading to a combination bar and barista station, give the café a sleek modern design.

“We’re still in the process of putting up artwork throughout the café before the grand opening,” Guizar said. “We’re also looking to have a muralist paint some of the interior as well.”

Guizar fondly recalls growing up in Citrus Heights, graduating from Bella Vista High School and working in her family’s taqueria just doors down from where the café will open.

Marriage and building a family might have slowed her dream of opening a music café from becoming a reality for a time, Guizar said.

“I’ve been thinking about doing this for 10 to 15 years,” Guizar said. “It’s finally here.”

Guizar has worked full time as a clerk in the Placer County Recorder’s Office. Yet having both a husband who is a sound engineer and a talented son in a band who outgrew his family’s home rehearsal space made Guizar realize it wasn’t too late for her own dream to come true, trading administrative work for the day-to-day operations of the café.

“Our family is excited to create something very special within these four walls,” Guizar said, picturing a thriving music scene soon taking root at the café where an appreciative audience makes all performers, artists and musicians feel welcome.

Guizar anticipates offering live musical performances such as solo instrumentalists, jazz artists, flamenco artists and spoken-word performances. Besides food and music, the space might also offer music lessons and workshops.

The Sweet Music Studio Café at 8040 Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed on Mondays. For more information about upcoming live music or to book rehearsal time, email sweetmusic-studiocafe@gmail.com. ★



By Patsy McGavock
JustServe.org

If you want to grow – personally, professionally, and as a community member – there’s almost nothing more powerful than surrounding yourself with people who aren’t like you.

I was struck by Harvard economist Raj Chetty’s research when exploring whether social capital – dense networks between people and groups – impacts economic success. He found something powerful: cross-class friendships had more influence on upward mobility than school quality or neighborhood income. In short, diverse networks shape our futures.

Sociologists call this bridging capital: relationships that reach across lines of difference – age, culture, income, belief systems. While bonding capital, which connects us with people like ourselves, provides strong, supportive relationships, bridging capital opens doors to new resources and perspectives beyond our immediate circle.

Communities rich in bridging capital, not only do individuals benefit, but the entire community. There’s a “spillover” effect even for those with fewer personal ties. The more people who reach beyond their comfort zones and authentically connect, the more we all rise.

Research shows such communities benefit at every level – from stronger schools and civic engagement to better health and crisis response, and even something deeper: a rising sense of shared purpose and a more abundant way of living together.

But while research gives us

Be Diverse by Design

the why, stories often show us the how – and those stories stay with us in moments of decision.

Six blind men encounter an elephant for the first time. One feels its trunk. “A snake!” he declares. “No, a tree,” says another, touching the leg. “A spear,” insists a third as he finds the tusk. Each is partly right – but entirely wrong. They can only feel part of the elephant. The lesson?

Intentionally inviting voices that see differently makes us clearer, not weaker. When not viewed as a threat, it offers insight. We begin to understand – sometimes with empathy we didn’t know we lacked.

Now, imagine a house built by many trained hands – carpenters crafting fine trim, electricians wiring light into every room, plumbers bringing in clean water and taking waste away, roofers sealing out wind and rain, tile layers adding beauty and function. A home – warm, lit, protected and alive with possibilities.

If built by only well-acquainted carpenters, lacking other connections, the ‘home’ would have a fine frame but be cold, unlit, and unprotected from coming storms. Bonding capital gives a strong foundation, but only bridging capital completes the house.

A single stone dropped in a pond ripples outward – but few intersect. A handful of pebbles yields a different result – an array of intersecting waves, bouncing, touching, connecting in beautiful and unexpected ways.

Whether building a house or rippling across a pond, it’s the intersections that matter. A kind of highway system emerges – where skillsets, ideas, and resources move more freely. But most important are the relationships, carrying wisdom, support and

opportunity farther than any one person.

Bridging differences is rarely comfortable. It isn’t accidental. It’s intentional. It requires vulnerability and a willingness to sit in uncertainty. But when we lean into those moments rather than retreat – that’s where bridges are built.

Michelle Obama once said, “It’s harder to hate up close.”

Empathy is contagious. When we meet difference with curiosity, courage, and patience, we shift the atmosphere. Authentic connection can’t be faked – but it can be chosen. Enter with expectations of good, and let that quiet fear.

As Priya Parker writes: “Thoughtful invitations shape who belongs, and belonging is the gateway to connection.”

What does this look like? Like going out of your way to join groups where not everyone looks or thinks like you. Choosing the seat next to someone you don’t know. Listening more than talking when you get there, and asking questions not to challenge, but to understand.

It also means accepting that you won’t always get it right – and having grace when you try again.

If we want a more abundant future, we must build it – on purpose. Diverse by design. One welcome, one bridge, one shared purpose at a time.

I’ll be highlighting specific cross community connection, their specific value, and local opportunities as the year goes on. Check in next issues for successful tips on how to learn by someone who’s been there.

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Celebrate Financial Wellness Month with CalKIDS

CalKIDS Scholarships News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Financial Wellness Month is a time for families across California to set goals, build healthier money habits and plan for the year ahead. It's also the perfect moment for parents and guardians to take one simple step that can make a long-term difference for a child's future: claim a CalKIDS Scholarship Account that may already be waiting in their name.

CalKIDS is a statewide program that provides automatic scholarship accounts to help California newborns, young children, and eligible public school students pay for college or career training. For many families, the scholarship is already available and just needs to be claimed by visiting CalKIDS.org. Unlike many scholarships, CalKIDS does not require essays, a minimum GPA, or recommendation letters, making it an easy first step for families planning ahead.

Statewide, more than 60 percent of public school students in grades 2 to 12 are eligible to claim a CalKIDS Scholarship worth up to \$1,500. Eligible college-aged students may also have a CalKIDS Scholarship Account and can use funds once they are enrolled in an accredited college or eligible career training program.

Additionally, children born in California on or after July 1, 2022, also have a scholarship account worth up to \$175. This includes an additional \$50 for parents and guardians who link the child's CalKIDS Scholarship Account to a ScholarShare 529 Account, California's official education savings plan, where they can continue saving on their own. Linking to ScholarShare 529 Account is one way CalKIDS encourages long-term planning and helps families build savings habits over time.

"California is investing in our



As a cradle-to-career program, CalKIDS helps families connect today's small step to tomorrow's opportunity. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

children because education and career training are the strongest pathways to opportunity," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, Chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board. "CalKIDS is a \$2 billion public investment that puts scholarship funds within reach for millions of Californians. During Financial Wellness Month, I encourage parents, guardians, and students to visit CalKIDS.org, to see if they have a scholarship account ready to be claimed."

The program has created more than five million individual CalKIDS Scholarship Accounts, making it the largest child development account program in the nation. For families, claiming a scholarship is a practical step that can make planning for college or career training feel more real and achievable.

Claiming a scholarship is quick, easy, and can be done



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entirely online: Go to CalKIDS.org and click "Confirm Eligibility". For newborns and young children born on or after July 1, 2022, enter the child's Local Registration Number (LRN), a 13-digit number found on the child's birth certificate.

For students in grades 2 to

12, enter the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a 10-digit number found on the student's school portal, transcript, report card, or by contacting their school directly. College-aged students who no longer have access to their school portal can contact their former high school to request their Statewide Student Identifier.

CalKIDS scholarship funds can help cover qualified education expenses for college or career training, including tuition and fees, required books and supplies, and computer equipment. Scholarship funds can be used once a student is at least 17 and enrolled in an accredited college, university, or career training program.

Mallory R., a student from Evergreen Valley College shared, "CalKIDS provides low income students, such as myself, with additional financial support for

higher education. CalKIDS has been a fundamental resource for my academic career through the provision of additional financial support thus allowing me to completely focus on my academic journey without financial insecurity."

For many students and families, discovering they have scholarship funds through CalKIDS can be more than financial support. It can make planning feel real and achievable, and it can encourage earlier steps toward education and career goals.

"The CalKIDS program has been a catalyst for building a culture around financial wellness," according to Dora Beyer, Vice President of Community Development at Excite Credit Union. "We have dozens of schools and non-profits collaborating on outreach and education around how CalKIDS supports college readiness. Students and families appreciate the simplicity of the program and are eager to learn about additional ways to prepare financially for education."

Financial wellness is built through consistent habits and forward-looking choices, and Financial Wellness Month is a reminder that planning ahead does not have to be complicated. Through CalKIDS, California is helping families build assets and expand access to education and career training. For older students, the program provides real financial support to meet immediate education needs. For families with young children, CalKIDS plants the seeds of lifelong financial literacy and savings-minded habits.

