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Class of 2026 Crosses the Stage



A group of Cordova High School seniors celebrates during the 61st commencement ceremony for the Class of 2026 on May 29 in Rancho Cordova. Photo courtesy of Folsom Cordova Unified School District

By Omella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Cordova High School's Class of 2026 crossed into a new chapter on the evening of May 29, marking the school's 61st commencement ceremony with celebration, reflection and emotion.

The ceremony began at 7 p.m. at the Cordova High School Stadium, where hundreds gathered to watch graduates walk the stage, turn their tassels and close out four years of high school shaped by academics, activities and personal growth.

Principal Amy Strawn opened the ceremony by acknowledging the atmosphere in the stands.

"Looking out I cannot help but be filled with gratitude," Strawn said. "Look at how much love there is



A Cordova High School graduate embraces family members at the 61st commencement ceremony for the Class of 2026 on May 29. Photo courtesy of Folsom Cordova Unified School District

in this stadium. Lancers are rooted in teamwork."

During her remarks, Strawn recognized student achievement across academics, programs and

pathways. She noted that 12 students earned a cumulative 4.0 GPA or higher, while 131 students earned a silver cord for maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA.

Eleven students received International Baccalaureate (IB) diplomas, and 51 students earned royal blue cords for completing three or more IB courses. Forty-three students completed the IB Career-related Program, and 51 completed the IB Middle Years personal project.

Additional recognitions included seven students completing AVID, eight California Scholarship Federation lifetime members and 40 students earning the California State Seal of Merit diploma. Strawn also noted 173 students earned the State Seal of Civic Engagement and 96 earned the State Seal of Bilingual.

Technical education pathways were also highlighted, including students completing programs in

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'Healing Through Comedy'

First-time performers take center stage at community comedy showcase



The comedians from left are, Anastasia Golosna, Sara Jenner, Liya Cornelius, Jacki Kane, Sadie El Ibrahim, Sandy Valdez, Dawn Carlson and Marleece Peart.

By Omella Rossi, photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - For seven Rancho Cordova residents, stepping onto a stage and making

strangers laugh meant doing something even more difficult first: sharing their personal stories.

Participants in Ri-Nu Imagination's "Healing Through Comedy" program took the stage April 30 for a

graduation showcase after completing a five-week stand-up comedy workshop designed to help people transform life's challenges into clean comedy.

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ZipPass Mobile Fare App Ending June 15

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is reminding riders that the ZipPass mobile fare-payment app will officially be discontinued on Monday, June 15. Riders who currently use ZipPass should transition to Transit Connect, SacRT's new mobile ticketing app that will serve as the region's standard fare-payment platform.

Transit Connect offers an easier, more secure experience for purchasing, storing, and activating SacRT tickets and passes. Riders can download Transit Connect today on both Apple and Android devices.

SacRT encourages all riders to download the Transit Connect app as soon as possible to avoid any service disruptions.

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'Healing Through Comedy'



Led by comedian and instructor Jacki Kane, the workshop challenged participants to draw from their own experiences, including recovery, relationships, family dynamics, aging, loss and everyday struggles.



From left are Lindsey Samples, Council Member Joe Little, Anu Aaltonen-Bond and Maria Chacon Kniestedt.

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The free program, funded through the City of Rancho Cordova's Community Enhancement & Investment Fund grant, was part of Ri-Nu Imagination's broader Healing Through the Arts initiative. Participants met weekly throughout April, learning storytelling, joke writing, timing, audience engagement and stage presence before performing original comedy routines for a live audience.

"The goal of the performance was to provide participants with a supportive environment where they could discover their voice, build confidence and share personal stories in a meaningful and uplifting way," said Executive Director and Founder of Ri-Nu Imagination Anu Aaltonen-Bond.

Led by comedian and instructor Jacki Kane, the workshop challenged participants to draw from their own experiences, including recovery, relationships, family dynamics, aging, loss and everyday struggles.

"Turning adversity into clean comedy is about finding the lessons, absurdities and moments of growth within life's challenges and transforming them into stories that are uplifting, relatable and

accessible to diverse audiences," Aaltonen-Bond said.

No previous comedy or performance experience was required.

Participants were recruited through community outreach, social media and local partnerships. Over several weeks, they developed original material while receiving coaching and support from both Kane and fellow classmates.

For many, performing in front of an audience for the first time was both exciting and intimidating.

"Several shared that they had never imagined themselves standing on a stage telling jokes," Aaltonen-Bond said. "What was remarkable to witness was the transformation that occurred throughout the workshop process."

She said participants built trust with one another and gradually gained confidence as the program progressed.

"By the time performance night arrived, nervousness had given way to excitement and pride," Aaltonen-Bond said. "Many participants described the experience as empowering and deeply rewarding."

The audience responded with



Liya Cornelius performs during Ri-Nu Imagination's Healing Through Comedy showcase in Rancho Cordova.

laughter, applause and encouragement throughout the evening, according to organizers.

"What stood out most was the sense of community in the room," Aaltonen-Bond said. "Audience members connected with the performers' stories because they reflected experiences that many people share."

Ri-Nu Imagination, a nonprofit arts organization, gallery and artist studio collective, developed the program as part of its mission

to use creative expression to foster connection and well-being.

Artwork displayed in the gallery during the performance featured pieces by local Rancho Cordova artists Linda Nunes and Christine Kerr

While many arts-based healing programs focus on visual art, music or writing, Aaltonen-Bond said humor can be equally powerful.

"As a registered nurse and founder of Ri-Nu Imagination,

I've spent much of my career supporting people through illness, grief, trauma, addiction recovery and major life transitions," she said. "What I've learned is that healing often happens in unexpected places."

She said watching first-time performers take the stage and share their stories through comedy was one of the most memorable aspects of the program.

