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## A City Built on Service

Third Annual Spring Service Day Brings Hundreds of Volunteers



More than 400 volunteers participated in Rancho Cordova's third annual Spring Service Day on May 16, taking part in 24 projects across the city. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

By Omella Rossi

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Hundreds of residents in matching volunteer shirts gathered at City Hall with coffee cups in hand, ready to spend their weekend planting trees, painting murals, repairing homes and cleaning creeks instead of sleeping in.

More than 400 volunteers participated in Rancho Cordova's third annual Spring Service Day on May 16, taking part in 24 projects across the city focused on beautification, environmental stewardship and community support.

The day began with a kickoff celebration at Rancho Cordova City Hall featuring breakfast, music and remarks from local leaders before volunteers dispersed to project sites throughout the city.

Projects included home repairs through Rebuilding



Throughout the day, volunteers spread across Rancho Cordova carrying paint brushes, trash bags, gardening tools and shovels as projects transformed schools, parks, neighborhoods and public spaces. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

Together Sacramento, waterways cleanup with the city's Public Works Department, a public mural in Cordova Meadows, school beautification projects and book cleaning at the Sacramento Public Library.

"This really is a day

year to year."

City officials said the event has grown significantly since its launch three years ago.

"This is our third year, and the first year we had 16 projects with about 300 volunteers," said Lorianne Carl, the city's community engagement manager. "Then our second year, we went up to about 20 projects, and we had 350 volunteers, and today we are exceeding 400. We ordered 500 shirts and they are all gone."

Carl said the event has helped revive volunteerism following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This has really reignited volunteerism," she said. "I see some of the same people every year. I see new people every year. It's incredible."

Mayor Garrett Gatewood praised the volunteers for

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## State Water Project Allocation Increases Heading into Summer

California Department of Water Resources News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - May 15, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an increase to the State Water Project (SWP) allocation for 2026. The allocation is now 45% of requested supplies, up from the previous allocation of 30% announced on Jan. 29. The allocation establishes how much water the State plans to deliver to the 29 public water agencies served by the SWP, which provides water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland.

In the spring, SWP allocations are based on current hydrological conditions, existing reservoir storage, and remaining snowpack. While California saw record heat in March and early snowmelt, consistent rainstorms in April provided critical runoff through the system that allowed DWR to capture more water and meet environmental regulations without using stored water. Currently, the SWP's largest reservoir, Lake Oroville, is at 99% of capacity. Statewide, reservoirs are 117% of average for this time of year.

The challenge remains that California's snowpack, the state's frozen reservoir, is essentially gone. As of today, the statewide snowpack is just 12% of average. The snowpack peaked in mid-Feb. and has since melted off.

"California's reservoirs are full, but most snowpack melted off weeks ago. We must use this stored water carefully because there's no backfill until next season," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth.

The SWP utilized real-time operational flexibility to benefit water users and the environment despite the fact that so much of this year's precipitation came as rain instead of snow. Water managers at Lake Oroville coordinated closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to capture as much water as possible while still providing flood protection to downstream communities. These flexible operations, coupled with the improved runoff in the system resulted in an additional 400,000 acre-feet of storage in Lake Oroville. This puts the SWP in a better position to provide water

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## AI Ecosystem Builds Momentum

Agreement brings together education and industry to strengthen workforce development



The event centered on the "AI Nucleus: K-Career" initiative, part of the broader Rancho Cordova AI & Robotics Ecosystem. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

By Omella Rossi

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - A regional agreement signed Wednesday May 14 at Solidigm headquarters in Rancho Cordova

marked a coordinated effort to build a long-term education and workforce pipeline for artificial intelligence, robotics and semiconductor industries.

The event centered on the "AI

Nucleus: K-Career" initiative, part of the broader Rancho Cordova AI & Robotics Ecosystem. The effort brings together the City of Rancho Cordova, K-12 schools, colleges

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# A Sea of Mermaids

## Three Days of Magic at California Mermaid Convention

By Omella Rossi

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Mermaids didn't just appear in stories this weekend, they showed up in Rancho Cordova pools, workshops and waterfronts for the California Mermaid Convention.

The three-day event held May 15-17 for its seventh annual event, transformed venues from Old Sacramento's waterfront to Hagan Park Community Pool into immersive spaces filled with workshops, performances, vendors and community activities centered on creativity and ocean conservation.

Festivities began Friday evening with the Promenade of Mermaids along the Embarcadero Waterfront in Old Sacramento, a free, all-ages event featuring costumed participants, music and a public parade that organizers said helped launch the convention years ago.

The weekend continued with a 21-and-over launch party at Dive Bar in Sacramento before shifting Saturday to Hagan Park Community Pool in Rancho Cordova for the main convention programming.

Inside the pool and surrounding grounds, attendees took part in workshops, performances and hands-on learning sessions ranging from breath-hold training and underwater modeling techniques to environmental advocacy and beginner mermaid swimming instruction.

Visit Rancho Cordova Director of Marketing and Communications Kristen Achziger, said sustainability efforts were woven throughout the event, including waste-reduction practices and educational sessions on ecological preservation.

"This group of mermaid's volunteers together. They will go into the American River and do lots of cleanups," said Achziger. "We live in a world where we have to take intentional care of it. Our world matters 24/7, 365 days a year."

Co-founder Ashley Rastad said the convention grew from a small Old Sacramento parade in 2011 into a multi-day regional event after public interest expanded.

"It really just came from simply wanting to go out and have a joyful time and



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Inside the pool and surrounding grounds, attendees took part in workshops, performances and hands-on learning sessions. Photo by Rick Sloan



Mermaids display their colorful tails during the seventh annual California Mermaid Convention. Photo by Rick Sloan

dress up and be whimsical," Rastad said. "It almost makes me want to cry when thinking about how Rancho Cordova has received us. We went through trial and error, trying to pitch this idea and this city has been exactly the opposite of everywhere else. They're like, yes, please we want more mermaids."

She said the event now includes vendors, certifications, performances and themed evening events such as the Bubble Ball, a costume gala featuring live entertainment, aerial performances and community awards.

"The Bubble Ball is exactly what it sounds like," Rastad said. "A fantastical

evening of all types of creatures."

Participants said the convention blends fantasy with community connection and environmental awareness.

"I just love being in the water and swimming and getting to be this fantasy character," said Alyssa Bunch, a convention attendee. "Everyone is so sweet and encouraging each other and complimenting each other. It's just such a great community."

Bunch said many participants are also focused on environmental stewardship.

"We care a lot about just taking care of the Earth and our community, too," she said. "We want to make sure that we have

a good place to swim and hang out."

Lauren Matthias, with Cosplay for Hope, said the group brings interactive pirate-themed games for children attending the event.

"It's just a lot of fun," Matthias said. "Who doesn't want to come play a pirate game every now and then? It can be a really big turning point for a lot of people in their day or even in their lifetime."

A Rancho Cordova resident attending with her daughter said the experience felt magical.

"You get to see mermaids, you get to see fairies, you got pirates, it's a kid's magical land to come to," she said. "I mean, they get to swim with the mermaids, how many places can you say you can do that?"

The convention concluded Sunday with continued pool programming at Hagan Park and a private evening finale known as the Grotto Swim, a themed gathering featuring photography and immersive storytelling elements.

Organizers said the event continues to grow each year as a celebration of imagination and a platform for environmental awareness.

At its core, Rastad said, the message is simple: "Come and experience pure joy."★

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dedicating their Saturday to service projects across the city.

“We appreciate you,” Gatewood said during the kickoff celebration. “We got up early and we’re helping our community. It means nothing but shows what it really is to be a Cordovian.”

Gatewood said the event reflects the city’s strong sense of community pride.

“You’re about to have the most amazing experience,” he said. “This just shows what a great community we really are.”

Volunteers worked on projects ranging from painting picnic tables and planter boxes at New Pacific Charter School to evaluating and cleaning library books for circulation.

Jessica Felps, who helped organize the campus beautification project at New Pacific Charter School, said families and students were eager to participate.

“We just want to make sure that our school looks good for the neighborhood,” Felps said. “I didn’t sleep last night. Everybody’s excited at the school.”

At the Rancho Cordova Food Locker, Executive Director Carrie Johnson said the event has introduced new volunteers to local nonprofit organizations.

“The biggest effect is that we’ve gained new volunteers,” Johnson said. “It builds the idea of volunteering. Like, it’s a good thing. Like, I want to be part of something.”

Councilmember David M. Sander, Ph.D. said the event highlights how community partnerships can strengthen neighborhoods.

“The greatest thing that I feel, and I see when I’m here, is that these people love their communities,” Sander said. “Where people want to live is where people care about the future of the place.”

Sander said the city’s focus on building strong neighborhoods



Hundreds of residents in matching volunteer shirts gathered at City Hall for the third annual Spring Service Day. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova



Rancho Cordova volunteers are true rock stars, gathering bright and early for the third annual Spring Service Day. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova



The day began with a kickoff celebration at Rancho Cordova City Hall featuring breakfast, music and remarks from local leaders. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

and partnerships has helped the event continue to expand.

“You have to develop partnerships,” he said. “The power of the public out here, and the nonprofit organizations, and the companies and other potential partners, is massive compared to us.”

Local businesses and organizations also supported the event through sponsorships and project

partnerships.

Anne Descalzo, co-founder of title sponsor The RADZ Group, said service and community involvement are central to the organization’s mission.

“The simple acts of painting a park bench, or planting a tree, or packing supplies, make our city stronger,” Descalzo said.

Terrance McNamara of Atlas Disposal said the event reflects

the city’s longstanding volunteer spirit.

“Anything good that’s ever happened in this city has happened because people stepped up,” McNamara said.

Throughout the day, volunteers spread across Rancho Cordova carrying paint brushes, trash bags, gardening tools and shovels as projects transformed schools, parks, neighborhoods

and public spaces.

For Sandy Runner, a Spring Service Day committee member, the event’s growth has been rewarding to watch.

“We wanted to create a day where everybody could come together and serve and meet their neighbors and just make a really big impact in the community,” Runner said. “It’s incredible to see it grow just in two years.” ★

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Lloyd Alois Lagerstrom was born on July 3, 1941, and passed away peacefully on April 2, 2026, at the age of 84. He was a proud 44-year resident of Rancho Cordova.

Lloyd was born in Milwaukee and was raised there until his family moved to Brookfield in 1951. He graduated from Catholic Memorial High School in 1959 and later earned his degree from St. Norbert College in 1963.

Lloyd went on to serve with distinction in the United States Air Force from May 1964 to February 1984, primarily as a B-52 radar navigator. Following his military retirement, he earned an M.B.A. in Finance from Golden Gate University and began a second successful career with the California Franchise Tax Board in Sacramento, where he worked primarily as a Tax Auditor.

Lloyd was a quiet man with many passions and talents. On his final day leaving the Franchise Tax Board office, he simply put on his bicycle helmet and rode off to attend an organizational meeting for his town’s Fourth of July celebration. There was no fanfare surrounding his retirement—he simply moved on to his next passion: volunteering.