As a cradle-to-career program, CalKIDS helps families connect today's small step to tomorrow's opportunity. Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to visit CalKIDS.org to check eligibility and claim a scholarship account as part of their financial planning for higher education. ★

Museum Executive Director Amanda Meeker Set to Retire

California Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

California Museum Executive Director Amanda Meeker announced that she will retire in the summer of 2026, after more than a decade in the role and 28 years of service to the Museum. A respected cultural leader, Meeker has dedicated her career to advancing the Museum's mission to educate people about California's rich history, diversity and culture.

During her tenure, Meeker has played a central role in solidifying the California Museum's position as a trusted civic institution, expanding its reach, modernizing its exhibitions, strengthening its public-facing programs and deepening its commitment to inclusive, community-centered storytelling. Under her leadership, the Museum has become known for elevating underrepresented histories and tackling contemporary issues shaping California today.

"Amanda has been pivotal in establishing the Museum's identity as a center of storytelling representative of the diverse people and cultures that make up the Golden State," said Anne Marie Petrie, Chair of the California Museum Board of Trustees. "Her passion for public education and her steady leadership has advanced the Museum's ability to share knowledge, spark dialogue, and inspire civic engagement."

Meeker joined the then-Golden State Museum as its first official employee ahead of its opening in 1998, after having supported its development as a student intern. From the start, she helped shape the Museum's vision, developing exhibitions and programs that reflected California's complex social, political and cultural



California Museum Executive Director Amanda Meeker announced that she will retire in the summer of 2026. Photo courtesy of the California Museum

history. Since being appointed executive director in 2015, she has guided the Museum through a period of unprecedented growth and change, increasing its relevance to the communities it serves.

Throughout her career, Meeker has been known for her collaborative leadership style, fostering strong partnerships with educators, community organizations, artists, scholars and civic leaders across the state. Her work has reinforced the Museum's role as a place of historical storytelling and as a dynamic forum for public engagement.

"It has been a privilege to steward the California

Museum's mission over the years, working alongside dedicated staff, board members, educators and community partners who believe in the power of history to inform and inspire positive change," Meeker reflected. "The Museum's strength comes from the people whose stories it uplifts, and I'm confident it will continue to grow as a space where Californians see themselves reflected for generations to come."

The California Museum Board of Trustees has engaged executive search partner Isaacson Miller to help identify Meeker's successor, someone who will build on her

legacy while leading the institution into its next chapter.

"Amanda's retirement marks the close of a remarkable career. The Board expresses its deep appreciation for her vision and integrity that helped define who we are today," Petrie remarked. "Her legacy of leadership will continue to inspire those who follow her footsteps in maintaining the museum's mission. But most of all she will be missed for her kindness and incredible capacity to care for all of us here and her community."

As she prepares for retirement, Meeker looks forward to traveling and pursuing personal projects, while

remaining an advocate for museums and public history.

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Gabriel Carstens, 7848 Gull Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Suave Focus" 7848 Gull Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025
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SUAVE 1-23-26

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Connor Sheeran and Natalie Sheeran, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "gelico" 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 19, 2025
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GELICO 1-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09008
Christina Jorgensen, 7300 Fairytale Street, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Serene Sage Creations" 7300 Fairytale Street, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025
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SERENE 1-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09018
Maya Juhl, 9270 Elm Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fusion Emoto" 9270 Elm Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2025
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FUSION 1-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09207
Borhany LLC, 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AAA (Advanced Adult Assistance/Alfaro Ranch)" 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09214
Mark Allen Burris, P.O. Box 1173, Folsom, CA 95763 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Urban Mosaic/Average Faulty Human" 1141 Newmark Way, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09217
Doo Doo Squad, LLC, 4090 Wayside Lane Unit A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Doo Doo Squad" 4090 Wayside Lane Unit A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2025
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AAA 1-23-26

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HEALTH 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09351
MSG Limited Liability Company, PO Box 160231, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Frenchy Gourmet" 1714 21st Street, Unit 102, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2025
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FRENCHY 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09352
Kallas & Co., 84 W. Santa Clara Street, Suite 700, San Jose, CA 95113 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bon Jour Cafe" 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2025
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BON 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09064
SN Auto Body, 2307 Sierra Madre Court #A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SN Auto Body" 11353 Pyrites Way Unit 03, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2025
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SN 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09217
Damaris E Aguirre Pacheco, 50 Iron Point Circle Suite 140, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DP Marketing" 50 Iron Point Circle Suite 140, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2025
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DP 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09210
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Dayoona Corp, 3200 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ray's Chicken and Fish" 3200 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2025
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RAYS 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09267
Abdul Baseer Karimi, 3804 Madison Avenue Apt 19, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Roadely" 3804 Madison Avenue Apt 19, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2025
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ROADELY 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09349
Rokham Momand LLC, 8453 Ceonothus Court, Elk Grove, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Affordable Towing and Road Side Service" 7000 Franklin Boulevard Suite 195, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025
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TAHO 1-23-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09058
Ashton Arnold and Juan Cardoza, 1100 Howe Avenue #498, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rivers Edge Cafe" 8740 La Riviera Drive Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2025
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RIVERS 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08755
Team G&C, Inc, 8107 Oahu Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "C Light Landscapes/Peck N Trim" 8107 Oahu Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025
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LIGHT 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08489
Nicole Pearson, 3525 4th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ai Systems and Strategy Collective" 3525 4th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09013
Nava Medical P.C., 1565 Exposition Boulevard Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Face Body & Soul Wellness & Aesthetics" 1565 Exposition Boulevard Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09229
Vincent Andre Garcia, 7506 Farmgate Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Swan And Sword Tattoo" 5941 San Juan Avenue Suite 13B, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2025
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SWAN 1-30-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09442
Honeycomb Construction Services Inc., 6931 Butterball Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Honeycomb Renovations Inc." 6931 Butterball Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2025
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HONEYCOMB 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00008
Yurii Horbonos, 5149 Kovanda Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Car Doctor Y&O" 5149 Kovanda Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2026
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CAR 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00065
Arnold Sarkisyan, 3301 N Park Drive #3616, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ATC Express" 3301 N Park Drive #3616, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2026
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ATC 2-6-26

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Kevin Quintanilla, 7128 Thomas Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blooming Bazaar" 7128 Thomas Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09348
Jaime Sanchez Aguirre and Veronica Sanchez, 3081 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aztec Graphic Designs" 3081 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2025
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AZTEC 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08851
Aileen's Delish LLC, 6841 Sandrock Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aileen's Delish Catering and Event Services" 882 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025
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AILEENS 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09106
Humberto Valdivia, 5831 Rosebud Lane Unit C, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Placer County Handyman" 5831 Rosebud Lane Unit C, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2025
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PLACER 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00096
Karen Katzmark, 4005 Manzanita Avenue #6-427, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Demi Equine Services" 9712 Fair Oaks Boulevard A6, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2026
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DEMI 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00109
Daniel Williams, 237 West Ascot Avenue, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Daniel Williams Flooring" 237

West Ascot Avenue, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2026
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DANIEL 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00048
Anthony Chang and Tiffany Tran, 4197 Borderlands Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunridge Nail Spa" 4036 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 130, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2026
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SUNRIDGE 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00029
Vianey De La Cruz Esparta, 15 W Al Court, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Detailed Cleaning Services" 15 W Al Court, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2026
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DETAILED 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09295
Jessica Naomy Cuevas Gutierrez, 6250 Florin Road Building 1, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sac Auto Group" 6250 Florin Road Building 1, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 26, 2025
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SAC 2-6-26

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Vasyli Ivanov, 3913 Meramonte Way, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vasyli Ivanov Services Unlimited / ISU" 3913 Meramonte Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2025
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VASYL 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00195
Michael Donchenko, 7820 Gull Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Perioperative Consulting" 7820 Gull Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2026
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PERIOPERATIVE 2-6-26

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Nicole Allyn Fishman, 4724 Bowerwood Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Glow Shift" 4724 Bowerwood Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2026
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GLOW 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00003
Shabir Pirzada and Zuhail Sahak, 6224 Watt Avenue, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Max Burger" 6224 Watt Avenue, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2026
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MAX 2-6-26

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Awan M.D., Inc., 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MDCareNow" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2026
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MD 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09339
A&S Nutrition LLC, 7585 Camp Far West Road, Wheatland, CA 95692 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nutrishop Downtown Sacramento" 1020 7th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2025
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NUTRISHOP 2-6-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09432
Brave Soul Therapy, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker Professional Corporation, 2108 N Street #9001, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brave Soul Therapy" 4441 Rollingrock Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2025
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"Silver Mints and Jewelry" 5150 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2026
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Gregory John Fagundes, 4158 Cahakia Place, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "9 Star Bakery" 4158 Cahakia Place, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2026
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Shiva Ghasemi, 9709 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nutriwize" 9709 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2025
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Trinity Motors LLC., 6805 Luther Drive Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trinity Motors LLC, DBA GGI Investment" 6805 Luther Drive Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 26, 2025
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LC Legacy Group LLC, 2001 Club Center Drive Apt 7110, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Legacy Tax & Wealth Co/EZPrep Pro" 2001 Club Center Drive Apt 7110, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2026
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Rebecca Schumaker, 7 Ferncliff Court, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Leisure Life Consulting" 7 Ferncliff Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025
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LEISURE 2-13-26