"The laughter that filled the room wasn't simply entertainment, it was connection, confidence, belonging and community," Aaltonen-Bond said.

Organizers hope to continue and expand the program in the future alongside other Healing Through the Arts offerings, which include visual arts workshops, exhibitions and music-based programs.

"We all speak art; we simply express it in different ways," Aaltonen-Bond said. "Whether someone picks up a paintbrush, writes a song, performs a comedy routine or walks through our gallery doors for the first time, our goal is to create a welcoming place where people can discover their voice, connect with others and experience the transformative power of creativity." ★

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Class of 2026 Crosses the Stage

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 agriculture, business, construction, culinary arts, engineering, Junior ROTC and video production. Strawn recognized graduates pursuing four-year colleges, community colleges, workforce entry, military service and transition programs.

“As you look over our graduates you will notice a wealth of adornments signifying personal accomplishments,” Strawn said. “Tonight marks more than the end of high school. It marks the beginning of what comes next.”

She emphasized perseverance and growth as defining traits of the Class of 2026.

“We have challenged you because we believe in you,” she said. “You have proven that you can.”

Student Body President Carla Pimentel and Senior Class President Juan Sanchez Rivera welcomed classmates to the ceremony, each reflecting on the meaning of the moment and the years that led to it.

“I have come to realize that I am a mosaic shaped by my experience both good and bad and by the people I have met along the way in high school,” Pimentel said. “Today this speech is dedicated to every single piece of my puzzle.”

She thanked her parents and reflected on growth, saying, “Even through hardship we are being shaped into who we are meant to become.”

Pimentel encouraged classmates to embrace change as they move forward.

“As we move on from these past four years, leaving behind the memories we have created is inevitable but that doesn’t mean they are gone,” she said. “It means life is making room for new people, new memories and new versions of ourselves.”

Rivera told graduates their responsibilities are just beginning.

“Just because you close this chapter of your life does not mean you stop turning the pages,” Rivera said. “You control your destiny.”

He urged classmates to pursue



Cordova High School seniors enter the stadium for the 61st commencement ceremony for the Class of 2026 on May 29 in Rancho Cordova. Photo courtesy of Folsom Cordova Unified School District

their passions and make intentional choices about their future.

“There is a door waiting for you at the end of this ceremony and it is up to you if you walk through it or let it close,” Rivera said.

The ceremony’s co-valedictorians, Camilla Perez Mercado and Violet Freeburn, delivered a joint address focused on resilience, gratitude and perspective.

Mercado reflected on overcoming challenges as a first-generation student and the influence of her family’s sacrifices.

“These years have been awkward, stress inducing, and sometimes embarrassing,” Mercado said, “but the silver lining is in the fact that we have done it all and we will continue to do it.”

Freeburn encouraged classmates to reframe difficult moments.

“The worst moments of your life as you experience them have a good chance of turning into one of the best things to ever happen to



Graduates moved across the stage one by one, met with applause from families, teachers and friends. Photo courtesy of Folsom Cordova Unified School District

you,” Freeburn said.

She added, “Sometimes it’s hard to see the good in what’s happening today, but we always find a way to pick ourselves back up.”

Together, they emphasized that growth often comes through struggle and change.

“We are not defined by our

failures or our weaknesses,” Mercado said. “We will make equally bright memories.”

Freeburn added, “These years have been amazing and leaving them is definitely something to mourn, but what’s going to happen to us next will be even better.”

Strawn said her message to the

Class of 2026 centered on community and belief in students.

“My hope for the Class of 2026 is that they carry forward the curiosity, integrity and compassion they demonstrated throughout their time at Cordova High,” she said. “Graduation is a celebration not only of academic achievement, but of growth, perseverance, and the relationships that helped make this moment possible. This day represents years of hard work, sacrifice, support, and belief in one another. It is a reminder that when a community comes together around young people, incredible things can happen.”

Graduates moved across the stage one by one, met with applause from families, teachers and friends. In a final shared gesture, they turned their tassels from one side of their caps to the other, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another for Cordova High’s newest alumni. ★

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Kim Juran Karageorgiou, previously the city's Administrative Services Director, has been promoted to Assistant City Manager. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova



Kristine Courdy, Principal Civil Engineer, was recently named Manager of the Year in the Engineering and Technology category by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova



Maria Lopez, Operations & Maintenance Manager, was recognized as Manager of the Year in the Transportation category by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova



The City of Rancho Cordova is also pleased to announce the launch of a new City department: Community Services. The department will be led by Megan Siren. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

City of Rancho Cordova News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The city is proud to recognize several outstanding team members whose leadership and service continue to make a lasting impact in Rancho Cordova.

Kim Juran Karageorgiou, previously the city's Administrative Services Director, has been promoted to Assistant City Manager. In this role, Kim will oversee Administrative Services (Finance and Human Resources), IT, Community Services, Risk Management and citywide performance metrics. Her leadership and institutional knowledge will help advance key city priorities and support continued organizational

excellence across departments.

The City of Rancho Cordova is also pleased to announce the launch of a new City department: Community Services. The department will be led by Megan Siren, who was recently promoted from Assistant to the City Manager to become the City's first Community Services Director. The Community Services Department will include the city's Facilities team, the Community Enhancement & Investment Fund program, Rancho Cordova Youth Center programming and community partnerships (youth sports, arts and education initiatives). Bringing these functions together will improve coordination and expand our impact in the community.

The city's Public Works team is also

celebrating recent awards and achievements. Kristine Courdy, Principal Civil Engineer, was recently named Manager of the Year in the Engineering and Technology category by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Kristine joined the City in January 2021 and has since contributed to several key Public Works projects, including Sunrise Boulevard Phase Four and the Chase Drive/American River Parkway Connection project.