For more than 20 years, Lloyd proudly volunteered at the Mather Air Show, helping with logistics, security,



Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Bunzel Lagerstrom and Alvin Rickleff Lagerstrom; his infant brother, Joseph; his sister, Louise Lagerstrom Weber; and his beloved son, Leif Lagerstrom, born November 17, 1967, who passed away in 2005 and is forever missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Connie; his daughters, Lissa and Luv; his grandchildren, Abbey and Aaron Powers, and Andrew and Lily Newman; as well as his nephews, Paul and Steve Weber, and many cousins and extended family members.

Above all else, Lloyd deeply loved his family and took great joy in every aspect of their lives. His children and grandchildren were his greatest pride and happiness. They always knew he was there for them, with a heart full of unwavering love and support.

Lloyd will be greatly missed by his family, his many volunteer friends, his church family, and the entire Rancho Cordova community.

A Funeral Mass will be held on May 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 10497 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, California. All are invited to attend.

Burial will follow on May 30, 2026, at Westwood Hills Memorial Park in the family plot.

and fencing. He was deeply devoted to his church family at St. John Vianney Catholic Church on Coloma Road in Rancho Cordova. As part of the Martha and Mary Ministry, he faithfully served as the self-proclaimed “chief kneeler silencer” and lovingly tended the parish’s 340 rose bushes with the “Rose Patrol,” as he affectionately called it. This spring’s especially beautiful bloom brought him great joy as he attended daily Mass.

The St. John Vianney Mr. and Mrs. Club was also a cherished part of Lloyd’s social life. Alongside his wife Connie, he served in nearly every board position except recording secretary. Together, they especially enjoyed organizing celebrations, with the annual Inaugural Ball being one of their favorite events each year.

Lloyd also served for decades as an usher at the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass and faithfully volunteered on Monday mornings counting the parish contributions.

# Golden State Killer's Cordova Ties Recounted at May Luncheon

By Abbey Wicks

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce welcomed Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho to the Cordova Community Luncheon on May 15. The event drew a packed audience of community members, business leaders and legislative representatives to City Hall.

During his one-hour presentation followed by a question-and-answer session, Ho gripped audience members with a retelling of the horrific crimes of Joseph James Deangelo, widely known as the Golden State Killer, up until his prosecution in 2020, of which Ho led the prosecution team. Ho published his firsthand account of the case, "The People Vs. The Golden State Killer," last fall.

The Golden State Killer's connection to Rancho Cordova has had a lasting impact on the region, as a captivated audience recounted the stories of victims including Brian and Katie Maggiore, who were murdered by Deangelo in 1978.

Deangelo, who was also known as the East Area Rapist, Visalia Ransacker and the Original Nightstalker, grew up in Rancho Cordova and attended Folsom High School. His knowledge of the area aided in his escaping from law enforcement, Ho said.

"He knew this area like the back of his hand because he grew up here," Ho said. "He knew the areas of ingress and egress. He grew up as a teenager in Rancho Cordova. He was riding his bikes."

The killer typically arrived and fled from his crime scenes on a bicycle and knew how to navigate the Rancho Cordova area in a way that he wouldn't be seen from a car.

Ho expressed his intention to honor victims such as the Maggiores in "The People vs.



Ho's talk at the Cordova Community Luncheon on May 15 centered on the Golden State Killer's ties to Rancho Cordova. Ho published his firsthand account of the case, "The People Vs. The Golden State Killer," last fall. Photo by Abbey Wicks

The Golden State Killer," rather than glorify the killer, whom Ho described as a "master manipulator" and a "monster." Only one chapter in the book focuses directly on Deangelo himself.

The book's front cover, taken by Ho on his cell phone, features the silhouette of a suburban house with a single glowing window against a dark blue evening sky, in the same neighborhood where the Maggiores were murdered.

"One of the (original) covers had a picture of Joseph James Deangelo, the Golden State Killer," Ho said. "But we decided not to do that. ... I wanted to make sure that this book paid homage to Brian and Katie." Ho said he became particularly close with the Maggiore family during the prosecution process.

Ho praised the dedication of law enforcement in their search for Deangelo, which spanned over 40 years across six counties

in California. As technology and genetic testing developed, there became more opportunities to connect crime scene DNA to the killer.

However, Deangelo was never a convicted felon, making him more difficult to track down. Ultimately, a database of DNA owned by genetic genealogy company 23andMe led law enforcement to the relatives of the killer and, eventually, the killer himself.

Former Rancho Cordova Police Department Chief Ralph Garcia, who was in the audience, was part of the law enforcement team that began following Deangelo around Citrus Heights, where he was living as a retired mechanic, gathering further DNA to confirm the suspect.

The presentation concluded with Ho sharing the story of Phyllis Henneman, the first known victim of the East Area Rapist, who was assaulted in

Rancho Cordova when she was 23 years old. Henneman was present throughout Deangelo's prosecution, attending each court date until a cancer diagnosis kept her home.

While undergoing chemotherapy, Henneman was present for Deangelo's sentencing of life in prison without the possibility of parole. She passed away three months later.

In her honor, fellow victims Kris Pedretti, known as Victim No. 10, and Gay Hardwick started "Phyllis's Garden" a non-profit committed to "providing survivors of sexual assault the strength, support, and resources they need to rediscover their voices, share their stories, and find hope on their path to healing," according to their website, [phyllisgarden.com/](http://phyllisgarden.com/).

One of the organization's programs focuses on funding soft interview rooms, which are designed to provide soft lighting,

soothing wall colors, neutral artwork and other décor that creates a comforting atmosphere for victims rather than a standard interrogation room; Phyllis was interviewed by law enforcement in the room where her raping took place.

The Rancho Cordova Police Department is one of four Sacramento-area police departments that have a soft interview room, according to the Sacramento Business Journal.

"When I think about the case now, I don't think about him. I don't think about his crimes. I think about Phyllis," Ho said.

During a question-and-answer session, audience members had the opportunity to ask Ho questions related to the case such as if Ho believes Deangelo's wife and three kids knew of his crimes; Ho believes they did not.

"The People Vs. The Golden State Killer" can be purchased on Amazon. ★

# AI Ecosystem Builds Momentum

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and industry partners including NVIDIA, SMUD, Sacramento State, Folsom Lake College, Folsom Cordova Unified School District, the Human Machine Collaboration Institute (HMCI) and Farm GPU.

Organizers said the agreement is designed to better align education pathways with rapidly evolving workforce needs in AI, robotics and advanced manufacturing, fields that continue to expand nationwide and are expected to offer high-demand career opportunities.

City Manager Micah Runner of the City of Rancho Cordova said the initiative is about bringing key stakeholders together to plan for what comes next.

"This is about getting the right people in the room, education leaders, industry leaders and city leaders, all thinking about the future of work," Runner said. "It's a ceremonial start and signing of all of us working together on new and exciting things."

The initiative builds on work led by the Human Machine Collaboration Institute, which helped shape the "AI Nucleus" concept as a way to connect education and industry from early learning through career placement.

Founder Sadie St. Lawrence said the effort grew from a recognition that infrastructure alone is not enough without a trained workforce.

"We realized very quickly that without a talent pipeline there is no ecosystem," she said. "AI is not here to replace anyone. It is here to amplify the work you do."

St. Lawrence added that collaboration among schools and employers is central to the effort's long-term success and said the model could extend beyond the region.

Louis Stewart, head of strategic



The effort brings together from left, Erik Swanson, superintendent, Folsom Cordova Unified School District; Jose Bodipo-Memba, chief diversity officer, SMUD; Sadie St. Lawrence, founder, HMCI; Greg Matson, senior vice president, head of products and marketing, Solidigm; Jonmichael Hands, founder, FarmGPU; Micah Runner, city manager, City of Rancho Cordova; Garrett Gatewood, mayor, City of Rancho Cordova; Louis Stewart, head of strategic partnerships, NVIDIA; Luke Wood, president, California State University, Sacramento; and Art Pimentel, president, Folsom Lake College. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

partnerships at NVIDIA, said the collaboration reflects a growing alignment between education, industry and local government in the Sacramento region.

"This is truly a milestone," Stewart said. "It's about building a pathway that allows students to move from curiosity to skills, to certification, to internships and eventually, careers."

Stewart also emphasized the importance of preparing students early for AI-related fields, noting that workforce development must begin well before college.

Greg Matson, senior vice president of product and marketing at Solidigm, said the company's investment reflects both its local roots and long-term workforce needs.

"We are part of the community,"

Matson said. "We want to make sure we have a continuous pipeline of AI-ready talent."

Matson added that he hopes the partnership helps create new opportunities for students entering technology fields.

Educational leaders said the initiative strengthens alignment between classroom learning and industry expectations.

Luke Wood, president of Sacramento State, said the effort helps ensure students are prepared for careers after graduation.

"This is exactly the kind of collaboration that defines what a university like ours does," Wood said. "We have to be in alignment with the industries. Either you prepare your students for a future in AI or you're preparing them for unemployment. I hope every

single city in our region is looking at what's happening here, is proud of it and also wishing they were partners."

Art Pimentel, president of Folsom Lake College, said the partnership supports the college's mission to connect education with opportunity.

"This aligns perfectly with our mission of providing lives through education and opportunity," Pimentel said. "We want to be ready for the future, and this is exactly what we intend to do by working together and collaborating."

Folsom Cordova Unified School District Superintendent Erik Swanson said the effort helps students see clearer pathways from school to career.

"Today we're signing a

document that gives every graduate a plan," Swanson said. "We want them to understand their future is theirs, and they have to reach up and grab it."

SMUD Chief Diversity Officer Jose Bodipo-Memba said the collaboration helps ensure the region develops a strong and inclusive workforce pipeline.

"This really complements what we're trying to do to make sure the best talent is grown from this region," Bodipo-Memba said. "We have the opportunity to be a catalyst, not just for the region, but for the world."

Rancho Cordova Mayor Garrett Gatewood added, "What this really is to us is jobs, pure and simple," Gatewood said. "We're setting the example of how it's supposed to be." ★

# FCUSD Honors Teacher Induction Graduates at End-of-Year Celebration

**Folsom Cordova Unified School District News Release**

**FOLSOM, CA (MPG)** - The Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) celebrated 48 teachers who successfully completed the District's Teacher Induction Program during an end-of-year celebration held May 7, at the Folsom Community Center. The event marked the culmination of two years of dedicated work as teachers progressed toward clearing their teaching credentials.

"Watching teachers share in the joy of learning, supporting and coaching new educators and build lasting relationships is truly rewarding. It's inspiring to see how they continue to uplift and help other teachers grow", Joanie Cunningham, Coordinator of New Teacher Support & Development said.

The occasion brought together principals, teachers and other District leaders to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Year 1 and Year 2 candidates, and the meaningful impact they are making in classrooms across Folsom Cordova Unified School District. The evening included a reception, welcome remarks from District leadership and an engaging activity highlighting the program's collaborative learning, culminating in Year 1 recognition and the presentation of Year 2 completion awards honoring each candidate's commitment to professional growth and student success.