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Copeland Group USA, LLC, 1203 West Loop 281, Longview, TX 75604 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Modern Insurance Marketing" 1203 West Loop 281, Longview, TX 75604. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2025
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COPELAND 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00127
G4 Investments, Corp, 1052 Ski Park Court, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dutch Bros Coffee" 1052 Ski Park Court, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2026
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Valerie Aiken, 3338 Lerwick Road Apt 4, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Simple Tax Services/Simple Business Consulting Services" 3338 Lerwick Road Apt 4, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2026
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SIMPLE 2-13-26

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Enrique Lopez, 4849 Manzanita Avenue #73, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Revamp Evolution" 4849 Manzanita Avenue #73, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2025
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REVAMP 2-13-26

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Peter Mann MD Inc, 7634 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mole Removal Sacramento" 631 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2025
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MOLE 2-13-26

Fictitious Business Name(s) "Homerun Plumbing" 3162 Osuna Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 12, 2026
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HOMERUN 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09255
Thach Ngo, 9168 Firecrest Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TJ Nail & Spa" 8335 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2025
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TJ 2-13-26

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Cedric D. Word, 3030 Hurley Way #32, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "C.D. Word" 3030 Hurley Way #32, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2026
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Habitat for Humanity president and CEO Leah Miller said, “It takes a community to build a community.”

In addition to the professional construction crews, local volunteers help build the homes alongside the selected families, who are required to put 500 hours of “sweat equity” into the homes they will eventually purchase.

“It’s a really beautiful way to see what’s possible when a community comes together to help build homes,” said Miller.

Vertical construction on Phase 1 began in August 2025, and the first eight homes are expected to be completed by May 2026. The families will officially purchase the homes in June 2026, followed by an official dedication ceremony.

For Phase 2, family selection and construction are both beginning this month on four more homes, with completion expected by October 2026.

Phase 3 will be the largest, with 14 homes. The application period will open on Feb. 1, with family

selection and construction beginning in November 2026 and final completion in October 2027.

Councilmember Karpinski-Costa said she’s driven by and hasn’t seen any of the families working on the homes, only construction workers wearing hard hats. She asked what type of work the families do on the homes.

Miller said there are volunteers working on the homes almost every day of the week, with the families working on things like “siding, painting, landscaping, finishing, flooring. ... Those family

partners are right alongside with them and doing that 500 hours of their own labor that they put into it.” Miller added that everyone wears hard hats on the site, so it would be difficult to tell which ones were volunteers.

Councilmember Schaefer said 500 volunteer hours amounts to three months of full-time work: “I appreciate that they need to make that contribution to what they’re getting. I think you’re building a great clientele of homeowners there.”

Mayor Lopez-Taff said she’s

happy to see these improvements to Sayonara Drive and mentioned there have been conversations about renaming the street to something more current.

Miller said, “We also would be interested in renaming it and bringing a new chapter to that street for the current residents and the future ones.”

To learn more about this project or to apply, visit Habitatgreatersac.org

The next meeting of the Citrus Heights City Council was scheduled for Jan. 28. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

Roseville, CA 95678 and Ronald Singh, 6401 Feliciter Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Prestige Senior Care” 6600 Cowboy Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 15, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
PRESTIGE 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00504
The Moore Foundation LLC, 836 57th Street Suite 519, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Moore House of Hope” 6811 Bowling Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 14, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
MOORE 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08864
North Valley Power LLC, 4640 Northgate Boulevard Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Switch” 4640 Northgate Boulevard Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
SWITCH 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00518
Brooke Bowen, 3308 Churchill Road, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Brookie Bee’s Childcare & Preschool” 3308 Churchill Road, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 15, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
BROOKE 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00083
Mohammed Ahmed, 202 Gainsborough Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Rebel Hosting” 202 Gainsborough Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
REBEL 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00335
Peter Lawrence, 6449 Sunnyfield Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “PPI Consulting” 6449 Sunnyfield Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 12, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
PRI 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00372
Karla Eriksen Hurd, PO Box 660214, Sacramento, CA 95866 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Key Property/KPS Commercial” 1060 Los Molinos Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 12, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
KEY 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00534
Fakhria Baqizadeh, 5417 Palm Avenue #25, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Beauty Land Makeup” , 5417 Palm Avenue #25, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 16, 2026
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
BEAUTY 2-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09310
Stan M Jennings, PO Box 1296, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Spirit Memory Awakening” 2118 Forest Lake Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 26, 2025
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
SPIRIT 2-13-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV030460

MohammadMahdi Darabi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of MohammadMahdi Darabi to Adrian Darabi.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 8, 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: December 17, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
DARABI 1-23-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV031520

Raquel Morales Nunez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diego Alcaraz Morales to Diego Morales.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 25, 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: December 30, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 9, 15, 23, 2026
NUNEZ 1-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV031045

FNU Anjuman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Anjuman to Anjuman Shaheen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 8, 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: December 22, 2025
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 9, 15, 23, 2026
ANJUMAN 1-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV027193

Heather Elizabeth Pocan has

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heather Elizabeth Pocan to Heather Elizabeth Gaston.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 24, 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 10, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 9, 15, 23, 2026
POCAN 1-30-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV000212

Alex Gutierrez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ariella, Ivy, Marin to Ariella Ivy Cruz Gutierrez and Isaias, Alejandro, Marin to Isaias Alejandro Cruz Gutierrez and Elias, Angel, Marin to Elias Angel Cruz Gutierrez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 9, 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: January 6, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
GUTIERREZ 2-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV031035

Jermaine Dante Jackson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jermaine Dante Despanie and Vivienne Mae Jackson to Vivienne Mae Despanie and Camille Nai Jackson to Camille Nai Despanie.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 23, 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: December 23, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
JACKSON 2-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV000094

Akal Ustat Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Akal Ustat Singh to Akalustat Singh.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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: January 5, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
SINGH 2-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV000118

Rulying Zhang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rulying Zhang to Emily Rulying Zhang.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 17, 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: January 5, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the

Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
ZHANG 2-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV000209

Jonathan David Schieffer has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jonathan David Schieffer to Jonathan David Adair.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 22, 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: January 6, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
SCHIEFFER 2-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV024704

Stephanie Rosalyn Gaines has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Stephanie Rosalyn Gaines to Stephanie Rosalyn Brown.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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: December 31, 2025
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026
GAINES 2-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV001016

Marilyn Lisset Silva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marilyn Lisset Silva to Deliah Mari Silva.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 23, 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: January 15, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
SILVA 2-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV000760

Jonah Arturo Weston has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jonah Arturo Weston to Jonah Arturo Wheeler.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 24, 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: January 13, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2026
WESTON 2-13-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OKECHUKWU NWANGBURUKA CASE NO. 26PR000036

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Chibuike Iheanacho, in the Superior Court of California,

County of Sacramento, requesting Chibuike Iheanacho 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 February 25, 2026, 1:30 p.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: Kent W. Meyer, 4970 Rocklin Road, Suite 300, Rocklin, CA 95677; 916-599-7297

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that on **January 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the **City Council** of the City of Citrus Heights will hold a Public Hearing at the **City Council Chambers located at 6360 Fountain Sq Dr, Citrus Heights, CA** for consideration of the project listed below.

Project Name: Consideration of a City-Wide Commercial Property Reoccupancy Program Ordinance and Resolution establishing the Commercial Reoccupancy Program Registration and Monitoring Fee.

Project Description: The City of Citrus Heights City Council will be considering the adoption of an ordinance establishing Chapter 52 of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code, titled “Commercial Property Reoccupancy Program.” The ordinance would create a Commercial Property Reoccupancy (CPR) Program for vacant commercial buildings within the City. The program is intended to address the impacts of long-term commercial vacancies by requiring the registration and proactive maintenance of vacant commercial properties. The ordinance would require owners of vacant commercial properties to register with the City, provide contact information, and pay associated program fees. The ordinance establishes basic maintenance and security standards for vacant commercial properties and authorizes enforcement measures for noncompliance. The program also provides exemptions and fee relief in specific circumstances, including active permitted construction and properties that meet defined maintenance and safety standards.

The City Council will also consider adoption of a resolution establishing the Commercial Reoccupancy Program Registration and Monitoring Fee to be incorporated into the City’s Master Fee Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments prior to and may testify at the Public Hearing. **Written comments may be submitted to Amy Van, City Clerk, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.**

Following the Public Hearing, the **City Council** may take such action on the project as it deems appropriate. If the matter is continued for any reason to a later date, written comments and public testimony will be accepted until the close of the final Public Hearing. All comments will be considered by the Approving Authority.

If you challenge the action of the **City Council** on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (916) 727-4807. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. TTY/TDD users with questions or comments can call the California Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1.