Maria Lopez, Operations & Maintenance Manager, was also recognized as Manager of the Year in the Transportation category by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). With more than two decades of service to the

City of Rancho Cordova, she oversees the city's Operations and Maintenance Division, including transportation and solid waste management. As both a city leader and resident, Maria brings a unique perspective to her work, viewing each project as an opportunity to improve daily life in the community she serves.

"Each of these leaders has demonstrated a strong commitment to our organization and the community we serve. Their work continues to strengthen our ability to deliver high-quality services and support the city's long-term goals," said City Manager Micah Runner.

The City of Rancho Cordova congratulates all of these team members on their well-deserved recognition and promotions. ★

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SUN Bucks Return This Summer



Summer break is a time for fun, family and sunshine, but for many Sacramento County families, it can also mean higher grocery costs while children are out of school. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Summer break is a time for fun, family and sunshine, but for many Sacramento County families, it can also mean higher grocery costs while children are out of school. That's why the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is bringing back SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT, for summer 2026, and the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance is here to help.

Eligible families can receive \$120 for each qualifying child to help buy groceries during the summer months when school meals may not be available.

SUN Bucks works like CalFresh food benefits and can be used to buy healthy foods such as fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meat and whole grains at grocery stores, farmers markets and other locations that accept EBT cards.

Who qualifies for SUN Bucks?

Many children will automatically qualify for SUN Bucks in 2026, including children ages 6–18 who receive CalFresh, CalWORKs and/or Medi-Cal with a household income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, students approved for free or reduced-price school meals, and children identified by their school as migrant, homeless or foster youth.

Children attending schools participating

in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program may also qualify.

How do families receive benefits?

Eligible families do not need to apply if their child is automatically enrolled. A SUN Bucks EBT card will be mailed directly to the family for each eligible child.

Families who are not automatically enrolled can still apply by submitting a school meal application or Universal Benefits Application (UBA) through their child's school or district by Aug. 31.

Families are encouraged to make sure their mailing address is up to date with both their child's school and their local county social services office to avoid

delays in receiving benefits.

Important reminders

SUN Bucks benefits expire 122 days after they are loaded onto the card, so families are encouraged to use their benefits promptly.

Families can manage their benefits using the free ebtEDGE mobile app or by visiting ebt.ca.gov.

For questions about SUN Bucks, including lost cards or address changes, families can contact the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677.

To learn more about SUN Bucks and other food assistance resources, visit the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance website. ★

Downtown Sacramento Mural Celebrates Women in Transportation

SacRT and WTS Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) and Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Sacramento recently unveiled a new mural and transit wrapped train in downtown Sacramento, celebrating the diversity of women in the transportation industry.

Aliyah Sidqe, a Sacramento-born visual artist, muralist, fine artist and educator, was selected to bring this vision to life. Sidqe's art explores themes of identity, emotion and human connection, with a focus on helping people feel seen, confident and celebrated. With more than a decade of experience creating public art through Sacramento, she brings both artistic excellence and a deep commitment to community engagement.

The concept of the mural was inspired by a public art initiative led by the WTS Boston's Chapter, which emphasizes the power of art to celebrate community and spark connection. To



Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) and Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Sacramento recently unveiled a new wrapped train, celebrating the diversity of women in the transportation industry. Photo courtesy of SacRT and WTS Sacramento

ensure the mural reflected organization's values and vision, input was gathered through a survey of the Board of Directors, Advisory board and full membership between February and April 2025. This feedback supported Sidqe's creative direction and helped inspire a mural that was rooted in community voices.

"After being introduced to Sidqe's work, it became clear

that her creative style, extensive mural portfolio and community centered approach made her the ideal artist for this project," said WTS Sacramento chapter President Amanda Kahn. "Our board was thrilled to partner with SacRT to bring this project to life, amplifying the value women bring to the transportation sector."

"SacRT is proud to partner with WTS Sacramento on a project that uplifts and celebrates the contributions of women in transportation," said Henry Li, SacRT General Manager/CEO.

"This mural is more than a piece of public art; we hope it inspires future generations to see themselves in this industry and to continue shaping the future of mobility in the Sacramento region."

The mural is located at the corner of R Street and 15th Street in Sacramento, on the exterior of Cafe Bernardo, where community members can experience this new public artwork celebrating creativity, connection and the transportation community for the next decade. ★

Ty Smith Named New City Historian

Veteran museum leader to advance a broader vision for history, civic identity and heritage tourism in California's Capital City

Center for Sacramento History News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A new chapter has begun at the Center for Sacramento History. As of June 1, Ty Smith is the new City Historian for Sacramento, bringing more than two decades of experience in public history, museum leadership, interpretation and education through his work with California State Parks.

Smith has served as museum director of the California State Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento State Historic Park, with previous leadership experience overseeing cultural destinations including Hearst Castle and the California State Capitol Museum.

As City Historian, Smith will oversee the Center for Sacramento History while helping shape a broader vision for how Sacramento preserves, shares and elevates its stories as California's Capital City.

"Sacramento has an extraordinary opportunity to make history a more visible and meaningful part of civic life," said Megan Van Voorhis, director of Convention and Cultural Services for the City of Sacramento. "This role is about more than preserving records and collections — it is about helping residents and visitors better understand the people, places and stories that shaped Sacramento, while strengthening culture, education and heritage tourism throughout the city."

Ty Smith, incoming City Historian said, "Sacramento's



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local history is world history. I am honored to be a part of gathering, holding and telling Sacramento's stories. In Sacramento, the past didn't go anywhere; it flows into our lives and expresses itself through our lived experiences."

"The highest calling of a public historian is to help people see themselves in history and, in so doing, help people imagine their futures through understanding our collective past. I look forward to building on the previous success of the Center for Sacramento History and in serving my community," Smith said.

The City Historian serves as both the steward of Sacramento's historical collections and a civic leader helping shape how the city preserves, shares and connects its history to education, culture, tourism and community identity.