Throughout the two-year program, teachers engaged in individualized coaching, goal setting and ongoing reflection to strengthen instructional practices and support positive outcomes for students, while contributing to a culture of continuous improvement, collaboration, targeted coaching and mentorship.



As these educators complete their induction journey, they move forward with strengthened skills, deeper insight and a renewed dedication to meeting the needs of all learners. Photo courtesy of Folsom Cordova Unified School District

This work reflects the program's commitment to fostering reflective practice, building a community of lifelong learners and advancing effective, student-centered teaching strategies. Completing the Teacher Induction Program represents both a significant professional achievement and an ongoing commitment to excellence in education.

"Last year, there were a lot of teachers who were in their second year at my school, so I got perspectives from them, having already been through year one of induction. I really liked making connections with people I didn't necessarily connect with at school, but made connections here, and now I still talk with them at school because we



The Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) celebrated 48 teachers who successfully completed the District's Teacher Induction Program during an end-of-year celebration. Photo courtesy of Folsom Cordova Unified School District

have that relationship we made during this process," said Peter Wells, teacher at Cordova Villa Elementary School.

As these educators complete their induction journey, they

move forward with strengthened skills, deeper insight and a renewed dedication to meeting the needs of all learners. The Folsom Cordova Unified School District extends its

heartfelt congratulations to all 2026 Teacher Induction graduates on this outstanding accomplishment and their continued commitment to students and learning. ★

# Lancers Host Golf Awards Dinner

**By James Darnell**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Cordova Lancers took part in their annual end-of-season awards dinner, which was hosted at the home of head coach Brian Botsford on Thursday, May 14.

Approximately 40 players and family members were in attendance for the event, where Botsford recognized the entire Lancers' roster for their contributions during the spring season, with various items handed out serving as a memento for a job well done.

Players also received their varsity letters, and two players in particular, sophomore Eli Cervantes and senior Mason Gibbons, were recognized as coveted "Coaches' Award". Gibbons was unable to attend the event so his father, Jeff Gibbons, accepted the award on his behalf.

"The leadership they both show not only on the course but in the classroom is big," Botsford said. "Both are very good students and the teachers enjoy their personalities and hard work. For Eli, it was about his hard work and being able to get

to where he did (being named as an All-Metro League performer) and making it to the Divisionals. For Mason, it really was about him being kind of a coach. I actually match him up with some of the younger rookie players because he'll give them pointers as they go along and play."

During the event Botsford made it a point to recognize the players that have been with the program in each of the three years that he has been head coach and are set to graduate including seniors Maddox Tran, Nate Zilles, Justin Rai and the aforementioned Gibbons. He cited

them as players who have helped build the program over the years and whom he appreciates as they are set to move on.

Botsford noted that in his final message to the team, he is hoping the returning players for next year will help recruit more potential players to help the program next spring. This season the team enjoyed a strong turnout and ended the year with 14 players, a record number for the team during Botsford's tenure.

The future looks promising for the golf program at Cordova High. ★

# Instead of Raising Taxes, California Leaders Should Address Rampant Waste and Fraud



**Josh Hoover**

**By Assemblyman Josh Hoover**

I recently joined a number of my colleagues in calling for a special legislative session dedicated to addressing the rampant waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer resources that has become all too common in our state government. California families are struggling with the

nation's highest cost of living, crushing housing prices and exorbitant taxes. They deserve to know that their hard-earned dollars are being spent responsibly and effectively. Unfortunately, too often that is not the case.

The examples of mismanagement are staggering. Our state has spent \$37 billion on homelessness programs, yet the homeless population has increased by 36,000 individuals statewide since the spending began in 2019. During the pandemic, \$32 billion in unemployment insurance benefits were lost to fraud, including checks sent directly to inmates in California prisons. Taxpayers have shelled out \$1.1 billion

for a new building for politicians, the Capitol Annex Project, even as project leaders sign non-disclosure agreements and refuse to share basic cost data with the public. And \$450 million has been poured into a "Next Generation" 911 system that state bureaucrats now admit may never even turn on.

Rather than addressing these failures, the legislative Supermajority has moved in the opposite direction by reducing transparency and accountability. Bills like AB 1608 would halt the release of documents related to California's troubled High-Speed Rail project. AB 1821 would make it more expensive for citizens to file Public Records Act requests.

Finally, AB 2624 would effectively criminalize investigative journalism by imposing fines on independent reporters who expose certain types of government fraud.

To make matters worse, after auditors uncovered \$267 million in Medi-Cal fraud involving fake hospice facilities billing the state, the Supermajority's response has been to propose yet another tax increase on corporations to cover rising health-care costs. This approach is tone deaf. The issue isn't a lack of revenue, it's a lack of willingness to respect taxpayers and root out waste, fraud, and abuse. Instead, they would rather increase costs on businesses that will ultimately be paid by consumers and California

families.

We must demand better. A special session focused on waste, fraud, and abuse would allow for thorough investigations, public hearings, and concrete reforms. Californians have a right to transparency in how their money is spent. We should be strengthening public records laws, not weakening them. We should be protecting whistleblowers and journalists who expose wrongdoing, not punishing them.

The people of California work hard and already pay some of the highest taxes in the nation. It is our duty as leaders to ensure every dollar is accounted for and deliver results. Until we address the systemic

waste and fraud plaguing state government, we have no business asking taxpayers for more. Instead, Sacramento politicians should get serious about getting their own house in order.

Assemblyman Josh Hoover represents the 7th Assembly District in Sacramento County, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale, and Rosemont. You can follow him on X @joshua\_hoover or contact his office at Assemblymember.Hoover@assembly.ca.gov. ★

# UC Davis Men's Golf Trio Earns All-Big West Recognition

## UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Three UC Davis men's golfers earned 2025-26 All-Big West recognition, the conference announced May 12. Sophomore Lequan Wang was named to the All-Big West Second Team, while juniors Curtis Da Silva and Ryan Firpo each received Honorable Mention.

Wang, a sophomore from San Mateo, CA, posted the lowest scoring average among the Aggies (71.7) across 32 rounds and closed the regular season ranked No. 362 nationally per Clippd, the highest mark on the UC Davis roster. The Aragon High School graduate recorded two top three individual finishes, taking third at the Bridgestone Collegiate Invitational at 15-under 201 (with 19 birdies, second-most in the tournament) and third at the home El Macero Classic at 4-under 212.

Wang closed fall play with a tie for fourth at the Marquette Intercollegiate after a 3-under second-round 69 and opened The Prestige in a tie for second after a 3-under 68 before the third round was canceled by high winds. He played in all 11 stroke-play events for the Aggies during the regular season after earning All-Big West Honorable Mention as a freshman in 2024-25.

Da Silva, a junior from Monterey CA, earned Honorable Mention after competing in all 11 stroke-play events and posting a 72.9 scoring average across



Sophomore Lequan Wang and juniors Curtis Da Silva and Ryan Firpo have recently earned All-Big West recognition. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

32 rounds. The Robert Louis Stevenson School graduate opened the season with his first career top 10 by finishing 10th at the Ram Masters Invitational at even-par 210, including a 4-under second-round 66 at Fort Collins Country Club. Da Silva fired 70-68-69 at the Amer Ari Invitational at Mauna Lani Resort to take a tie for 38th at 9-under 207 (the only Aggie under par for the event, with three sub-par rounds) and closed the regular season with a 14th-place finish at 1-under 215 at the 2026 Big West Men's Golf Championship at La Quinta Country Club, one of just

two Aggies under par at the conference event. He also led UC Davis on Day 1 of The Goodwin at Stanford with a 1-under 69.

Firpo, a junior from Davis, CA, received Honorable Mention in his first season at his hometown school. The Davis Senior High School graduate transferred to UC Davis from Fresno State, where he was named the 2023-24 Mountain West Freshman of the Year as a Bulldog. Firpo led the Aggies at the home El Macero Classic with a tie for 30th at 7-over 223, the same event at which he posted a sixth-place finish as a Fresno State freshman in 2024. He paced UC

Davis at the Windon Memorial Classic with a tie for 55th and an even-par 72 in the final round, opened the spring with a 6-under 66 in round one of the Amer Ari Invitational, and closed at a tie for 35th at the R.E. Lamkin Invitational with a final-round 72 across 10 starts and 28 rounds.

Long Beach State's Alejandro de Castro Piera was named the conference's Golfer of the Year and Cal Poly freshman Rafael Bobo-Lloret was tabbed Freshman of the Year. Long Beach State's Rob Murray earned Coach of the Year honors after leading the 49ers

to a record-setting Big West Championship at La Quinta Country Club. Long Beach State placed five golfers on the All-Big West First Team, joined by UC San Diego's Davis McDowell.

The trio of selections capped a 2025-26 campaign that featured the program's first individual victory since 2023, sophomore Louis Grizot's Silver Title at the Gene Miranda Falcon Invitational, and a 3.43 team GPA in the Winter 2026 academic quarter that set a UC Davis men's golf program record and stood as the highest among all UC Davis men's programs. ★

# Beavers Run Out of Gas, Fall to Feather River



The 2026 season has come to a close as the American River College baseball team lost in the regional championship game to Feather River 19-8 on May 3 in Quincy. Photo courtesy of American River College

## American River College News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The 2026 season has come to a close as the

American River College baseball team lost in the regional championship game to Feather River 19-8 on May 3 in Quincy. After putting a thumping on the Golden Eagles in the first game, then falling 4-2

in the second game, everything was on the line that morning.

The game was moved up to 10 a.m. to try and beat an incoming thunderstorm. After the Beavers failed to score in the top of the first, Feather River wasted no time jumping on freshman RHP Ayden Dringenberg (Oakmont), who had thrown three innings on Friday to secure the win over Monterey Peninsula College. The Golden Eagles got three runs in the first inning, then one in the second.

The Beavers came back with three runs in the third inning, with 2B Lance Sabatke (River City) driving in a run with a single to center. But the ARC pitchers just couldn't keep Feather River off the board, as the Golden Eagles scored in six of their eight innings at bat, with all but the second inning being multiple run innings. After ARC closed the gap to 4-3, FRC scored four in the third and two in the fourth to go up 10-3.

The Beavers answered back with a run thanks to an RBI double by Sabatke. RHP Nathan Gahn (Bear Creek) held Feather River scoreless in the fifth and the Beavers got two runs in the top of the

sixth to make the score 10-6. But Feather River just kept adding on and got the two runs back in the bottom of the sixth. In the seventh ARC clawed back, scoring a pair of runs to make the score 12-8 thanks to a sacrifice fly by 3B Luke Haney (Oak Ridge) and an RBI single by SS Bryce Sabatke (River City). The Beavers threatened in the eighth with runners at first and second with one out but 1B Jose Vega (Highlands) hit into an inning ending double play to squash the threat. It was one of two double plays the Beavers hit into on the day. With the game still within reach going into the bottom of the eighth Feather River put the game away for good, scoring seven runs to make the final score 19-8.