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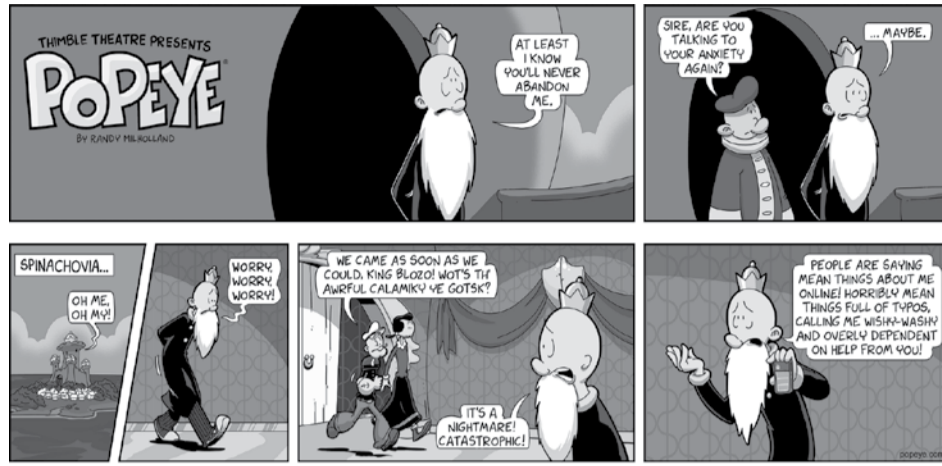
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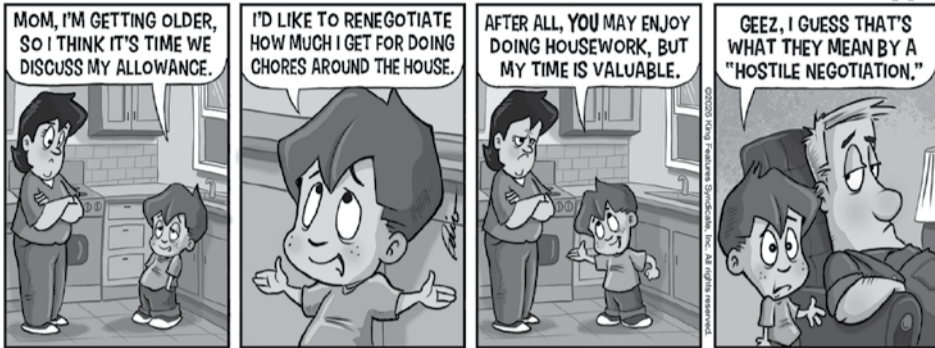
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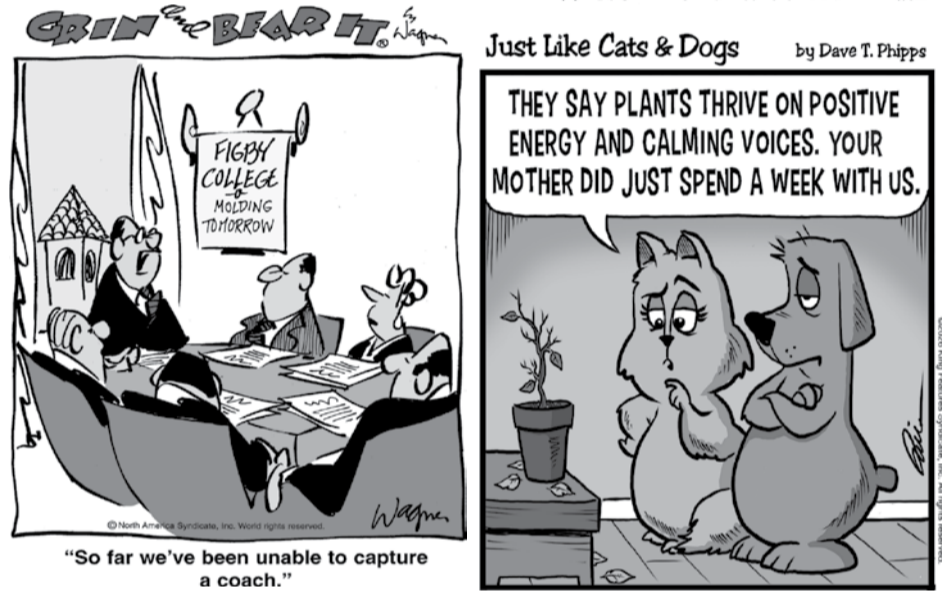
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- Research location
- Partridge's fruit tree
- Grid follower
- * ___ Upshaw, multiple Super Bowl winner
- Canada's national tree
- Like Homer Simpson's head
- Allege
- Agenda entries
- "Adding a rushing player"
- Aphrodite's lover
- Not host
- Tire meas.
- Composure under strain
- More distant
- Thompson of "Some Kind of Wonderful"
- Ubiquitous deciduous tree
- Genealogical plant
- Poetic feet
- Dream time, acr.
- The Romanovs, e.g.
- Song for solo voice
- Dishevel, as in hair
- Clever humor
- "No ___ for you!"
59. No gains without them
60. Retired, abbr.
61. Field worker
62. Bohemian
63. Not Miss or Ms
64. Poker amount

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- Bro to bro
- Speedy steed
- Chuck Berry's "___ Over Beethoven"
- Rainbow color
- *Santa Clara's Stadium, Super Bowl LX venue
- Beside, archaic
- Titanic's frozen enemy
- *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
- Fencing weapon
- Charitable contributions
- Hi-___
- Garden shelter
- Unhealthy atmosphere
- Little hills
- P in m.p.g.
- Mark Twain to Samuel Clemens
- Lively
- Vampire of Greek mythology
- *One of two teams to win while hosting Super Bowl
- Long fishing line
- Like haunted house
- What the defense does?
- High school dressy affair
- Romanian money
- *Super Bowl LX halftime show headliner (2 words)
- Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young; "___ Your Children"
- Egyptian boy king, for short
- Long jump
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- On the wagon
- Land parcels
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- "Put a lid ___!"
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a week makes!

Losers of seven straight games and looking like cellar dwellers, the Kings went to a youth movement that saw the hometown boys win four consecutive games and nearly made it five straight as they fell to the Portland Trailblazers for the third time this season.

The mini winning streak had a cold water in the face effect for many pundits and fans, as the Kings easily handled the Rockets, Lakers, Knicks and the Washington Wizards.

Even more surprising was the way the Kings put away the competition, as they won by double digits in each of the 4 wins.

A shot in the arm? You bet it was, and it should give the organization a moment of pause as they reassess what they have regarding talent that resides on this team.

Right in the middle of this euphoric 4-game run was none other than 6'11" big man Dylan Cardwell, that has come out of nowhere to become a fan favorite. Just 24 years old, the Kings have stumbled onto a diamond in the rough, and no one on this team plays with greater enthusiasm than Cardwell. Comparisons are being made of Dennis Rodman, as Cardwell bounces down the court with arms uplifted, energizing the crowd and getting fans on their feet.

Not known for his scoring, Cardwell went undrafted a year ago, and the Kings signed him to a 2-way contract for this season. Smart move and one that's already paying off.

Cardwell might not get 20 points per game, but his affection for blocking shots and playing ferocious defense is just what the Kings needed to get them back.

The question will be as the trade deadline approaches, will the Kings realize what they have in Cardwell and value him to the point of not including him in a trade. Don't do it! And by the same token, do not trade Precious Achiuwa!

For the first time in many years the Kings can put a big lineup on the floor and it's showing results.

As the center piece of the Kings Domantas Sabonis was sidelined with a knee injury, coach Christie had no choice but to use both Achiuwa and Cardwell side

by side, and the results were astounding.

Not to be forgotten is rookie Maxime Raynaud who although not as impressive, is coming along, and I'm hopeful the Kings hang onto Raynaud as well.

The idea of blowing up this team in my opinion was never a good one, and I am in favor of the Kings either finding a trade that will add a topflight scorer, or worst case scenario, hold down the fort, work with the existing squad, and make your move in the next draft.

OKC and others have proven that the draft can be your friend. If the Kings can begin to assess talent, there is a real possibility that the upcoming draft, that is predicted to be a talent laden one, can produce another player of DeAaron Fox quality.

Every reason to start getting excited Kings fans.

Domantas Sabonis is back, and will Christie have the wherewithal to play Cardwell and Sabonis at the same time. Is it just a pipe dream to have Achiuwa, Cardwell, and Sabonis all playing on the court at the same time? Wow, what a rebounding trio, and with scorers like Murray, DeRozan, and Lavine to compliment the big men, what might this team look like.

Say your prayers for coach Christie that the talent fairy will tap him on the shoulder and give him good common sense to see what he has right before him.

As I have said many times before, look no further than your bench to find talent, and stop sending quality players away where they make teams better.