"Ty Smith has demonstrated throughout his career that history is not simply about preserving the past — it is about helping communities better understand themselves and envision their future," said John Fraser, district superintendent for the Capital District of California State Parks and Smith's former supervisor. "His transformative leadership at the California State Railroad Museum expanded both the audiences we reached and the stories we told, positioning the museum as one of California's leading institutions for inclusive and forward-looking public history." ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Finals Are Revealing

Well, if we listened to the experts and the NBA prognosticating, we would shortly be crowning the Oklahoma City Thunder with their second Larry O'Brien trophy in as many years.

By now we all know that coming from a 3-2 deficit, the upstart San Antonio Spurs did what few thought was possible and not only won two games in a row to win the western divisions championship but put the exclamation mark on their final victory by winning on the opposing teams home court. A herculean task accomplished, and once again the experts let us know that you can watch the finals if you wish, but the outcome is all but decided.

Victor Wembanyama had already put on his superman's cape and punished what most pundits believed was an organization that had put together one of the best consummate teams that anyone had seen in years. Yes, and that's not to say that the Oklahoma City Thunder are not every bit of that, but tremendous credit needs to go to the San Antonio Spurs for putting on an epic performance and one of the best playoff series seen in years.

All that said, the well-rested New York Knickerbockers have been waiting in the wings and would like to be heard from.

Heard from they were, doing the unthinkable by defeating the Thunder on Oklahoma City's home court two straight games, and setting the experts back on their heels in amazement.

NBA fans got an up front and personal look at how team basketball is supposed to be played, and without an MVP or a 7-foot-4 center, the Knicks have posted a commanding two-game lead as the two teams convene at Madison Square Garden Monday night for game three.

Surprising? I would have to say yes, but encouraging is a more apt description.

Although the Knick's had a solid regular season record of 53-29, it paled in comparison to the Thunder's 64-18 or that of San Antonio who posted 62-20.

The city of New York is going crazy as their beloved Knicks haven't secured an NBA championship in 53 years.

Not since Willis Reed, Bill Bradley, Dave DeBusscherre, Walt Frazier and Earl the pearl Monroe graced the hardwood of Madison

Square Garden have the New York fans tasted the ultimate success.

New York is a long way from Sacramento to be sure, but don't think that Kings fans aren't paying close attention to what has become a true surprise.

The very fact that the Knick's have won 13 consecutive playoff games is nearly record setting, and two more wins would not only secure the championship, but tie them for the most consecutive playoff wins in NBA history.

Those games have yet to be played, and San Antonio may have something to say about the outcome to be sure, but the fact that without a true superstar the Knick's are boat racing through the playoffs, should give Sacramento fans something to ponder.

Some would argue that Karl-Anthony Towns and Jalen Brunson are superstars and they may have a legitimate argument but credit the Knicks with building a team in the real sense of the word.

As the finals will finish shortly and one of these two teams will be crowned the champion, and heads turn to June 23 when the NBA draft takes place.

General Manager Scott Perry has remained somewhat of an enigma, but that is about to change.

The ability to truly judge talent will be on full display, and a trade just before the draft remains a possibility.

Will the Kings shore up the backcourt and give Domantas Sabonis some help, or once again try to find the point guard of the future after they inexplicably let DeAaron Fox slip between their fingers.

Will Ja Morant enter the picture by way of a trade is still a possibility, but can the organization look past his transgressions that have put him in the doghouse of the Memphis Grizzlies.

One of the more interesting NBA drafts is about to begin and never let it be said the Sacramento Kings didn't have a chance to enhance their team, because this draft is deep in talent, and one of these hopefuls is about to don a Kings jersey.

Enjoy the finals Kings fans and dream the dream, because that's what New Yorker's are doing right now!

All the best! ★

California's Population is Stagnating as Immigration and Birth Rates Decline



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's population exploded during and immediately after World War II, from 6.9 million in 1940 to 19.9 million in 1970, thanks to waves of migrants from other states drawn to California's surging economy and the famous postwar baby boom.

California absorbed its 13 million new residents by expanding its public infrastructure of schools, colleges, highways, parks and water systems and by welcoming immense private investment in new housing, new retail complexes, new factories and new office buildings.

Population growth slowed in the 1970s in the aftermath of the baby boom and as an economic evolution, from manufacturing to technology and services, changed the job market. The leading politician of the decade, Gov. Jerry Brown, declared that California had entered "an era of limits" and major infrastructure expansion was no longer needed.

However, the 1980s saw a new population surge, driven by immigration from other countries and a new baby boom. California's population jumped by 6 million — 5-plus million of them babies — during the decade, a more than 25% gain.

The increase was so large, relative to the nation as a whole, that California was awarded seven new

congressional seats after the 1990 census.

Unlike California's expansive reaction to its postwar population increase, the 1980s boomlet sparked an adverse reaction in the 1990s, including new laws aimed at denying public services to undocumented immigrants and a power struggle within the Sierra Club over immigration's impact on the environment.

Meanwhile, population growth slowed again, and in this decade virtually halted as immigration and birth rates declined and substantial numbers of people left California, thanks largely to the state's sky-high living costs.

A recent study by researchers Hans Johnson, Julien LaFortune and Eric McGhee at the Public Policy Institute of California found that the total fertility rate has dropped from 2.21 children per woman in 2007 to 1.48 in 2023, far below what demographers call the "replacement level of 2.1 necessary to keep a population from declining."

The state lost a congressional seat after the 2020 census and is likely to lose several more after the 2030 census. However, the impacts of California's population plateau extend far beyond politics.

"A smaller population can offer benefits; it reduces pressure on housing and infrastructure needs," the researchers wrote, "easing congestion and reducing the need for expansive public works projects." They also cited potential improvements in the environment and increasing per pupil spending on education as enrollment declines.