The American River College baseball staff would like to thank everyone who supported the team this season and we are looking forward to January and the start of the 2027 season. And a big congratulations to the players on the 2026 team for a fine season, and to the sophomores who will be moving on...thank you for your dedication and hard work. Once a Beaver, always a Beaver! ★

# Murillo Sixth Addition to Men's Soccer Roster

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State head men's soccer coach Michael Linenberger added a sixth commitment for the 2026 campaign, welcoming local product James Murillo to the roster in time for the upcoming campaign.

"We are excited to add James to our roster," Linenberger said. "We work hard to keep good local talent at home, and James has had a lot of college success already. We expect him to challenge for a starting role in our back line this coming fall."

A native of Elk Grove, CA, Murillo joins the Hornets' sideline after prepping at Elk Grove HS and spending last season at nearby Folsom Lake

College as a center back for the Falcons. In his first collegiate campaign, he was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year, added Big 8 Conference First Team honors, and was selected to the California Community College Athletic Association's all-regional squad.

He appeared in 21 matches as a sophomore at Folsom Lake, helping lead the Falcons to a conference title with an 8-1-1 record (13-6-2 overall) and adding his first career goal — and game-winning score — in a 1-0 victory over Cosumnes River College on Oct. 7. That helped his case for Big 8 Conference Player of the Month honors.

As a true freshman prepping at Elk Grove HS and spending last season at nearby Folsom Lake

University, attempting one shot.

Prior to his time at Jessup, Murillo competed with Sacramento United SC from the U9 all the way up to the U19 level, earning a selection to the MLS NEXT All-Star game. He also competed with the Sacramento Gold semi-pro club in the NPSL and with FC Folsom in the UPSL, helping the latter to a spot in the national finals.

Murillo is the latest addition to the Sacramento State roster for 2026, joining previous commitments from defender Mateus Romualdo (Snow College), midfielder Henry Hedden (Monte Vista HS), goalkeeper AJ Bengds (UNC Asheville), forward Jakub Kozlowski (Palomar College) and defender Cameron Martino (Clovis East HS). ★

# Weiss Takes Home Senior Championship



Senior Champion Jeff Weiss. Courtesy photo



Legends Championship winner Herb Jensen. Courtesy photo



Super Senior Championship winner Mark Morgan. Courtesy photo

## Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Golf Council hosted the 53rd Sacramento County Men's Senior, Super Senior and Legends Championships at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course, Carmichael May 5-6.

The Senior Championship (ages 55-64) was won by Jeff Weiss in a four-hole play-off over Bob Niger. Both scored 141.

The Super Senior Championship (ages 65-74) was won by Mark Morgan with a score of 70-64.

The Legends Championship (ages 75 plus), Herb Jensen won with a consistent score of 72-72.

Jim Shields was the Golf Council Tournament Director. The event showcased the top senior golf talent from across the region and was sponsored by Eskaton Village Carmichael. ★

# You've Voted! What's Next?

## Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office News Release

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Voters can use the My Voter Portal (MVP) to check the status of their voted ballot. Visit: <https://myvoterportal.saccounty.gov/LookupVoter>.

#### Why Did I Receive a Notice About My Signature?

If we are unable to confirm that your signature on your pink Vote by Mail return envelope matches your signature on file, we will contact you to ensure your ballot is counted.

California law allows you the opportunity to correct your signature on your pink Vote by Mail return envelope up until two days before the election is certified.

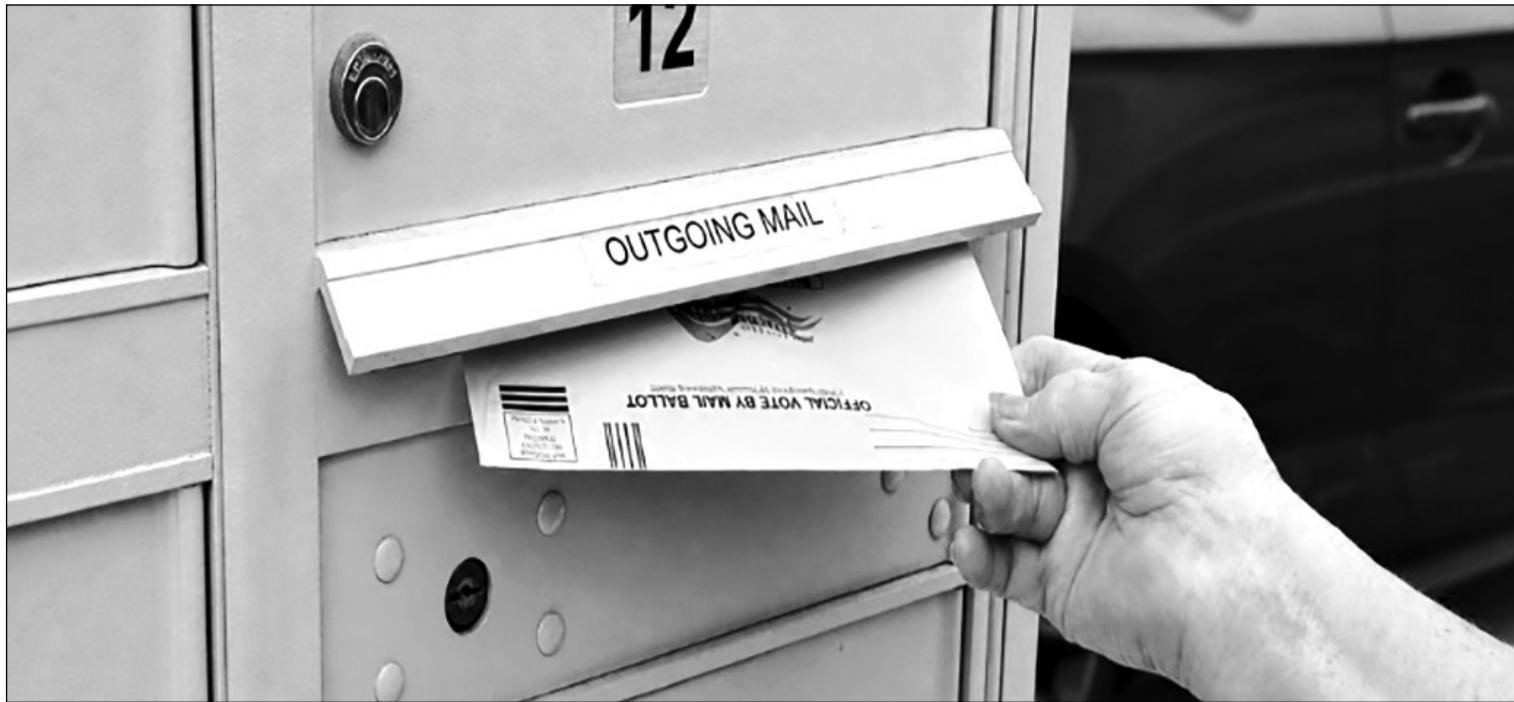
To correct your signature, you may: print, complete, and return a Signature Verification Statement at VRE or any Vote Center; resolve your signature using My Voter Portal (MVP); or complete and return the letter we sent you using the postage-paid envelope.

Without your signature, your ballot will not be counted.

#### Where are the Election Results?

View the Election Results Schedule so you know when to expect the next update. View the schedule: [elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/june-2--2026-statewide-direct-primary-election--election-results.html#gsc.tab=0](https://elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/june-2--2026-statewide-direct-primary-election--election-results.html#gsc.tab=0).

Curious about what we still have left? Check out the What's Left to Process page at [elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/what-is-](https://elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/what-is-)



After the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, the work continues as we diligently process, verify and ensure all eligible ballots are counted. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office

left-to-count.html#gsc.tab=0 to see the work that continues.

#### What Happens After Election Day?

Did you know? Depending on the type of election, we have between 28 and 30 days to certify the election. After the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, the work continues as we diligently process, verify and ensure all eligible ballots are counted. Accuracy takes time.

#### The Official Canvass: Division 15, Chapter 4.

In this phase we audit and account for all ballots that were issued, voted, and those that were not used. This phase includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

Reconcile the number of ballots counted, spoiled, canceled or invalidated due to identifying marks, over-votes, or as

otherwise provided by statute, with the number of votes recorded, including VBM and provisional ballots, by the vote counting system.

Process and count any valid VBM ballots not included in the semi-final election results. These VBM ballots are returned on Election Day to our office, at a Vote Center, to an Official Ballot Drop Box location or timely via USPS.

Receive, confirm, and process Signature Verification Statements.

Count any valid write-in votes. Duplicate any damaged ballots, if necessary.

Reporting final results to the governing board and the Secretary of State, as required.

#### Conduct the 1% Manual Tally: Division 15, Chapter 4, Article 5.

The 1% manual tally process

validates the tabulation of ballots generated by the electronic voting equipment before certifying election results. Precincts utilized for the 1% manual tally are selected at random by the elections official. For each contest not included in the 1% manual tally, an additional voting precinct with that contest will be selected and tallied. Coming Soon.

#### Process Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) ballots: California Code of Regulation. Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 1, Article 3.5.

CVR extends the existing 15-day registration deadline in California to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote provisionally 14 days prior to an election through Election Day. Voters that are not registered must be processed using CVR.

#### Certify the Election: Division

#### 15, Chapter 4, Article 6; Division 17.

Once the Official Canvass is complete, we will sign a certificate to certify the election results.

Election materials shall be sealed and retained for 22 months from the date of the election for federal elections and six months from the date of the election for local elections.

#### Recounts: California Code of Regulation. Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 8.

After we certify the election results, any voter may request for a recount within five (5) calendar days. For more information about recounts, visit: [elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/recounts.html#gsc.tab=0](https://elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/recounts.html#gsc.tab=0).

For more information about the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election, visit: [elections.saccounty.gov/#gsc.tab=0](https://elections.saccounty.gov/#gsc.tab=0). ★

## Remote Accessible Voting Available in Sacramento County

### Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Voters can request and receive access to the Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) system. The County of Sacramento has selected Democracy Live to provide this service. The RAVBM system allows voters to download and mark their correct ballot privately and independently using their own assistive technology, print their marked ballot and mail it to the Elections Office to be counted.

Watch the video on the RAVBM system at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54-Xbg5Nbg4>.

All registered voters in Sacramento County are eligible to use this system

pursuant to California Elections Code section 3016.7.

#### When

Access the service anytime, day or night, starting 29 days before an election.

#### How

Go online and enter your information in My Voter Portal to obtain your correct ballot. Visit: [myvoterportal.saccounty.gov/LookupVoter](https://myvoterportal.saccounty.gov/LookupVoter).

Voters can vote on any computer with internet access and a printer. Email [vbm@saccounty.gov](mailto:vbm@saccounty.gov) or call (916) 875-6155 for help with the RAVBM system.