The Sacramento Kings really are better than their 12-31 record reports, and the second half of the season really does matter.

Scott Perry, don't make hasty decisions, and let this team continue to gel while giving the youth of the team a chance to show what they're made of.

If you haven't gotten out to a game there is no better time than right now. These guys will get you on your feet over and over again!

Go Kings and let's tweak things and by all means not blow it up!

All the best! ★

Homelessness Crisis Remains One of Newsom's Biggest Political Liabilities



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While delivering his final State of the State address and proposing his final state budget last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom clearly sought to neutralize an issue that has haunted his political career for more than two decades and could torpedo his hopes of becoming president: homelessness.

First, a bit of history.

Just months after being elected mayor of San Francisco in 2004, Newsom unveiled a plan he said would clear city streets of homeless people in 10 years. Fourteen years later, while running for governor, Newsom declared that homelessness in San Francisco had "never been worse."

He said eradicating homelessness would be a high priority and promised to appoint a homeless "czar" who could cut through red tape and intergovernmental friction to get the job done. Later, when pressed by reporters over the czar pledge, he snapped, "You want to know who's the homeless czar? I'm the homeless czar in the state of California."

Despite that self-appointment and devoting almost all of his 2020 State of the State address to homelessness, the number of unsheltered Californians continued to rise to record levels. As it did, Newsom began blaming local governments for not spending

state homelessness grants effectively and threatened to withhold annual funding.

However, in 2024 State Auditor Grant Parks excoriated Newsom's own California Interagency Council on Homelessness for failing to effectively monitor and coordinate homelessness programs — even though the state had spent more than \$20 billion during Newsom's governorship.

He later reorganized the council and last year it issued a glossy "Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness." Newsom hailed it as "not just a report of our investments, but a directive for continued accountability and action towards specific quantifiable goals."

It listed multiple things that should be done to alleviate the homelessness crisis, but never mentioned how its lofty goals should be achieved nor said anything about how the state's deficit-ridden budget would pay for them.

In last week's State of the State address, Newsom sang the political version of the World War II tune, "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive," cataloguing his accomplishments during the last seven years, including progress toward eliminating homelessness.

"When I began as governor, there was no homeless plan, no mental health plan and certainly no housing plan," Newsom told legislators. "There was no accountability and little investment. The responsibility fell to cities and counties, with little interest from Sacramento."

Newsom ticked off the efforts he had made and bragged that, "Early data, just compiled, shows that the number of unsheltered

homeless people in California dropped 9% in 2025," while "the nation saw an 18.1% overall increase in homelessness. Our investments are paying off."

He could not, however, resist another jab at local officials, saying he is "providing counties what they've been asking for: the predictable funding for housing and substance abuse treatment. No more excuses — it's time to bring people off the streets, out of encampments, into housing, into treatment. Counties need to do their job."

County officials took umbrage. The California State Association of Counties, in a statement, complained that Newsom's budget shifts the financial burden for several health and welfare programs to county governments and fails to protect them from federal reductions.

The organization also cited the new budget's omission of an annual bloc grant for homeless programs, and the administration's stalling the delivery of cash from a past allocation, "which was approved by the Legislature 18 months ago."

While Newsom cites a 9% drop in homelessness, if true it would be from a base of nearly 200,000 Californians without homes. There are still plenty of squalid encampments to be videotaped and featured on ads attacking a potential presidential candidate named Newsom two years hence.

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

I'm Divorced; Can I Get Benefits from my Ex-husband?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: After 16 years of marriage, we were divorced. I have never remarried, but he has. When he starts collecting Social Security (he is 64 now and still working), is it true that I can claim ex-spousal benefits or does that go to the current wife? How would I find this info? **Signed: A Divorced Spouse**

Dear Divorced Spouse: The fact that your ex-husband has remarried has no influence on your ability to collect benefits based on his record. If you are eligible for ex-spouse benefits (because you did not remarry), you can get those benefits regardless of whether his current wife collects benefits on his record. In other words, both you and his current wife can both collect spousal benefits from your ex-husband's earnings record.

Your eligibility for an ex-spouse benefit is determined by comparing your own SS retirement benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA) to his — if your

own SS benefit at your FRA is less than 50% of your ex's FRA benefit entitlement, and you were married to your ex for more than 10 years, are not currently married and are at least 62 years old, then you can get a "spousal boost" (an amount added to your own Social Security retirement amount). In fact, if you have been divorced for over two years, you can get an ex-spouse benefit even though he is not yet receiving his own SS retirement benefit.

Be aware, however, if you claim any Social Security benefit (both your own SS retirement amount and your ex-spouse "spousal boost") before you reach your full retirement age, the monthly amount you get will be reduced according to how much before your full retirement age you claim. Spouse and ex-spouse benefits reach maximum at your full retirement age but are reduced if claimed earlier than your full retirement age. Claiming your benefits as an ex-spouse will also result in you receiving your own SS retirement benefit (reduced if you haven't yet reached FRA).

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to make a telephone appointment to evaluate whether you are entitled benefits as an ex-spouse. If your own SS retirement benefit at your FRA is less

than half of your ex's FRA entitlement, you will be. To apply for those benefits you will need a copy of your divorce decree (and perhaps your marriage certificate), and your ex-husband's Social Security number (if you do not have his SSN, you can provide his date and place of birth and his parents' names, and SSA will likely be able to locate your ex's SS record).

SSA will be able to tell you what your total monthly benefit as an ex-spouse will be when you meet with them, at which point you can decide whether to claim your benefits early or wait until your FRA to achieve your maximum amount as an ex-spouse.

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Yes, We Need a \$1.5 Trillion Defense Budget

ly match the total annual spending of all non-U.S. NATO countries. The percentage increase would be the highest since the Korean War and double the biggest annual increases of the Reagan years.

"We still talk about the Reagan buildup," Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said in a speech last month, "and my kids and yours will someday talk about the Trump buildup."

The Trump proposal would not just be a down payment on that promise, but a big step toward fulfilling it.

If our military is highly proficient -- as demonstrated in the Venezuela raid -- it also doesn't have the materiel to wage a protracted major war.

Defense analyst Mackenzie Eaglin of the American Enterprise Institute has long been ringing the alarm. She recently noted that during the short Israel-Iran war, we fired 150, or one-quarter, of our THAAD missiles, exceeding our annual purchase rate by three times. In the Red Sea, the Navy fired more Tomahawks in January 2024 than it bought in all of 2023.

These shortfalls, as Eaglin points out, are especially disturbing when compared to the building capacity of our adversaries. Whereas the Russians make more than 300,000 artillery shells a month, we make only 40,000 155mm shells. "Beijing builds six naval combatant ships," she writes, "for every 1.8 ships the U.S. builds."

Even The New York Times -- not known for

beating the drums for more defense spending -- devoted a splashy editorial last month to the sorry state of our military-industrial base.

In his new book, "War and Power," scholar Phillips Payson O'Brien relates how wars between great powers are usually not won by brilliant battle plans, or by the commitment or proficiency of the troops. Rather, it is productive capacity -- and the ability to degrade that of the enemy while maintaining or increasing your own -- that makes the difference.

The Nazis weren't going to win the Battle of Britain when the Brits were producing twice as many aircraft as Hitler.

On top of this, a nation needs to make shrewd choices about what it is building (the Nazis also had the wrong planes for the Battle of Britain -- bombers with payloads that were too small and fighters with limited range).

The U.S. needs to make sure that it is not overinvesting in the weapons systems of the past, although a defense budget on the scale that Trump is discussing would relieve some pressure from these choices. We could very well have our traditional subs and jet fighters, and our cutting-edge drones, too.

Trump's taste for gilding everything can be over the top. It'd be a national service, though, if he manages to make the U.S. defense budget golden.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Small Business Comment on Optimism Index

Improved National Outlook Runs Up Against Golden State Realities

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- A recent release of the latest National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Small Business Optimism Index shows a rise of 0.5 points in December to 99.5, remaining above its 52-year average of 98. An increase in those expecting better business conditions primarily drove the rise in the Optimism Index. The Uncertainty Index fell seven points from November to 84, the lowest reading since June 2024.

"Nice to see small business owners across the nation registering a slightly improved outlook even though it's doubtful that sentiment is shared by many Main Street entrepreneurs here," said John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business in California.

"For instance, the day before the release of the National Federation of Independent Business's latest Optimism Index, the U.S. Department of Labor announced in the Federal Register that California has had outstanding advances on its unemployment insurance loans for five consecutive years and as a result, employers here will be paying more in Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes this year. To cope with the pandemic-caused strain on their unemployment trust funds, 22 states needed to borrow from the federal government in order to keep their Unemployment Insurance trust funds solvent and



An increase in those expecting better business conditions primarily drove the rise in the Optimism Index. Photo courtesy of Freepik

unemployment benefits going to those in need of them. All but one state, guess which one, has paid Uncle Sam back. Only a territory, the U.S. Virgin Islands, has a worse record. Wow. What economic company."