"At the same time," they added, "fewer births — and a smaller population — may

bring challenges: they could accelerate K-12 enrollment declines and strain the state's economic and safety net systems as fewer workers support a larger share of older Californians. Labor shortages could also hinder California's economic development."

Those are all valid points and many more potential impacts could be mentioned. But the underlying issue is whether political policies will reflect the new demographic reality.

The post-World War II population explosion manifested itself in a bipartisan effort to do what was needed to make the transition relatively painless. We haven't seen such political adjustment to changing demographic trends since.

Meanwhile, the state's population is twice what it was in 1970 and we still depend on what politicians wrought in the post-war era — such things as the State Water Plan and our extensive freeway network.

A stagnant population eases pressure for new infrastructure but we still need to maintain what we have and expand it to meet current needs. However, water projects have languished and we no longer build new highways.

Jerry Brown, who proclaimed the "era of limits" in the 1970s, returned to the governorship in 2011 and declared, "I want to get shit done."

There's still much that should be done.

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

Why Can't I get a Lump Sum Death Benefit from my Wife?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away in September 2025 at age 64. We had been married for 43 years and started collecting benefits when I turned 62 and she was 63. She did not have enough work credits to claim her own SS and thus collected on my record. SSA told me that I was not entitled to receive the lousy \$255 death benefit because my wife was collecting on my work record. Is this correct?

Signed: Grieving Widower

Dear Grieving: We extend our sincere condolences on your wife's passing. But I must tell you that what the SSA (Social Security Administration) told you is correct.

Although we often see assertions that the so-called "one-time lump sum death benefit" is always paid, there are specific rules for when that admittedly small SS benefit is available. And there are also specific rules regarding who is eligible to receive it.

Essentially, the lump sum death benefit is paid when the deceased person

was collecting Social Security retirement benefits (or at least entitled to SS retirement benefits). And that one-time lump sum death benefit usually goes to the deceased person's surviving spouse (more on that later). But for the death benefit to be paid, the deceased person must have been collecting Social Security retirement benefits (or was at least entitled to SS retirement benefits). In your specific case, because your wife was not eligible for her own SS retirement benefits and was, instead, just collecting a spousal benefit from your SS record, you unfortunately are not able to collect the lump-sum death benefit as your wife's surviving spouse. So, what you were told by Social Security about this special survivor benefit is, indeed, correct.

For information, here is a bit more on who can collect the SS death benefit: the one-time lump sum death benefit is normally paid to the eligible surviving spouse of a deceased person who was collecting Social Security. But if there is no surviving spouse to receive the one-time payment, the death benefit may be paid to someone else who was also a dependent of the deceased. That might be a minor surviving child or a surviving adult disabled child who was collecting dependent benefits from the deceased person's SS record. In rare cases, a dependent parent may be

paid if no other surviving dependents are eligible. FYI, ex-spouses are not eligible for a death benefit from a former spouse.

The lump-sum death benefit must be applied for by contacting Social Security and the benefit must be claimed within two years of the person's death. You will need to verify your identity and confirm your eligibility for this survivor benefit, and you will need to provide other information about the deceased also (including a death certificate). There is an SSA form to apply for the lump sum death benefit (SSA-8), but calling your local SS office (or 1.800.772.1213) to make an appointment to apply for the one-time lump-sum death benefit in person is usually all that is needed.

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The U.K.'s Dumb Exclusion of Left-wing Influencers

cludes controversial figures from traveling to the country from abroad, and actively tries to suppress speech offensive to gays, Muslims, trans people, Jews or others. You can get arrested, as TV writer Graham Linehan found out, for posting pungent opinions about biological males using female locker rooms, or for silently praying outside an abortion clinic.

If we needed a reminder of the wisdom of our Founders writing the First Amendment into the Constitution, the free-floating illiberalism of the British government trying to enforce faddish norms provides it.

The Home Office, which was responsible for revoking the Uygur and Piker visas, says that their presence in the country might not have been "conducive to the public good" -- whatever that means.

Certainly, it would be very bad for Britain if the country were to adopt wholesale the malignant views of Uygur and Piker, but that wasn't going to come about as a result of, say, one of them having a 40-minute speaking slot at a South by Southwest satellite event.

Traditionally, in free societies, people are allowed to say dumb and hateful things. Either they discredit themselves by doing so, or perhaps they eventually win people over to their views. Regardless, free and robust debate has been considered a good in and of itself, something a country run by a raucous, free-wheeling Parliament should readily understand.

Are the Jews behind the

exclusion of Uygur and Piker? Yet, there were Jewish groups who didn't want them to come, but excluding them was a decision entirely in keeping with the government's practice of trying to suppress views that it deems extreme. Just a couple of weeks ago, right-wing figures critical of Islam and supportive of Israel saw their visas revoked.

The British government isn't a tool of the Zionists. It is a left-of-center Labour government. The Home Secretary is a Muslim of Pakistani origin who has attended anti-Israel protests. The government has said it would jail Bibi Netanyahu if he travels to Britain, sanctioned Israeli officials, restricted arms sales to the Jewish state, and recognized a Palestinian state.

If the revocation of the visas is an Israeli op, it's a profoundly counterproductive one. In authoritarian societies, people can truly be suppressed -- if China wants to get rid of a nettlesome figure, it simply disappears him or her. In an open society, in contrast, there are many channels for expression, and official hostility tends to make the targeted voices more famous and interesting, whether it's James Joyce or the Sex Pistols.

Surely, Cenk Uygur and Hasan Piker are better known in the U.K. now than they were a few days ago, and that's not, as they say in Britain, conducive to the public good.