#### Practice On Our Demo Site

Voters can now practice using a DEMO version of the RAVBM system. This DEMO site simulates the

RAVBM voting experience, allowing voters to learn how to navigate and use the system in preparation for a real election. Voters can select their language and font size preferences in the top right corner, read and watch instructions on how to mark a ballot, and practice marking and printing a DEMO ballot.

Note: This DEMO version of the RAVBM system is for demonstration purposes only and cannot be used to submit an Official Ballot.

Visit: [sites.omniballot.us/06067/demo/app/home?pid=2](https://sites.omniballot.us/06067/demo/app/home?pid=2).

#### Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

The County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections Department has a long-standing commitment to work with voters with

disabilities to help them exercise their right to vote. Voters are encouraged to contact the Voter Registration and Elections Office at 916-875-6451 or [voterinfo@saccounty.gov](mailto:voterinfo@saccounty.gov) with specific requests for assistance. ★



## VOTE EARLY! AVOID LINES



June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election

Vote Early and Vote by Mail

#### All voters will be mailed a ballot

- Ballots will begin to arrive the week of May 4

#### You can return your ballot

- By Mail
- At an Official Ballot Drop Box
- At a Vote Center (starting May 23)

You can find a full list of Official Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations in your County

Voter Information Guide or online at [www.elections.saccounty.gov](http://www.elections.saccounty.gov)



Vote Early! Vote by Mail.

#### My Voter Portal (MVP)

- Check your registration status
- View your political party preference
- Update your language preference if other than English
- Track your Vote by Mail status
- Access your Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Ballot
- Locate Official Ballot Drop Boxes or Vote Centers near you
- View your voting history



Scan the QR code or visit [myvoterportal.saccounty.gov](https://myvoterportal.saccounty.gov)

Visit [www.elections.saccounty.gov](http://www.elections.saccounty.gov) or call toll-free (800) 762-8019

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## How About Ja Morant?

As the June 23 NBA draft approaches, what realistic possibilities are the Sacramento Kings franchise confronted with?

Everyone already knows Sacramento dropped to the 7th overall pick, and although that was disappointing it was not the negative that many Kings fans envisioned it to be. At No. 7 this draft class will have a quality player for Sacramento to add to their roster.

The real question is, will it be a guard as everyone seems to believe it will be? Not necessarily and here is why.

For some time now talk throughout the NBA is the disposition of one Ja Morant. A highly talented point guard that can do it all, but in the past has shown flashes of true immaturity, to the point that the Memphis Grizzlies have all but given up on him.

Twice suspended for his penchant of displaying firearms on social media, Ja has had to learn the hard way. First, suspended for eight games and then again when he didn't learn his lesson for 25 games the second time.

Can Memphis problem child become something the Sacramento Kings have long been looking for? The possibility is real, and if that possibility becomes reality, this 2nd overall pick in the 2019 draft could become an instant game changer in the Kings lineup.

The question is, can Sacramento satisfy the appetite of the Grizzlies, and will the Sacramento fan base come to the realization that everyone deserves a second chance. Many will say he's already gotten that chance and blown it, but he's been with only one organization, and every once in a blue moon, the grass is really greener on the other side.

What a Ja Morant would mean to the Sacramento Kings is opening the floor like never before. Trying to stop his drives to the basket is like trying to rope a whirling dervish.

Morant is almost impossible to guard one-on-one, and that means when other teams double team him, someone is wide open.

Players like Zach Lavine, Keegan Murray and DeMar DeRozan should be licking their lips with the possibilities.

We haven't even talked about the future hall-of-famer Russell Westbrook who might

just be the mentor Ja Morant could benefit from.

There are few point guards in the NBA that can give DeAaron Fox a run for his money when it comes to pure speed, but Ja Morant is right there with him.

How would Domantas Sabonis benefit from this speedster one should ask? Another player with excellent mentoring skills, Domantas, is a nightly example of how to play the game, and if anything, I see his scoring average go up if Morant joins this team.

So. Is this pie in the sky or does this troubled 26-year-old stand a chance at joining the Kings organization? It's real if Scott Perry wants it to be real, and as they say, the proofs in the pudding.

Currently, the kings have an abundance of point guards, and with the exception of an aging Russell Westbrook, Sacramento does not have an NBA quality starting point guard.

That is not to disparage Nique Cliffor or Devin Carter who have shown flashes, but the Kings need a floor leader now, and not a point guard project.

Ja Morant, if through with his prior nonsense, could be the comeback player of the year, and be a reclamation project for the Kings that says, we finally got it right!

I don't expect every Kings fan to agree with my assessment, but I'm for accelerating what is being called a complete rebuild with a much faster version that doesn't send all of our players to parts unknown.

No question, Domantas Sabonis is high on Scott Perry's list as a candidate for trade options, and I do not want to see that happen.

Look instead to resigning Russell Westbrook for perhaps his last season is a stellar NBA career, and perhaps team him with the bad boy of the NBA in Ja Morant.

I have said many times before that this team is steeped in NBA talent, but questionable coaching and torrid injuries decimated the process last year.

Let's finally assess the talent we have and actually coach it. Maybe teach pros who to shoot free throws.

Like Rosy the Riveter said, we can do it!

All the best Kings fans and keep the faith! All the best! ★

## Newsom's Tightfisted Final Budget Faces a Rough Reception in the Legislature



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Since the turn of the century, California's state budget has been plagued by a boom-and-bust syndrome rooted in its lopsided revenue system and a lack of political discipline.

The budget became increasingly dependent on taxes paid by the state's most affluent residents, whose incomes increasingly came from investments rather than salaries.

Thus state revenues would often spike upwards, only to level off or decline. But governors and legislators would make new spending commitments during the spikes that would become liabilities during the downturns.

It was dubbed "volatility" and it reached an apex four years ago when Gov. Gavin Newsom declared that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus, having decided that a post-pandemic revenue spike would be permanent.

His administration later acknowledged a \$165 billion error in a four-year revenue projection. But in the meantime he and the Legislature had raised spending, creating deficits that totaled \$125 billion over four years, according to the Legislative Analyst Office. The deficits were papered over with a series of short-term fixes, including loans and accounting gimmicks.

On Thursday, Newsom

unveiled a revised version of his final budget and, without saying so, indicated he had learned a hard lesson about managing volatility.

Although the state is seeing a new tax spike and his budget sees a \$16.5 billion increase in revenues over three years, Newsom's \$349.4 billion 2026-27 budget takes a cautious approach. He says it would not only erase the structural deficit of the past four years, but it would guarantee that his successor would have a balanced first year budget for 2027-28.

"We're cutting deficits but not cutting corners," Newsom said.

The \$246.6 billion general fund portion of the budget relies not only on new revenues, including a \$3.6 billion boost from several relatively minor tax increases, to be balanced, but it is indirectly helped by big reductions in federal aid for healthcare.

Newsom devoted the first minutes of his budget presentation to bragging about California's \$4-trillion-plus economy, saying "we simply have no peers." He also trolled those with "California derangement syndrome" and denounced President Donald Trump as corrupt and incompetent.

However Trump's tightened eligibility for federally subsidized healthcare that could affect hundreds of thousands of Californians also has the effect of reducing the state's healthcare spending, thus helping Newsom draft a balanced budget.

He could have backfilled the lost federal funds, but that probably would have required him to propose a major tax increase of some

kind, which, as a likely 2028 presidential candidate, he is unwilling to do.

However his attitude on healthcare and taxes places Newsom at odds with advocates for poor Californians who would be affected and their allies in the Legislature, many of whom want a tax increase.

Graham Knaus, CEO of the California State Association of Counties, immediately declared that "the governor is proposing to do to counties what he accuses the president of doing to California."

Chris Hoene, of the left-leaning California Budget & Policy Center, which has been beating the drums for tax increases, said, "The governor promoted California's economic dominance while, in the same breath, making it more difficult for Californians with low incomes to access healthcare by reinstating harmful Medi-Cal asset limits, expanding work requirements and increasing Medi-Cal premiums for certain immigrants."

With just a few months remaining in his governorship, Newsom's ability to bend the Legislature to his will is fading, so the question his new budget poses is whether legislators will go along. Or will they insist that the new holes in the state's safety net be plugged and support raising taxes to pay for it?

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

### Social Security's "First Year Rule" and Withdrawing from SS



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 63 years old, and about to apply for my Social Security benefits. I am self-employed but only working part time. I know about Social Security's annual earnings limit but recently I learned I must also be concerned about a monthly earnings limit of \$2,040. My questions are:

1) How do I find out if I will be subject to a monthly earning limit of \$2,040 per month? I thought it was only evaluated annually.

2) If I choose to cancel Social Security within the first year or after, what are the penalties? Would I have to pay them back for the whole amount for the whole time that they paid me? Which makes no sense, since I have been paid into SS since I was 13 years old.

Can you help me understand this? Signed: Claiming Early and Still Working

Dear Claiming Early: It can get tricky if you are still working after claiming your Social Security before your SS full retirement age (FRA), especially during your first year collecting. I'm happy to answer your specific questions:

1. There is a special rule which applies during your first year collecting early Social

Security benefits (e.g., before your full retirement age or "FRA," which for you is age 67). What will happen is this: when the IRS provides SSA with your 2026 earnings (in 2027), SSA will review to see if your total 2026 net earnings from self-employment exceeded the 2026 annual limit of \$24,480. If not, no further action is necessary. But if you did exceed the full year 2026 earnings limit, SSA will contact you and ask you to provide them with details about your monthly 2026 net earnings. If you have exceeded the monthly limit in any 2026 month after your SS benefit started, you will not be entitled to SS benefits for that month. Essentially, if you have exceeded the annual limit, you cannot exceed the monthly earnings limit in any remaining month during your first year of collecting. If you exceeded the annual limit, and also any monthly limit, SSA will send you an overpayment notice saying you must repay them for the benefits you were not entitled to receive because you exceeded the monthly earnings limit.

2. You can, within 12 months of applying for Social Security, ask SSA to withdraw your application for SS retirement benefits. They will do that for you, but you will also be required to repay them all SS benefits that they have already paid to (or for) you. This essentially would "wipe the slate clean" and enable your SS benefit to continue growing, allowing you to apply for a larger monthly benefit later. But if you wait longer than 12 months after you first

apply for SS benefits, you can no longer withdraw your application for Social Security. Thereafter, you would be subject to the annual earnings limit (the monthly earnings limit would no longer apply).

FYI, after you reach your FRA, there is no limit on your earnings, and you could choose to suspend your benefit payments and earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) to get a higher monthly benefit. Also at your FRA, if SSA withheld any of your benefits because you exceeded the earnings limit before reaching your FRA, you would get time credit for the number of months your benefits were withheld. Essentially, they would advance your benefit-start month by the number of months your benefits were withheld, yielding a slightly higher monthly amount after your FRA.