Said National Federation of Independent Business chief economist Bill Dunkelberg, "2025 ended with a further increase in small business optimism. While Main Street business owners remain concerned about taxes, they anticipate favorable economic conditions in 2026 due to waning cost pressures, easing labor challenges, and an increase in capital investments."

According to the recent Optimism Index, the net

percentage of owners expecting better business conditions rose nine points from November to a net 24 percent (seasonally adjusted), contributing the most to the rise in the Optimism Index. This was the first increase since July.

When asked to evaluate the overall health of their business, 9 percent rated it excellent (down 2 points), 54 percent rated it good (up 1 point), 34 percent rated it fair (up 4 points), and 3 percent rated it poor (down 2 points).

Twenty percent of small business owners reported taxes as their single most important problem, up 6 points from November and ranking as the top problem. This is the highest reading since May 2021.

In conjunction with the December report, the National Federation of Independent Business also released a new episode of the "Small Business by the Numbers" podcast. This is the National Federation of Independent Business Research Center's new podcast where Holly Wade, the executive director of the National Federation of Independent Business Research Center, and Peter Hansen, director of research and policy analysis, discuss the data, stories, and economic conditions affecting small businesses nationwide.

National Federation of Independent Business's monthly Small Business Optimism Index is the gold standard measurement of America's small

business economy. Used by the Federal Reserve, Congressional leaders, administration officials, and state legislatures across the nation, it's regarded as the bellwether on the health and welfare of the Main Street enterprises that employ half of all workers, generate more net new jobs than large corporations, and gave most of us the first start in our working life. The Optimism Index (aka Small Business Economic Trends report) is a national snapshot of National Federation of Independent Business-member, small-business owners not broken down by state. National Federation of Independent Business members span the complete spectrum of small and independent businesses -- from sole proprietorships to firms with hundreds of employees -- across all industries and sectors.

Keep up with the latest California small-business news at www.nfib.com or follow them on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA.

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California's Budget Underscores Agriculture's Role

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG)

- Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed budget highlights California's continued focus on wildfire response, climate resilience and water infrastructure but leaves gaps in direct support and regulatory alignment for agriculture and rural communities, according to California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass. She said:

"The budget invests heavily in wildfire response, but funding for proactive strategies on working lands remains limited. California farmers and ranchers are part of the solution. Grazing, vegetation management and stewardship reduce fuel loads and protect rural communities. Expanding



California farmers and ranchers are part of the solution. Grazing, vegetation management and stewardship reduce fuel loads and protect rural communities. Photo courtesy of Freepik

these strategies statewide would strengthen long-term resilience.

"Water reliability is foundational to agriculture. Investments in

flood protection, groundwater recharge and drought resilience are critical, but infrastructure alone is not enough.

Projects must be paired with regulatory efficiency so they

can move forward and deliver real, on-the-ground benefits for farms and ranches.

"Agriculture is increasingly relied upon for wildfire mitigation, water resilience

and climate solutions, yet it is not recognized as critical infrastructure. Aligning investments, regulations and expectations will enable farmers and ranchers to continue producing food, protecting the environment and supporting rural communities.

"Farmers and ranchers stand ready to partner with the state. With the right funding and regulatory support, we can continue producing food, safeguard the environment and strengthen California's rural economy."

California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★

Home Sales Return to Pre-Pandemic Levels

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- New home sales in the greater Sacramento region returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2025, signaling that the pandemic-era housing boom has ended, the North State Building Industry Association reported today.

Building Industry Association members reported selling 5,747 homes in the eight-county region during the year, down 18 percent from 2024 but still 8 percent higher than 2019. Sales surged during the pandemic era as remote work expanded, migration into the region increased and mortgage interest rates fell to historic lows, at times dipping to below 3 percent.

Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said despite generous builder incentives, many prospective buyers have been holding off until mortgage rates dip below 6 percent.

"Interest rates have been trending downward and fell to an average of 6.19 percent in early January. As financing costs continue to decline, we expect more households to reenter the housing market in 2026," Murphy said.

"A recent analysis by the National



Despite generous builder incentives, many prospective buyers have been holding off until mortgage rates dip below 6 percent. Photo courtesy Freepik

Association of Home Builders shows that a 25-basis-point reduction from 6.25 percent to 6 percent could bring approximately 1.1 million additional households back into the buyer pool nationwide, so downward-trending rates are encouraging."

In 2025, Roseville saw the most new home sales with 447, followed by Rancho Cordova (386), Elk Grove (280), Sacramento (262), Plumas Lake (159) and Lincoln (150).

As typical in the region, December sales dropped to a low point, with 338

sales reported by members. That's down 17 percent from November and 15 percent lower than December 2024. For the month, Rancho Cordova was the sales leader with 74, followed by Roseville (59), Sacramento (41), Elk Grove (34) and Plumas Lake (28).

Murphy noted that housing experts at the Building Industry Association's recent housing forecast event predicted the worst of the slump was behind us and that sales will gradually pick up during the next three years.

He added that new homes remain a great option for buyers because of incentives existing homeowners can't offer, and because the supply of existing homes is still well below normal as homeowners with low mortgage rates remain reluctant to sell.

"In addition, buying a new home gives buyers the opportunity to customize many features to meet their family's needs and provides peace of mind since problems are much less likely and any that occur are covered by warranties," Murphy said.

"We are also continuing to improve affordability by working with local governments to streamline procedures and reduce fees that currently average \$109,000 per new home."

Building Industry Association statistics covered 191 new home communities in Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

(Note: The annual sales total has been tried up by including figures from Building Industry Association members who do not report on a monthly basis. Thus, the annual figure is larger than the sum of annual sales by county and by submarket.)

For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org. ★

Board of Supervisors Chair and Vice Chair Elected

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The annual vote to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, Jan. 13. This year's elected Chair is Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez of District 4, and Supervisor Pat Hume of District 5 was elected Vice Chair.

"It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in 2026," said Supervisor Rodriguez. "I step into this role with a clear focus on results, respect and responsibility. Many of our residents are struggling, and they deserve a County government that acts with urgency and delivers measurable outcomes. As Chair, I will run disciplined, productive meetings and demand results, accountability and follow-through on every commitment we make."

"Respect begins with listening to the people and the communities we serve and



Rosario Rodriguez, District 4 Supervisor will serve as Chair on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

ensuring their voices are reflected in our decisions. Responsibility means turning those voices into action. Working with my fellow Supervisors, County staff, and community partners, I will advance solutions



Pat Hume, District 5 Supervisor will serve as Vice Chair on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

that strengthen neighborhoods and ensure Sacramento County operates transparently, effectively, and with real impact for the public."

Board Chair responsibilities include

presiding over the Board meetings; the Vice Chair assumes the role in the Chair's absence or inability to act. If the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unable to preside, the members present will select a member present to act as temporary Chairperson.

Additionally, the Board Chair acts on procedural matters or questions, recognizes a member of the board desiring to speak on an item, is entitled to vote on all matters before the Board, participate in discussion relating to any matter, make motions without relinquishing the Chair, and second any motion without relinquishing the Chair.

The Board Chair sits on other boards/commissions as a representative of the County of Sacramento and is the point of contact for questions from the public regarding the meetings (i.e., coordination of resolutions/presentations and general questions not specific to a district, etc.).

The Chair and Vice Chair serve annual terms. ★

Most Americans Support Impaired Driving Countermeasures in Cars

AAA Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With impaired driving still a persistent, and deadly, threat on American roads, a majority of people support a range of impaired driving countermeasures that could significantly reduce fatalities, according to a new AAA survey.

The annual AAA Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI) examines changes in driving patterns and concerns people have about driving in general. The results from last year's study highlight a clear pattern: most Americans want stronger safeguards that prevent impaired driving, including advanced vehicle technologies and stronger legal standards even though some drivers admitted to taking dangerous risks themselves.

The study found strong public support for tougher measures to address impaired driving. Nearly two-thirds of respondents, 67 percent, said they support requiring all new vehicles to be equipped with alcohol impairment prevention technology. A slim majority, 51 percent, also favor lowering the legal blood alcohol concentration limit from 0.08 to 0.05.

While many participants acknowledged that impaired driving was unacceptable, some admitted to doing so anyway. That follows other AAA research that found a



Majority of people support a range of impaired driving countermeasures that could significantly reduce fatalities, according to a new AAA survey. Photo courtesy Freepik

recent rise in other unsafe behaviors like speeding, distracted driving and even road rage.

An overwhelming 93 percent said driving after drinking is very or extremely dangerous, yet 7 percent admitted they had done so within the past 30 days. Similarly, 70 percent of respondents said driving within an hour of using marijuana is very or extremely dangerous, but 6 percent reported engaging in that behavior anyway.