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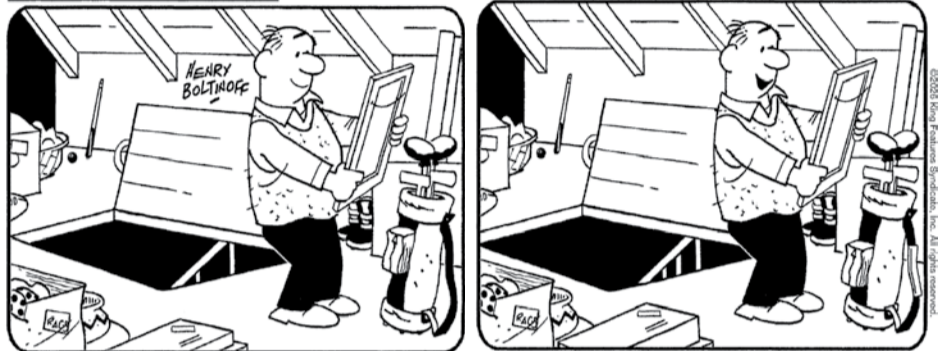
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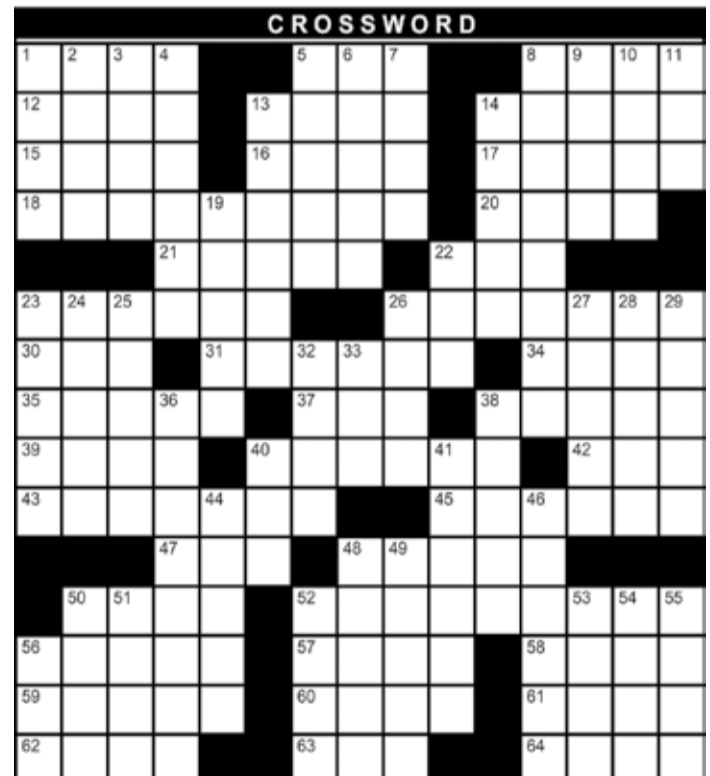


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03801
Krishnaya Coleman-Salgado, 10488 Ananda Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Honey Goose Bakery" 10488 Ananda Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed 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 Fhozia 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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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MCLANE 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03876
MOJA Construction Inc, 8648 Daimler Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MOJA Garage Doors" 8648 Daimler Way, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
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MOJA 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03887
Gina Troxler, 1235 Gilcrest Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mind Manos" 1235 Gilcrest Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
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MIND 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03682
VA7 Carmichael Gardens, LLC, 2082 Michelson Drive 4th Floor, Irvine, CA 95612 (DE) is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Renew 4247" 4247 Hackberry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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RENEW 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03868
RLS Construction CA LLC, 5244 Kauai Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RLS Construction" 5244 Kauai Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
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RLS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03476
SV Advanced Construction Inc, 7801 Edwards Oak Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Modern Dream Homes" 6166 James Alley, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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MODERN 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03969
Valentin Sereda, 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vals E Commerce Sales" 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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VALS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03970
Valentin Sereda, 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vals

Excellent Mobile Auto Service" 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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MOBILE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03952
Jam Executive Transportation LLC, 5004 Chapel Hill Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jam Limo" 5004 Chapel Hill Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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JAM 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03949
Innovative Tax & Reg Inc, 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Innovative/Innovative Helpline" 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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INNOVATIVE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03950
Madinah Transport Inc, 8813 Saifish Bay Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kaptaan Transport" 8813 Saifish Bay Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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KAPTAAN 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03924
Charles Ramatici, 4155 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Proppit" 4155 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 18, 2026
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PROPPIT 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03798
Sun Kissed & Co LLC, 6 Kahlia Court, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sun Kissed & Co" 6 Kahlia Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
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SUN 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02656
Developmental Disabilities Service Organization Inc., 5051 47th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Short Center Arts" 5051 47th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2026
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SHORT 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03886
Valid Life LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hapa Papa Press" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
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HAPA 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03879
Jessica Samaniego, 5665 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JD's Artistic Allure" 5665 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
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JDS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03772
Jack Saunders, 5825 Pioneer Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Saunders Landscaping Construction" 5825 Pioneer Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
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SAUNDERS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04014
Small Consulting LLC, 4360 Middlebury Way, Mather, CA 95655 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Small Communications" 4360 Middlebury Way, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
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SMALL 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04063
Carmen Peralta, 608 Norma Court, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Key Girl" 608 Norma Court, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 21, 2026
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SACRAMENTO 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03511
Rosa Carena, 2335 American River Drive Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hispanic