Finally, it's important to know that the contributions you made to Social Security from payroll taxes (FICA/SECA) over your lifetime are not what determines your monthly SS benefit amount. Your monthly SS benefit is based on two main factors: a) your average monthly earnings (indexed for inflation) for the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime as reported to the IRS, and b) the age at which you claim your SS benefits. Your contributions to Social Security while working only provide you with eligibility to collect SS benefits; the contributions aren't put into a separate account for you and are not used to calculate your monthly SS benefit. ★



## Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's Campaign Against the Supreme Court

ly, since time is of the essence. With the state's scheduled May 16 primaries rapidly approaching (now delayed), Louisiana wants to redraw its maps in keeping with the court's decision.

Jackson's dissent quotes a 2019 decision of the court in *Rucho v. Common Cause* for the proposition that courts should not "risk assuming political ... responsibility for a [partisan map-drawing] process that often produces ill will and distrust."

But this was a warning against courts involving themselves in minute questions of partisan gerrymandering. Here, the court has set out a bright-line principle that district lines can't be race-based, but otherwise said that the political authorities are welcome to gerrymander or not.

Jackson also slaps the court for creating "chaos in the State of Louisiana." This is quite rich given the history.

When Louisiana created a congressional map after the 2020 census with just one majority-minority district, it got sued for not sufficiently taking race into account; a judge ordered it to make a second minority district. When Louisiana complied by manufacturing a monstrosity of a district stretching 250 miles to randomly scoop up black voters, it got sued again -- this time, for taking race too much into account -- and the case made it to the Supreme Court.

It is a sign of how weak the Jackson dissent is that the other progressives haven't joined it, not even Sonia Sotomayor. It certainly would have been

much better if this case had been decided sooner, but Alito drops a suggestive footnote in his rejoinder to Jackson. He notes that the constitutional question was "argued and conferenced nearly seven months ago." This implies that the case was effectively decided right after oral arguments in October of last year, and that the dissenters slow-walked it.

Now, Jackson wants more delay -- it serves the partisan interests of Democrats to preserve unconstitutional race-based congressional districts as long as possible.

The reaction to Louisiana v. Callais has been so incandescent on the Left because it believes that unless black voters have black representatives, they are disenfranchised. But this is not how representative democracy works. Were white voters in Georgia disenfranchised in the 2022 Senate race when two African-American candidates, Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker, ran against each other? Were the voting rights of Christians in New York City crimped in 2025 because a Muslim man won the mayoral election?

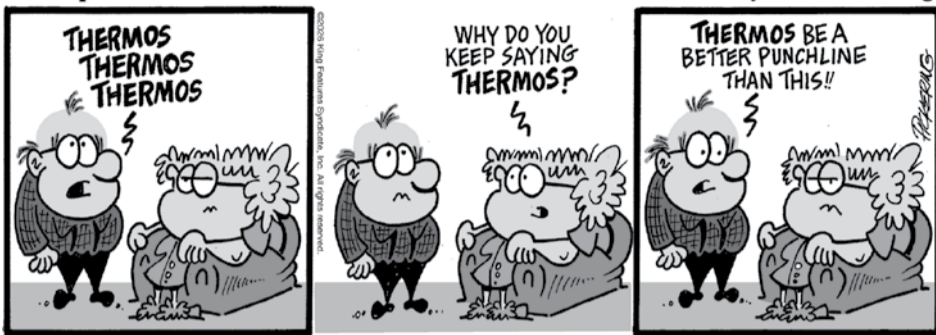
All indications are that a commitment to some version of court-packing will be orthodoxy among 2028 Democratic presidential candidates. They will seek to make the highly isolated and wholly unpersuasive Justice Jackson part of a new court majority imposed by political fiat.

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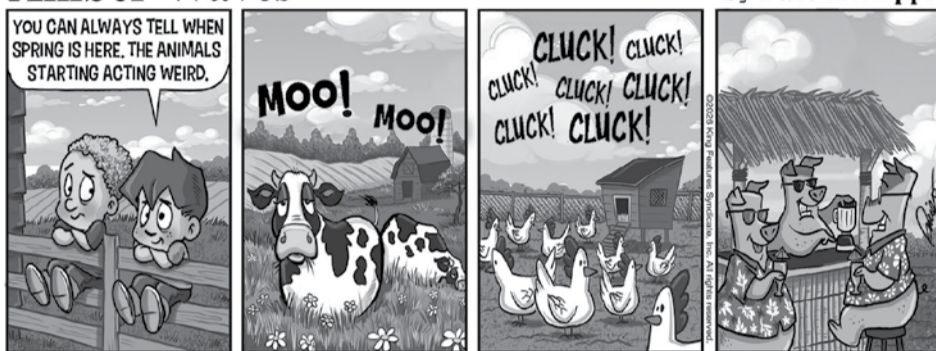
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  - Popular pet rodent
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  - Chunk of iceberg
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  - Pay, in casino (2 words)
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  - Like sun
  - Mother-of-pearl, pl.
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  - African antelope, pl.
  - Not written
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  - Actor's rep
  - Sommelier's domain
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  - \*Abominable humanoid
- DOWN
- Tally
  - Stay out of its way!
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  - Tuck
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02245  
Avraj Inc, 1050 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Prestige Liquor & Wine" 1050 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2026  
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PRESTIGE 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03257  
NextPhase Growth Holdings LLC, P.O. Box 1534, Elk Grove, CA 95759 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Reg Renewal Boost" 5439 Sky Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2026  
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REG 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02056  
Ester Portillo, 1300 Oak Terrace Court, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Patty's House Cleaning" 1300 Oak Terrace Court, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2026  
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PATTYS 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02903  
Barbara G. Bussey and Robert

G. Bussey, 9900 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Treasured Home" 9910 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 13, 2026  
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THE 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03243  
Eldar Alakbarli, 1749 Noranda Drive Apt 1, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Homestead Repair Services" 1749 Noranda Drive Apt 1, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2026  
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HOMESTEAD 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02602  
Andrey Voronenko, 3305 Elkhorn Boulevard #7, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Voronenko & Ethen Associates Installations" 3305 Elkhorn Boulevard #7, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2026  
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VORONENKO 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01689  
Luis Eduardo Rojas, 2225 Lejano Way, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River City Guest Suites" 2225 Lejano Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2026  
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RIVER 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02012  
Sam Lee, 3280 Gopher Ridge Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Promoto Marketing/SF Bay CFC" 3280 Gopher Ridge Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2026  
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PROMOTO 5-22-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03318  
Brian Flaherty, P.O. Box 886, Walnut Grove, CA 95690 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Frog Opera Project" 3880 State Hwy 160, Walnut Grove, CA 95690. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2026  
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FROG 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03266  
Folsom Birch Inc., 1024 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Keller Williams Folsom/Keller Williams El Dorado Hills/GoKWONE/KW Commercial/KW El Dorado Hills/KW Folsom/KW Luxury/KW Forward/Keller Williams Forward/Place/Keller Williams Realty/Keller Williams/KW" 1024 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2026  
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KELLER 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02739  
Karen Katzmark, 4005 Manzanita Avenue Suite 6-427, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Demi Equine Bodywork" 9712 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite A6, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 6, 2026  
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DEMI 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03417  
Ruslan Cekan, 3510 Grant Park Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Irongate Mobile Locksmith/ Iron Gate Locksmith" 3510 Grant Park Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026  
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IRONGATE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03355  
Linda L Porter, 4520 Ladera Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Achievement Repair and Gear" 4520 Ladera Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026  
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ACHIEVEMENT 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03329  
Plaid Jacket Inc, 3808 Fair Hill Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Plaid Jacket Inc" 3808 Fair Hill Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2026  
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PLAID 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03086  
Data Driven Athlete, 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Durable Fitness" 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2026  
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DURABLE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03358  
Data Driven Athlete LLC, 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "IronOS" 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026  
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IRONOS 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03359  
Battle-Worthy LLC, 7061 Gumwood Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BW Concrete" 7061 Gumwood Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026  
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BW 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03242  
Kevin Uecker, 10362 Sportsman Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sierra Valley Backflow Services" 10362 Sportsman Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2026  
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SIERRA 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03354  
MS Global LLC, 6403 Cougar Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capital Auto Garage" 2108 Wyda Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026  
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CAPITAL 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03467  
Folsom Birch Inc., 1024 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KW Momentum/Keller Williams Momentum/Cool Land and Homes/Cool Land and Homes by Keller Williams/Cool Land and Homes by KW/M.O.R.E. Real Estate Group/Real Estate Logistics/Sacramento Short Sale Center/SK Real Estate Group" 1024 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026  
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KW 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03485  
Manjit Singh, 10769 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coloma Smoke Shack" 10769 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026  
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COLOMA 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03483  
Luis Macias, 201 Aaron Cool Court, Cool, CA 95614 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LCM Concrete Construction Company" 201 Aaron Cool Court, Cool, CA 95614. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026  
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LCM 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03449  
Copper Jewelry LLC, 10137 Passaro Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Copper Forged/Copper Connection" 1017 Front Street Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026  
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COPPER 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03219  
Andy Le, 11034 Woodring Drive, Mather, CA 95655 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "New Legacy Landscaping" 11034 Woodring Drive, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2026  
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NEW 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03531  
Katherine Olson, 8645 Midfield Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hawaii Raised Bakery" 8645 Midfield Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026  
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HAWAII 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03494  
Basir Max Razai, 4500 Tynebourne Street Apt D201, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Spring Car Sales" 4500 Tynebourne Street Apt D201, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026  
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SPRING 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03274  
Richelle Blanche LLC, 4650 Natomas Boulevard Suite 110 Inside Raley's, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Richelle Blanche Coaching" 5117 Dynasty Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2026

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RICHELLE 5-29-26  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03581  
R Valenzano, 6400 Elvas Avenue Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Plumbing Service Company" 6400 Elvas Avenue Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026  
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PLUMBING 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03597  
Jennifer Rodriguez, 9605 Appalachian Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Platinum Custom Apparel" 9605 Appalachian Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026  
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PLATINUM 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03122  
Kristin Samantha Moyer, 2795 E. Bidwell Street Suite 100 PMB 258, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KSM Consulting Group" 4724 Madison Avenue Space 1, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2026  
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KSM 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02976  
Estates Perfected LLC, 7428 Lagoon Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Caring Transitions 36229" 7428 Lagoon Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 14, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03579  
The Joy Collective, LLC, 5430 Dewey Drive Suite 310-119, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flourish Her Life Coaching" 7333 Spicer Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026  
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FLOURISH 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03338  
Michelle Joseph, 5319 Dasco Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ShellyStarGirl" 5319 Dasco Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026  
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SHELLYSTARGIRL 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03633  
Affinity Motors, LLC, 9646 Rivage Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Affinity Motors, LLC" 3925 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026  
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AFFINITY 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02218  
Bear Kai Vending LLC, 3700 Bridgeway Lakes Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dear Tummy" 3700 Bridgeway Lakes Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026  
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DEAR 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03157  
Olga Kondratenko, 315 Anderson Court Room 1, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lola's Eco Care" 315 Anderson Court Room 1, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 20, 2026  
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LOLAS 6-5-26