"The reality is impaired driving has negatively impacted everyone in some way," AAA Mountain West Group Spokesperson Doug Johnson said. "While it's encouraging to see widespread support for new safety measures, there's no replacement for a common sense approach to saying no to drinking and driving."

The survey also found that risky behavior persists in several other areas, particularly distracted and aggressive driving. When

it comes to distraction, an overwhelming majority of respondents acknowledged the danger. Nearly all participants said scrolling through social media on a hand-held phone is extremely or very dangerous, while 94 percent said the same about texting or emailing and 90 percent about reading on a hand-held device. Despite this widespread awareness, many drivers admitted to engaging in these behaviors anyway. About 28

percent said they texted while driving, 37 percent reported reading messages, and 36 percent said they talked on a hand-held phone behind the wheel.

Public opinion on enforcement measures was more divided. While 79 percent of respondents supported a ban on hand-held phone use while driving, support dropped sharply when it came to hands-free use, with only 40 percent favoring limits on those systems.

The survey also highlighted concerns around aggressive driving and speeding. Nine in 10 respondents viewed aggressive driving as extremely or very dangerous, and 80 percent said the same about running red lights. Speeding, however, was perceived as less dangerous than other risky behaviors, even though it remains a major contributor to crashes. Although 58 percent of drivers believed they would be caught if they drove 15 miles per hour over the speed limit, about half admitted they had done so within the past month. Support for automated enforcement was limited as well, with only 46 percent backing the use of speed cameras on residential streets.

For more information on survey methodology, data considerations, and results refer to the full Traffic Safety Culture Index report. Visit newsroom.aaa.com/asset/2024-traffic-safety-culture-index-technical-report/ ★

Head Start Families Receiving Local Produce Deliveries

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Despite being surrounded by fertile farmland, many families in Sacramento County face significant food insecurity, with the Sacramento Food Bank reporting that more than one in four residents struggle to access nutritious food. The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), through its Early Head Start Home Visiting Program, is taking a bold step toward improving family health and school readiness by launching a Farm to Family Project that provides monthly boxes of fresh, locally grown produce to families enrolled in Early Head Start (EHS) programs, along with healthy cooking and nutrition experiences.

The Sacramento County Office of Education has partnered with two local agencies to launch the new project. Sacramento's Goodful farm-fresh food delivery service is helping to distribute the produce boxes. The Alchemist Community Development Corporation is hosting community meals where families create healthy lunches and learn about recipes they can make with the food they receive. Children



Twice each month, Alchemist (shown with Early Head Start staff at an information table at Stanston Park) is hosting a community meal where families learn to use the produce they receive to make healthy lunches. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

are encouraged to help prepare the meals. A \$200,000 farm-to-school grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) funds the project.

As part of Sacramento County Office of Education's Sacramento County READS Literacy Initiative to empower all learners to reach their age- and grade-appropriate reading and literacy milestones, the Farm to Family Project has integrated early literacy development into its nutrition education efforts. Families receive a children's book each month, centered on themes of farming, healthy eating, or sustainability.

Along with the book,

families get a comprehensive activity guide, designed to spark curiosity and learning at home. It features playful, age-appropriate activities, things like cooking projects, discussion prompts and ideas for sensory play activities. Families are encouraged to read the story together and engage in the activities, creating meaningful connections between food, learning and family time.

To make the experience even more engaging, links are provided to allow children to watch the authors themselves read their stories, ensuring families can enjoy the stories in multiple formats.

To learn more about this initiative visit scoe.net/ ★

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is highlighting a major milestone in community-driven early childhood investment following the approval of \$4,172,410 in funding by the First 5 Sacramento Commission for 35 community-based organizations. All awarded organizations are first-time recipients of First 5 funding, marking a significant expansion of support to historically under-resourced communities.

The funding was awarded through First 5 Sacramento's Racial Equity funding pathway and reflects a transformative shift in how early childhood investments are designed and distributed across the county for programs located in historically underfunded communities.

This historic funding decision was led by First 5 Sacramento's Equity in Action Committee, a 15-member body made up of parents, caregivers and community leaders who live in the neighborhoods where the grants will be implemented. Through this committee, First 5 Sacramento implemented a Participatory Grantmaking Model that intentionally



The funded programs are culturally responsive and community-driven, addressing long-standing inequities in early childhood development. Photo courtesy of First 5 Sacramento

places decision-making power in the hands of community members rather than institutions.

As a result of this process, funding will support organizations serving children and families in 27 high-priority ZIP codes throughout Sacramento County. The funded programs are culturally responsive and community-driven, addressing long-standing inequities in early childhood development.

"This bold new grantmaking process is rooted in trust — recognizing that community members closest to the challenges often have the most effective solutions, yet are rarely asked to lead," said Phil Serna, Chair of First 5 Sacramento and County Supervisor representing the First District. "By prioritizing equity, lived experience

and local expertise in funding decisions, and through the thoughtful leadership of the Equity in Action Committee, First 5 Sacramento is reaching more families in the neighborhoods where resources are needed most."

The participatory approach ensures that early childhood programs supported through this funding are grounded in lived experience, cultural knowledge and strong community relationships — key elements for effective and sustainable outcomes.

More information about the funded organizations and their programs, the Equity in Action Committee, and First 5 Sacramento's participatory grantmaking model is available on the <https://first5sacramento.saccounty.gov/About-Us/Pages/History-Equity-in-Action.aspx>. ★

Republic FC Acquires Forward Mayele Malango from Monterey Bay FC

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC announced Jan. 8 that the Club has acquired forward Mayele Malango (MY-el Muh-LAWN-go) from Monterey Bay FC via transfer. Malango has also signed a new contract with Republic FC. Per club policy, the terms of the transfer and contract will not be disclosed. Malango will be available pending league and federation approval and is expected to wear No. 7 for Republic FC.

“Mayele is a dynamic attacker with a diverse and impressive journey through multiple levels of U.S. soccer,” said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. “His pace, strength and finishing ability give us more options in the final third, and we’re excited to integrate him into our system.”

Malango, 28, featured



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prominently for Monterey Bay FC during the 2025 USL Championship season, making 29 appearances across league and USL Cup play with five goals and two assists. His contributions included scoring the club’s first goal of the

season and earning a USL Championship Team of the Week honor early in the campaign for a stand-out performance against Oakland Roots SC.

“I would like to thank God for this opportunity, and also thanks to all the coaching staff and front

office members for believing in me, and for making this transfer to happen. I’m super excited to join the team and can’t wait to contribute to the team’s success on and off the field,” said Malango. “I can’t wait to meet all the fans and play in front of you all. I will give everything I have for the team. Let’s make memories together as we fight for another championship.”

Prior to joining Monterey Bay FC, Malango built a varied and productive professional career in the United States. He began his pro journey with New England Revolution II in 2020, where he appeared in 14 matches. In 2021, he signed with New

Amsterdam FC of the National Independent Soccer Association, scoring an impressive nine goals in 14 appearances to earn an All-League First Team selection. In 2022, he continued his development with Albion San Diego in NISA, finding the net three times in 20 matches, helping the team reach the NISA Championship Final. From 2023 to 2024, Malango starred for Chattanooga Red Wolves SC in USL League One, where he recorded 12 goals and five assists in 68 total appearances.

A native of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malango and his family spent 10 years in Malawi as

refugees before coming to the U.S. and settling in Massachusetts. He made a name for himself on the local soccer scene before moving on to the collegiate level. He began at Salem State University, where he scored 17 goals in 19 appearances and earned both MASCAC Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors on the way to a conference title. He then transferred to UMass Lowell, competing at the Division I level before turning professional.

Mayele earned his first call up to the Malawi National Team for World Cup Qualifiers in September 2025 and recorded an assist in his debut. He later joined The Flames for two international friendlies in November, scoring his first goal against Lesotho on Nov. 18.

Republic FC’s 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7 when the club hosts FC Tulsa at Heart Health Park. Season ticket memberships are on sale now, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership today, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Open Call for River Cats National Anthem Auditions

Demos for Potential Performers Must be Submitted Prior to Jan. 30

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - If you have ever dreamed of getting a baseball game underway by singing the National Anthem, now is your chance as the Sacramento River Cats have announced their National Anthem auditions for the 2026 baseball season will take place at Sutter Health Park on the evening of Feb. 17.

Auditions are open to all soloists and instrumentalists, and those interested in performing prior to a River Cats game must submit an audition demo by Friday, Jan. 30. Demos received past this date will not be considered.

All demos submitted must be an A capella version or original performance of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung in full with clear, consistent and correct lyrics. The full performance must not exceed 90 seconds.

To submit a demo, email a mp3 or

YouTube link to marketing@rivercats.com. The subject line should read “2026 National Anthem Demo” and include a name, phone number and email address in the body of the email.

Submissions that do not meet this requirement will be automatically rejected.