Prosperity Project" 2335 American River Drive Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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HISPANIC 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04010
Anna L. Elizondo, 3624 Natoma Way, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Anna Sparkles Cleaning and Landscaping Service" 3624 Natoma Way, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
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ANNA 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03888
Shannon Patterson-Chong, 14572 Guadalupe Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95863 and Megan Stinson, 15069 Robles Grandes Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95630 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blonde and Brunette Collective" 7248 Murieta Drive Suite B4, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
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BLONDE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03582
Audai Houssni Hmoud Al Shannaq, 2544 Tower Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AutoNex Motors" 2544 Tower Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03527
Ann Scali and Will Fecher, 2344 Rosado Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A&W Designs" 2344 Rosado Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026
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DESIGNS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03696
Harmeet Singh Dara, 3901 Valance Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&K Trucking" 3901 Valance Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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TRUCKING 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04104
Khushwinder Singh Warring, 4785 Villa Verde Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KSW Realty & Investments" 4785 Villa Verde Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2026
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KSW 6-26-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04122
Ancient Cultures LLC, 5636 Sailrock Street, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lipi Print Studio" 5636 Sailrock Street, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2026
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LIPI 6-26-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03862
Emily Crain, 6045 Georgia Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rainy Sunday Bakery" 6045 Georgia Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 14, 2026
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RAINY 6-26-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02882
Bloomfield Hills, 7616 Sunset Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Winterprise Publishing" 6656 Markley Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 28, 2026
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WINTERPRISE 6-26-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03836
Lamont Holloway and Wifak Derbal, 8693 Carlin Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DH Global Trading" 8693 Carlin Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 14, 2026
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DH 6-26-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04264
Pomegranate I Group LLC, 4201 Sunrise Boulevard Suite B, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pomegranate Insurance Group" 4201 Sunrise Boulevard Suite B, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 29, 2026
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POMEGRANATE 6-26-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04266
NKS Financial, Inc., 562 39th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NKS Financial" 562 39th Street,

"Veracity 4 Vets" 1417 Del Paso Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 18, 2026
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VERACITY 6-26-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04156
Lekesha Conner, 2701 Del Paso Road #130-220, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elle Financial Consulting" 3681 Tice Creek Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 26, 2026
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ELLE 6-26-26

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On a Mission Trucking LLC, 100 Loveland Way, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "OMT" 100 Loveland Way, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 26, 2026
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NKS 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03576
Wanda Kay Nichols, 3429 Winning Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vijara" 3429 Winning Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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VIJARA 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03422
Karee Hornell, 2108 N Street #13174, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Field Trip MGMT" 2108 N Street #13174, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026
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FIELD 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04237
Pearl Investment Company LLC, 931 Hartz Way, Suite 200, Danville, CA 94526 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Autumn Woods Apartments/Heritage Oaks Apartments/Hidden Creek Apartments/Copperwood Apartments/The Cottages at Folsom Apartments" 931 Hartz Way, Suite 200, Danville, CA 94526. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 28, 2026
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AUTUMN 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04091
Joel Hattton, 3554 E Country Club Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sac Value Handy-Man Service" 3554 E Country Club Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2026
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SAC 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03913
Diversify Venture Co., LLC, 3575 Sue Pam Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cal Fix Pros" 3575 Sue Pam Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 18, 2026
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CAL 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03589
US Truck Permits LLC, 10040 Schuler Ranch Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "US Truck Permits LLC" 1001 Richards Boulevard Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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US 7-3-26

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Specialized Trenchless Solutions, 5417 Brycewood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Specialized Trenchless & Plumbing/Specialized Trenchless & Sewer" 5417 Brycewood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 26, 2026
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SPECIALIZED 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04267
Valeria Solovova, 4515 Casa Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AVR Cleaning Company" 4515 Casa Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 29, 2026
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AVR 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04343
Aliaksei Novikau, 7434 Auburn Oaks Court Apt 88, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Prime Drafting & Design" 7434 Auburn Oaks Court Apt 88, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 2, 2026
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PRIME 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04358
Apex West Group Inc, 6220 88th Street, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pro Line Collision" 6220 88th Street, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 2, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04365
Skots Enterprises Inc (CA), 5299 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business

Name(s) "USKO Properties" 5299 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 2, 2026
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USKO 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04367
David Grigoryan, 6234 Greenback Lane #B, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Daves Smog and Registration" 6234 Greenback Lane #B, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 3, 2026
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DAVES 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04299
Carlos Osvaldo Granados Castillo, 2577 River Plaza Drive Apt 148, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CGJunkRemoval" 2577 River Plaza Drive Apt 148, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 1, 2026
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CG 7-3-26

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Logan Michael Tanner 8013 Ridgegrove Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tradajay/Privara" 8013 Ridgegrove Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2026
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TRADAJAY 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04109
Wendy Jenille Labio, 2809 Londonderry Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Skin and Honey" 1440 Ethan Way Suite 9, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2026
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SKIN 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04259
Pamana Filipino Kapampangan Restaurant, LLC, 4845 Watt Avenue Suite A, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pamana Filipino Kapampangan Restaurant" 4845 Watt Avenue Suite A, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 29, 2026
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PAMANA 7-3-26

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Ministry Business Services Inc, 1321 Upland Drive PMB 5134, Houston, TX 77043 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MBS" 385 Double Tree Drive, Lafayette, IN, 47905. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
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MBS 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03946
Amir Atabak Maghaddam, 10021 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Top Quality Auto" 10021 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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TOP 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04381
My Favorite Teriyaki Inc, 2617 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "My Favorite Teriyaki" 2617 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County 6/3/2026
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MY 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04375
Pureperfect LLC, 9313 La Riviera Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pureperfect Professional Services" 9313 La Riviera Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 3, 2026
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PURE 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03622
Shah Chopan, 743 Nayland Court, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Salwa Import & Export" 743 Nayland Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026
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SALWA 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04277
ParkMade LLC, 1104 Corporate Way, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Legend 72 Heating and Air" 1104 Corporate Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 29, 2026

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LEGEND 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04280
Noble Corporate Limo, 2333 Northrop Avenue B215, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Noble Corporate Limo" 2333 Northrop Avenue B215, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 1, 2026
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NOBLE 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04008
Javier Alejandro Alvarado Lopez, 4401 Penwith Way, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JML Painting" 4401 Penwith Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
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JML 7-3-26