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Jamrock Financial Services LLC, 10390 Coloma Road Suite 4, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stone Legacy Enterprises" 10390 Coloma Road Suite 4, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026  
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STONE 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03466  
Atlas Creative LLC, 7413 Auburn Oaks Court Apt F, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Atlas Property Media/ Atlas Photo Collective" 7413 Auburn Oaks Court Apt F, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03594  
Abbas Dental Corporation, 3880 Truxel Road Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Truxel Dental/Truxel Dental Group" 3880 Truxel Road Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento

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TRUXEL 6-5-26  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03681  
Tamika D. Hightower, 3245 Belmont Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cosmic Focus Photography" 3245 Belmont Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026  
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COSMIC 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03421  
Majdi Zahra, 7919 Jacobson Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Quality OEM Parts" 2700 Mercantile Drive Suite 300, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026  
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QUALITY 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03631  
Hatti Fleming, PO Box 898, Walnut Grove, CA 95690 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Collar Cab Cleaning" 333 W Walker Landing Road, Walnut Grove, CA 95690. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02835  
Wali Hassany, 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 143, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aahoo Document Solutions" 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 143, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2026  
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AAHOO 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03034  
Shawn Jones, 5121 Garfield Avenue Apt 20, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aluva Events" 5121 Garfield Avenue Apt 20, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2026  
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ALUVA 6-5-26

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Ciara Nicole Vigil Espinoza, 2344 Villanova Circle Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026  
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CIARRA 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03155  
Superior Technology Service, 6618 Stratton Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Superior Electric" 6618 Stratton Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 20, 2026  
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SUPERIOR 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03688  
Pa G. Yang, 5960 South Land Park Drive #E14, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flowing Grace Therapy/Paj's Workshop" 18 Vidmar Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026  
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Carrie Chase West, 411 Hebron Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Great Reframe" 411 Hebron Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026  
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Matt Papiemiak, 4664 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Transportation Compliance Services/CALTCS" 4664 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2026  
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CALIFORNIA 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03734  
Leo John Rivera Romero, 515 P Street Suite 1115, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Communist Party of Sacramento" 515 P Street Suite 1115, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 11, 2026  
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COMMUNIST 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03528  
Ready Lend LLC, 13409 NW Military Highway, Suite 105, San Antonio, TX 78231 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Go Maggie Mortgage" 13409 NW Military Highway, Suite 105, San Antonio, TX 78231. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03743  
Emeryville Occupational Medical Center, Inc., PO Box 99440, Emeryville, CA 94662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Emeryville Occupational Medical Center" 11050 Olson Drive Suite 240, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of

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EMERYVILLE 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03471  
Eleven Oaks GP LLC, 1914 Terracina Drive Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eleven Oaks Mobile Home Park/Arcade Oaks Mobile Home Park" 4939 Polk Street, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03593  
Juan Carlos Quinones, 952 Glenwood Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Concrete California" 952 Glenwood Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026  
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CONCRETE 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03416  
JSIF NEXT 2.0 LLC, 898 South State Street, Suite 310 #1370, Orem, UT 84097 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BUCK" 530 7th Avenue, FL M-1, New York, NY 10018. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026  
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BUCK 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03028  
LoanCare, LLC, 3637 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LoanCare" 3637 Sentara Way, Attn: Legal/Licensing, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2026  
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LOANCARE 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02580  
Delys Wright, 1126 River Rock Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trust Force" 1126 River Rock Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 30, 2026  
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TRUIST 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03797  
N&Z Art Framing LLC, 6108 27th

Street Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NurRidge" 6108 27th Street Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026  
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NURRIDGE 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03788  
Kimberly Schuster, 10809 Portico Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Queerly Blooming" 10809 Portico Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026  
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QUEERLY 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03691  
Borhany, 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ag Solution" 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026  
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AG 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03776  
Felicia Blue, 2717 Cottage Way Suite 11, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flow House/Flow House Studio/Flow House Holistics" 2717 Cottage Way Suite 11, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026  
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FLOW 6-12-26

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ASV Wines, Inc, 1998 Road 152, Delano, CA 93215 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pool Shark Wines" 1390 Vinci Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2026  
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POOL 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03662  
Vadym Yakovchuk, 8131 Walerga Road Apt 711, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Adrem Tax & Accounting" 8131 Walerga Road Apt 711, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of

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Bravacy Inc, 7122 Bonita Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brava Flooring" 7122 Bonita Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026  
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BRAVA 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03801  
Krishnaya Coleman-Salgado, 10488 Ananda Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Honey Goose Bakery" 10488 Ananda Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026  
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HONEY 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03830  
Gibson Design Group Inc., 11476 Elks Circle Suite 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ventana Mountain Bikes USA" 11476 Elks Circle Suite 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2026  
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VENTANA 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03831  
Sajid Vaid and Fhazia S. Manning, 2612 El Camino Avenue Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95821 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "boldnbella" 2612 El Camino Avenue Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2026  
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BOLDNBELLA 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03850  
Mr Car LLC, 2537 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mr Car" 2537 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 14, 2026  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
MR 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03823  
UC Advisers LLC, 3465 American River Drive Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "UC Advisers/UC Advisors" 3465 American River Drive Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2026  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
UC 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03825  
Eric Walter Harris, 5733 La Venta Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pro Connect Construction Group" 5733 La Venta Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2026  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
PRO 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03818  
Logan Michael Tanner, 8013 Ridgegrove Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tradajay" 8013 Ridgegrove Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2026  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
TRADAJAY 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03023  
Baboy Boys LLC, 1829 22nd Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pinche Platos" 1829 22nd Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2026  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
PINCHE 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03841  
Alexander Zillig, 5930 Sutter Avenue, Apt 204, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Radiant Window Care" 5930 Sutter Avenue, Apt 204, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 14, 2026  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
RADIANT 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03665  
McLane/Western, Inc., 4747 McLane Parkway, Temple, TX 76504 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "McLane Salt Lake City" 2611 W 2950 North, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 6, 2026  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
MCLANE 6-12-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV009287

Britney Tuong-Vi Huynh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Britney Tuong-Vi Huynh to Tuong-Vi Huynh.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16C, 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: April 13, 2026  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026  
HUYNH 5-22-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV005873  
Samantha Natalie DeDolph has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Samantha Natalie DeDolph to Samantha Wolph Wertheim.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: March 6, 2026  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026  
DEDOLPH 5-22-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV005879  
Michael Alexander Wertheim has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael Alexander Wertheim to Michael Alexander Wolph Wertheim.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: March 6, 2026  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026  
WERTHEIM 5-22-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV009669  
Tingting Zhang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yicheng Tang to Ethan Tang and Hannah Liao to Hannah Tang.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 8, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 16D, 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: April 16, 2026  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026  
ZHANG 5-22-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cordova Recreation & Park District herein referred to as "District" will accept sealed bids for its **White Rock Community Park Dog Park Project**, by or before **June 2nd, 2026, at 2 p.m.**, at the District Offices of Cordova Recreation and Park District, 11070 White Rock Road, Suite 130, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Copies of the bid documents may be obtained/downloaded through the District's electronic online bid management system PlanetBids via the District's Website "**CRPD RFP/RFQ Vendor Portal**" tab located on the **Resources, RFP/RFQs page https://www.cordovarpd.gov/244/RFPsRFQs**.  
Grapevine Independent 5-22-2026

City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

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RESOLUTION AMENDING AND/OR APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE RANCHO CORDOVA LIGHTING DISTRICT 2012-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a hearing authorizing the levy and collection of assessments in the Rancho Cordova Lighting District No. 2012-1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The assessment applies to benefiting properties in the District for the purposes of providing ongoing operation, maintenance and servicing of public lighting facilities and appurtenants. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Edgar Medina, City of Rancho Cordova Public Works Department at (916) 851-8907.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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RESOLUTION AMENDING AND/OR APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT 2005-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a hearing authorizing the levy and collection of assessments in Landscape and Lighting District No. 2005-1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The assessment applies to benefiting properties in the District for the purposes of providing landscape and lighting maintenance services. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE TRANSIT RELATED SERVICES BENEFIT DISTRICT ZONE NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a public hearing authorizing the levy of charges in the Transit Related Services Benefit District, Zone No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The service charges apply to residences and businesses in the Villages of Zinfandel Special Planning Area to fund a broad range of transportation services intended to benefit property in Zone 1. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

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Resolution Declaring the City's Intention to Levy Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and to Approve the Annual Engineer's Report for the Rancho Cordova Road Maintenance Assessment District

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a public hearing authorizing the levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the approval of the annual Engineer's Report related thereto for the Rancho Cordova Road Maintenance Assessment District. The assessment applies to new development areas annexed to the district including Capital Village and Anthology at Anatolia. The assessment does not apply to existing residential communities not annexed to the district.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Edgar Medina, City of Rancho Cordova Public Works Department at (916) 851-8907.

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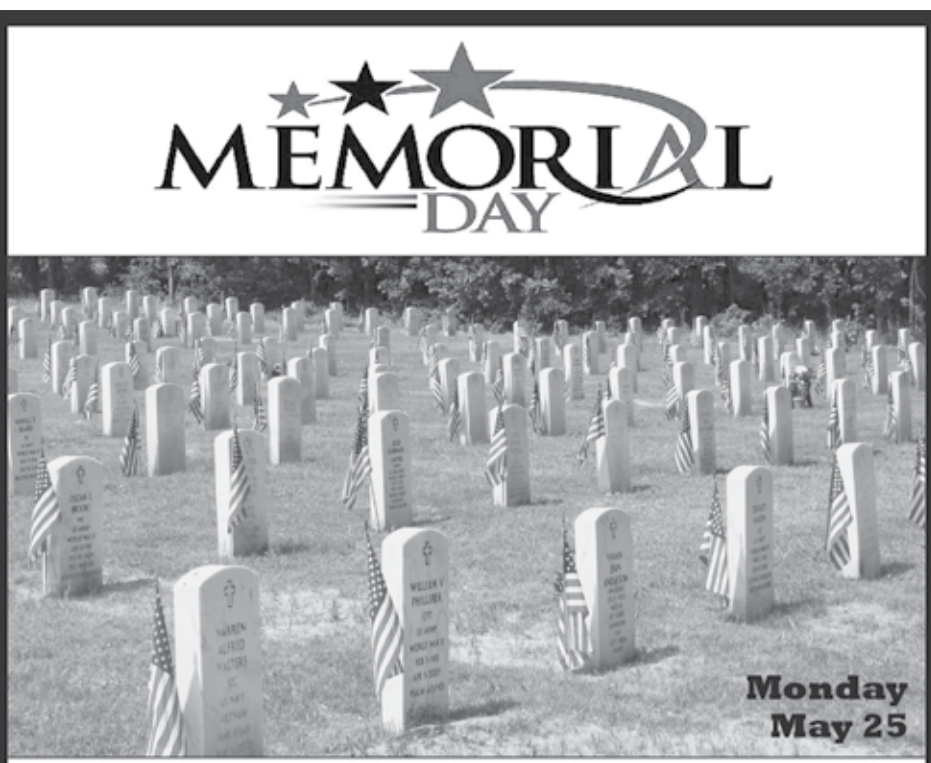
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV008962  
Poomima has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Poomima aka Fnu Poomima aka Poomima Singh to Poomima Ralh.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 3, 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: April 8, 2026  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026  
POORNIMA 5-29-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV010299  
Eugene Harris Jr has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Eugene Harris Jr to Daimone Blair Survine II.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 16D, 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: April 28, 2026  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026  
HARRIS 5-29-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV008940  
Amenda Trang Dang has filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amenda Trang Dang to Amanda Trang Dang.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: April 9, 2026  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026  
DANG 5-29-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV008945  
Dave Thao Dang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dave Thao Dang to Thao Cong Dang.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: April 9, 2026  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026  
DANG 5-29-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV001554  
David Paul Everling has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Paul Everling to David Paul Arnold.  
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 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 26, 2026  
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026  
EVERLING 6-5-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV010649  
Cecilia Cruz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Patricia Rivera Cruz to Patricia Rivera Cruz.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: April 30, 2026  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026  
CRUZ 6-5-26