The River Cats will invite the top demos submitted to Sutter Health Park for a live audition on Feb. 17.

Due to the volume of applicants, performers will only be contacted if they are selected to audition in person. Selected performers will be contacted the week of Feb. 9 with further instructions.

Sutter Health Park is the West Sacramento home of the three-time Triple-A Champion Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the three-time World Series Champion San Francisco Giants. Memberships, mini-plans, and suites and hospitality spaces for the 2026 season may be purchased now by calling the River Cats Ticket Office at (916) 371-HITS (4487), emailing tickets@rivercats.com, or visiting www.rivercats.com. For information on other events at Sutter Health Park, visit www.sutterhealthpark.com. ★



Softball Sets Schedule



The Aggies will host 28 games in Davis, while hitting the road for their other 25 games. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis softball has set in place its 2026 schedule, with the season opener set for Feb. 5 at home against Sacramento State and the Big West Conference opener against Hawai’I scheduled at La Rue Field over the weekend of March 6-7.

The Aggies will host 28 games in Davis, while hitting the road for their other 25 games. UC Davis will take part in four tournaments, performing hosting duties for two, while playing in five games at neutral sites along with host schools at two other tournaments.

2026 begins with the NorCal Kickoff where UC Davis will open against Sacramento State on Feb. 5 before playing San Diego, Colorado State and Saint Mary’s in the yearly tournament that runs from Feb. 5-8.

UC Davis then plays its first of seven midweek games, traveling to Pacific on Feb. 11. The Aggies will also make midweek trips to Santa Clara (Feb. 17), Sacramento State (Mar. 24) and Saint Mary’s (Apr. 14). Pacific will make the return trip on Mar. 3, joining Utah Valley (Mar. 9) and Stanford (Apr. 7) in making midweek trips to La Rue Field.

UNLV hosts the next tournament the Aggies visit, and running from Feb. 13-15 the Aggies will face Seattle, Quinnipiac and hosting UNLV. UC Davis will twice see Seattle and UNLV during the Las Vegas, Nev., tournament. Over Feb. 20-21 the Aggies will also head to St. George, Utah where they will face Weber State and Utah Tech in back-to-back days for a total of four games over the 48 hours spent in the high desert.

As the calendar rolls into March, the Ags host their final tournament of the season when over the stretch of Feb. 27-Mar. 1 UC Davis will see Nevada (twice), Santa Clara, Sacred

Heart and San Jose State.

The Aggies open Big West play by hosting Hawai’I over the weekend of Mar. 6-7. The Ags will go on to host CSU Bakersfield (Mar. 21-22), Cal State Fullerton (Mar. 28-29), CSUN (Apr. 11-12) and UC Santa Barbara (Apr. 25-26). On the road in conference, the Aggies will visit UC San Diego (Mar. 13-14), Long Beach State (Apr. 3-4), UC Riverside (Apr. 18-19) and Cal Poly (May 1-2). The Big West Championships are set to get going at Cal State Fullerton from May 6-9.

UC Davis returns All-Big West honorees Ashley Sawai, Alyssa Dethlefsen, Caroline Grimes and Sydney Polli. Last season Sawai finished top 10 in the Big West in innings pitched (eighth), batters struck out (ninth), wins (ninth) and saves (second). The Aggie right-hander also tossed a career-high 15 complete games, placing her fourth in the conference and 38th in the nation.

Dethlefsen also found her name inside the top 10 of a pair of Big West statistical categories. She led the conference in triples (five), and her 19 stolen bases placed her fourth in the league. During the season, Dethlefsen was not caught once and along with Grand Canyon’s Savannah Groshong-Kirk she is one of two student-athletes in the country to have not been caught stealing this season with at least 19 stolen bases.

UC Davis, the No. 2 ranked public university by the Wall Street Journal, is home to 40,000 undergraduate students and 12,000 employees. Ranked #1 in Agriculture and Forestry as well as #1 in Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis is located in a true California college town nestled between world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Over 650 Aggie student-athletes compete in 25 Division I varsity sports, with 16 sports transitioning to the Mountain West Conference beginning in 2026-27. ★

Former Hornet Abigail Lopez Makes Pro Debut with Club Puebla

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Former Sacramento State women’s soccer standout Abigail Lopez has joined the professional ranks, signing with Club Puebla in Mexico’s top women’s division and making her debut on Jan. 4 against the Rayados de Monterrey in the LIGA BBVA MX Femenil closing tournament.

Lopez joined the club back in December of 2025, just in time to make her debut in early January. She played all 90 minutes of her club’s 4-0 loss to Monterrey in the opening match for both clubs.

A four-time All-Big Sky Conference honoree during her career with the Hornets, Lopez earned first-team all-league laurels in each of her final two collegiate campaigns and was named to the second team as a freshman and sophomore. She is one of only



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four former Sacramento State players to win four All-Big Sky honors in a career, joining Katie McCoy (first-team honors in 2005-07 and a second-team award in 2004), Kara Taylor (first-team honors in 2005, 2007-08 and an honorable mention award in 2006), and Aubrey Goodwill (first-team honors in 2021-22, a second-team award in 2020, and an honorable mention selection in 2019).

Lopez is also one of only 11 Hornets to earn multiple All-Big Sky first-team awards.

Starting all 21 matches for Sacramento State as a senior in 2024, she led the team in scoring with four goals, three assists, and 11 points on the year, helping the Hornets capture the Big Sky Tournament title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament against USC.

She finished her career ranked tied for eighth in all-time points with 37 and tied for seventh in career goals with 15. Her 134 shot attempts are seventh on the school’s all-time list.

Lopez scored at least four goals in three of her four seasons with the Hornets, while her 11 points as a senior were a career high, surpassing the 10 she accounted for as a freshman in 2021. Overall, she appeared in 72 matches for Sacramento State, making the starting lineup in 63 of those — including 38 consecutive starts to close out her career. ★

Deal Me In

Local Casino January Events Calendar

By MPG Staff,
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Sacramento,
Thunder Rock Casino Resort
and Sky River Casino

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fight fans, music lovers and nightlife enthusiasts have an action-packed lineup to look forward to as Hard Rock Live, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, and Sky River Casino present a series of must-see events featuring legendary athletes, chart-topping artists and unforgettable nightlife experiences.

HARD ROCK

On Saturday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m., Xavi will take the Hard Rock Live Sacramento stage with his X-Tour featuring special guest Fabio Capri. Xavi is the leading voice of Música Mexicana's new generation, with over 4.8 billion career streams. Born in Phoenix and raised between the U.S. and Nogales, Sonora, the singer-songwriter blends traditional corridos with R&B, pop, and urban influences. He rose to global prominence in 2024 with "La Diabla," which topped Spotify's Global 200 and became the longest-running #1 Latin solo song in the chart's history.

Hard Rock Live inside Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain will host A1 Combat 33: Legends Collide on Friday, Jan. 30.

The event is headlined by a highly anticipated Combat Jiu-Jitsu Superfight between MMA legend Urijah Faber and Cisco Rivera, alongside 17 total bouts in the cage. Doors open at 4 p.m. with the main card taking place at 7 p.m.



Hard Rock Casino is starting the year strong with a lineup of concerts, UFC fights and more. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



Sky River Casino is located on 1 Sky River Pkwy, Elk Grove and has a full calendar of events. Photo by Idaly Valencia

The event will be broadcast live on YouTube and UFC FIGHT PASS. For the full

bout card, visit A1COMBAT.COM. All bouts subject to change or cancellation.

No refunds.

THUNDER VALLEY

A country music icon,

Brad Paisley his the Thunder Valley stage Friday, Jan. 30 to celebrate over 25 years of chart-topping success. A Grand Ole Opry member since 2001, Paisley has written 21 of his 25 No. 1 hits and amassed nearly 5 billion career streams, with classics like "He Didn't Have to Be," "She's Everything," and "We Danced."

This is a show country fans won't want to miss.

Grammy Award-winning artist Gary Clark Jr. brings his genre-blending sound of blues, rock, soul, and hip-hop to The Venue, featuring hits such as "This Land," "Pearl Cadillac," and "Don't Owe You a Thang."

Joining him is the Marcus King Band, adding even more high-energy, soulful performances to the night.

Tickets for Thunder Valley Events are available on TicketMaster.

SKY RIVER

Ladies Night will take place Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. Grab your friends to enjoy cigar specials, a curated drink menu and entertainment

Come out Thursday, Jan. 29 for High Stakes, Slow Smoke. This event brings together the bold character of High West Whiskeys and the craftsmanship of My Father Cigars for a curated pairing experience designed for true connoisseurs. Admission is \$75. Reserve your tickets now on Open Table.

Party @ 32 Brews Street returns each Friday 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Come alive at 32 Brews Street with DJs spinning the latest hits! Feel the beat and dance the night away with all your favorites playing. ★

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