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#26CV011208  
Alexis Gereina Gerardo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alexis Gereina Gerardo to Alexis Moore Polcarpio.  
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 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: May 14, 2026  
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026  
GERARDO 6-12-26

**City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing**

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE TRANSIT RELATED SERVICES BENEFIT DISTRICT ZONE NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a public hearing authorizing the levy of charges in the Transit Related Services Benefit District, Zone No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The service charges apply to residences and businesses in the Sunridge Specific Plan Area to fund a broad range of transportation services intended to benefit property in Zone 2. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

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**LIEN SALE 6/1/26 10AM**  
AT 12408 GOLD FLAKE CT, RANCHO CORDOVA  
20 SUBARU LIC# 8RKS245 CA VIN# 4S4WMACD0L3456582  
SAC 5-22-26

**LIEN SALE 6/1/26 10AM**  
AT 8240 14TH AVE, SACRAMENTO  
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# And Another Thing Leadership, Freedom and Pride

By Bob McGarvey

Something was mentioned at the Cordova Community Luncheon on May 15 about the leadership program. The Leadership Rancho Cordova program, offered by the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber, is designed to develop community leaders, activists and advocates through a nine-month program. Those involved in the sessions over the nine-month period learn about local government, public safety, education and economic development. Perhaps they are prepared for leadership roles within the city. They learn why our city has been operating in black since it began. Many people learn that our city is truly amazing.

The 4th of July this year, will bring parades, picnics, families getting

together, and fireworks at night in the Hagan park, all things that we are familiar with but his year we are going to be celebrating the 250th U.S. Anniversary. We will see 1776 -- 2026 on new coins, shirts, or on flags that have 250 Years of Freedom on them. We will be celebrating the 4th of July, and we will be remembering who we are in our country, and our state, and our city. Our country has been able to show the rest of the world what we can give people and what can be done. Freedom and liberty can be offered and given to them all, but it does take time.

Something that I hope will happen this year during our 4th of July parade is that people who are watching the parade will stand up when our national flag comes by. I have a picture of a Veteran who is standing up from his wheelchair to salute our national flag and the

rest of the people are still sitting down and didn't stand up to salute or honor our flag. I hope that people will think about that and show respect. This year we respect the 250 years that our country has been in existence, and it has given its citizens the freedom they didn't have before.

President Abraham Lincoln said how fortunate we are to live here in the freedom and liberty which makes us so fortunate. In his Gettysburg Address, he said, "...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain: that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." All of us need to remember how fortunate we still are in the world.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★



## the weekly whistle

### Rancho Cordova's Own: Alec Mendoza Shoots for the Top

By Jason Harper, Director,  
Rancho Cordova Athletic Association

In basketball, there are moments when the gym goes quiet. The ball rests in a player's hands. No defenders. No crowd noise. No excuses. Just discipline, repetition, and pressure.

For Rancho Cordova's Alec Mendoza, that moment has become something special.

Alec recently advanced through the Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Competition and earned a State Championship-level victory, representing both his family and community with humility far beyond his years. But according to Alec, success at the free-throw line starts long before the lights and trophies.

"When I stepped up to the line, I tried to relax and keep my mind clear of distractions," Alec said. "This helps me shoot with less pressure."

That calm mindset is impressive for any athlete — especially a young player competing with advancement on the line.

What many people never see, however, is the work behind the success.

"What people don't see are the days of struggle," Alec shared. "The days of sacrifices you have to make to become a great free throw shooter. There are days when I miss a lot of shots at practice and I get so frustrated. There are times that I wanted to sleep in on weekends, but I have to practice at the court for hours."

That answer says everything. Talent may open the door, but discipline keeps it open.

Alec was quick to credit the people who helped him most along the way.

"My parents helped me the most because they spent the most time with me practicing my free throws," he said. "They are the ones coaching me on the court and they are the ones that rebounded for me. My parents encouraged me and inspired me to keep going when I am about to give up."

Behind nearly every successful young athlete is somebody rebounding basketballs in an empty gym, waiting through missed shots, offering encouragement after frustration, and choosing investment over convenience. This victory belongs to Alec, but it also reflects the power of committed family support.

Ironically, Alec didn't even think he had won.

"It was unexpected for me," he explained. "I was so nervous competing at the state level, so my score was lower than my last record. I thought I lost, so I asked my mom if we could go home during the awarding ceremony."

Thankfully, she insisted they stay. "When I heard my name, it felt so good. I am so glad all my hard work has paid off."

Alec also made sure to recognize Mr. Charles Popp from the Knights of Columbus Rancho Cordova chapter for showing support during the competition.

And while trophies are exciting, Alec's perspective on basketball may be the most impressive part of all.

"What I love most about basketball is that it's fun to play," he said. "It's also a very good form of exercise. I get to meet new friends and play basketball with my school friends. Basketball also teaches me life lessons, how to deal with losses and frustrations."

That understanding, learning how to handle both victory and disappointment, is exactly why youth sports matter.

Before ending the interview, Alec offered advice to other young athletes across Rancho Cordova.

"Never stop practicing and don't give up. Sometimes frustrations and hardships make you want to quit, but with the right attitude and discipline, you will succeed."

Rancho Cordova is proud of you, Alec. Rancho Cordova Athletic Association salutes you! Thank you, Alec, for making our great city look amazing!

And that, my friends, is a slam dunk. ★

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# Lady Lancers' Tough Season Has Silver Lining

By James Darnell

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Cordova Lady Lancers certainly didn't have the spring season that they had hoped for.

Under head coach Kim Bradley, the Lady Lancers finished in fifth place within the Metro League and finished their season with a 3-15 overall record, including a 2-8 mark in league play. Injuries and illness early in the season resulted in several lineup changes almost daily, and the Lady Lancers seemingly never found their footing. Even so, as the season moved on the team began to see a glimpse of what the future holds for the team, which generated a ton of positive energy and feel-good momentum into the Cordova dugout.

"Towards the end I saw the girls having fun," Bradley said. "Early in the season we were stressing about the wins and losses, but as the season went on we realized that we only had one senior, and everybody else was young. So we started focusing on the positive aspect of everyone returning next year."

With just one senior on the roster this season (shortstop Briel Brookins), the Lady Lancers saw a large amount of underclassmen gain invaluable experience and substantial playing time which should bode well next year. A pair of juniors in third baseman Becca Lee and left-handed pitcher Isabella Tarpley-Cruz led the team in multiple statistical categories and will be relied upon as key seniors next spring. Tarpley-Cruz led the Lady Lancers in batting average (.455), stolen bases (10), runs (16) and hits (20) in her second varsity season. Lee meanwhile, led the group in slugging percentage (.683), triples (3), and RBIs (12).

Additionally, sophomore outfielder Sarah-Irene Njuki ranked in the top three of several offensive categories and was a key contributor as well. Seeing the young players step into big roles has Bradley already looking



Junior Tiah Kennedy slides safely into third against Kennedy. Photo by Rick Sloan



Junior Isabella Tarpley-Cruz successfully lays down a bunt against Antelope. Photo by Rick Sloan



Senior Briel Brookins fields the ball at short and guns down the Antelope runner at first. Photo by Rick Sloan

forward to next year.

"That's something we're motivated by and looking forward to," Bradley said regarding the returning young players who figure to become key contributors on an improved team next spring. "Towards the end of the season we saw smiles, we saw freedom. Just playing. We saw the hope for the future."

So while the scoreboard may not reflect the progress that was made this spring, the Lady Lancers should be able to look back at this season a year from now as a building block towards a solid foundation for the program. ★



Sophomore Sarah-Irene Njuki make the putout at first against Kennedy. Photo by Rick Sloan



## PoppTalk

With Mary Jane Popp

## Remember

It's a special day we all need to remember. It's Memorial Day, a day that gives us pause to honor those men and women who have given their lives for us so that we can have the freedoms that we sometimes take for granted. It was a great price to pay and one we should never forget. It is for military personnel who died serving the United States, and is celebrated on the last Monday of May. It was initially known as Decoration Day. The name refers to the tradition of adding ornaments to the final resting place of fallen soldiers like flags and flower in national cemeteries. People sometimes confuse this day with Veteran's Day which celebrates everyone, including survivors.

Honoring soldiers who died in battle is an ancient practice. Thousands of years ago, Greeks remembered the fallen in annual festivals and decorated graves with flowers. It was 1882 when the term **Memorial Day** first came about. This name became more common than Decoration Day after the Second World War. Federal law made it official in 1967. Actually, the end of May is not a random choice. Historians think it is a strategic date that ensures flowers across the country are in full bloom.

According to estimates, about 655,000 Americans died throughout the Civil War. The 4-year war claimed the lives of almost 700,000 soldiers. It is by far the highest casualty count for any war in American history, even surpassing the death tolls of World War I or World War II. National cemeteries

became the resting place of Union soldiers, and other cemeteries sprung up across the country. It was a grieving nation who wanted to remember the ones they lost. The first celebration was in Boalsburg Pennsylvania. They decorated their cemetery as early as October of 1864. Carbonate Illinois and Petersburg Virginia were also pioneers in this endeavor. In 1866, it was four women who honored the fallen of the Union and Confederate in Columbus Mississippi. After the deadliest battle of the Civil War President Lincoln praised the sacrifices made in the name of equality. Commemoration became even more widespread following his assassination.

The National Moment of Remembrance was created in the year 2000 after a survey revealed that only 28% of Americans knew the essence of **Memorial Day**. Even more, the younger generation mostly believed it was the re-opening of parks and swimming pools. That fact really disturbed me. Please take a moment on this important day to share with your family and friends what this day really means and how important it is that we remember. And I urge all Americans to observe a moment of silence, local time 3 PM, on Memorial Day. This one minute pause aims to honor those who have died to give us the parades, picnics and celebration we can enjoy every day. Perhaps sharing this story will help those younger to understand what an important day it is for us all! **GOD BLESS ALL THOSE SOULS FOR THEIR SACRIFICES.** ★



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