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Vexon LLC, 429 Arlingdale Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vexon Junk Removal/Vexon Luxury Bath/Vexon Walk in Tubs" 429 Arlingdale Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2026
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VEXON 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04366
Vexon LLC, 429 Arlingdale Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vexon Construction & Home Remodel" 429 Arlingdale Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 2, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
VEXON 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04028
Elena Nicoara, 4124 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden House Cleaning" 4124 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
GOLDEN 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04110
Ronan's Food Services LLC, 7533 Hazelton Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Heights of Brazil Restaurant" 8031 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
HEIGHTS 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04417
Light on the Mat, 8141 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ARES Fair Oaks" 8141 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 4, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
ARES 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04384
Sip and Savor, 11225 Trade Center Drive Unit 250, Rancho Cordova, 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Hungry Herd BBQ/Drink EEEZY Wines" 11225 Trade Center Drive Unit 250, Rancho Cordova, 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 3, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
DRINK 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03310
Nine One Scenic LLC, 6035 Stockton Boulevard Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yumzzy" 6035 Stockton Boulevard Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
YUMZZY 7-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03749
SRI Sunset-Sands LLC, 5682 Sunset Creek Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunset Sands Apt/Sunset Sands Apartments" 5682 Sunset Creek Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 11, 2026
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
SUNSET 7-3-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF: Braincussion Telehealth, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816.
TBI Diagnostic Centers USA,

LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on October 8, 2025 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: April 23, 2026.
Publish: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026
BRAINCUSSION 6-26-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

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 Pollicarpio.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV011799

Johnson Vu on behalf of Hang Minh Vu, a minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Hang Minh Vu to Mina Hang Vu.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 15, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
VU 6-19-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV011276

Mohammad Ishaq Amiri and Nooria Amiri have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Solomon Amiri to Sulaiman Amiri.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 8, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
AMIRI 6-19-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV009445

Maria Luisa Abenoja Ramiscal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Maria Luisa Abenoja Ramiscal to Maria Luisa McCoy.

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 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 15, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026
RAMISCAL 6-26-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV012576

Velda Stephanie Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Velda Stephanie Rodriguez to Velda Stephanie Rose Ford.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 23, 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 26, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026
RODRIGUEZ 6-26-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV012677

Dellawar Karimi and Dena Akbari have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

the name(s) of Mazdulifa Karimi to Maryam Karimi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 21, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16C, 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 26, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
KARIMI 7-3-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV012680

Dellawar Karimi and Dena Akbari have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tayiaba Karimi to Marwa Karimi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, 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 26, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
AKBARI 7-3-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV012659

Shireen Jamal Isam and Thourya Jamal Isam have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shireen Jamal Isam aka Shireen Isam to Shereen Al Sammarraie and Thourya Jamal Isam aka Thourya Isam to Thouraya Al Sammarraie.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 16D, 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 26, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
ISAM 7-3-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV006653

Carli Fredrickson Crone has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carli Ann Fredrickson Crone to Carli Ann Crone.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 31, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, located at 813 6th Street 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 16, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2026
CRONE 7-3-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUSAN ANN RICKARD
CASE NO. 26PR001182

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Duane Rickard, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Duane Rickard be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Sarah Zwierzynski, 8035 Madison Avenue, Suite A1, Citrus Heights, CA 95610; 916-850-0529
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 2026
RICKARD 6-12-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER PAUL YOUNCE, AKA CHRISTOPHER P. YOUNCE
CASE NO. 26PR001495

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Christopher Paul Younce, aka Christopher P. Younce.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Charles Robert Younce II, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Charles Robert Younce II be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows July 7, 2026, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 126; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Michael Yee, Yee Law Group, 4010 S Land Park Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822; 916-927-9001
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YOUNCE 6-19-26

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“Where Winning Goes Beyond the Scoreboard”

I Play Where I Live

By Jason Harper

Several years ago, I was asked a question on a podcast: “How will you know if you’ve succeeded?”

I didn’t talk about championships. I didn’t talk about trophies. I didn’t talk about participation numbers. Instead, I gave a simple answer:

“I’ll know we’ve succeeded when kids stop transferring out of Rancho Cordova to play sports and start transferring into Rancho Cordova to play sports. More importantly, I’ll know we’ve succeeded when kids play where they live.”

At the time, it felt more like a vision than a prediction. Recently, I was reminded why.

I was talking with Cordova High graduate Levi Nyberg. Levi is a talented athlete, and, like many talented athletes, he has had opportunities elsewhere. So, I asked him a question.

“Weren’t schools trying to recruit you away?”

“Yes, Coach. They have.”

Then I asked why he stayed. His answer was immediate.

“I live here, Coach. I play where I live.”

That sentence stayed with me. Not because it was rehearsed. Not because it was dramatic. But because it reflected something bigger than one athlete. It reflected pride. Community. Ownership.

For years, many communities have operated under the assumption that success lives somewhere else. If you want the best experience, the best opportunities, or the best programs, you must leave home to find them.

But something interesting is happening in Rancho Cordova.

More families are investing here. More volunteers are serving here. More coaches are being built here. More athletes are believing in what can be built here. And increasingly, more young people are deciding that representing their hometown matters.

That doesn’t mean every family will make the same choice. Nor should they. But there is something powerful about a student-athlete looking at their community and saying:

“This is my home. This is my team.”

The truth is that culture changes long before statistics catch up. It changes in conversations. It changes in attitudes. It changes when young



Cordova High graduate Levi Nyberg. Courtesy photo

people begin taking pride in the jersey that represents their city.

Levi is graduating, and we are proud of what lies ahead for him.

But what encouraged me most wasn’t where he’s going. It was why he stayed.

Because when young athletes begin saying, “I play where I live,” a community is no longer chasing culture.

It’s creating it. The most overused line in sports philosophy is “If you build it, they will come.” It’s overused because it’s too true. I celebrate the pioneers of Cordova who have been plowing the field and planting seeds that are now coming to fruition.

And for the first time, I can honestly say: It’s happening.

And that, folks, is a home run for the community.

The Weekly Whistle... Where Winning Goes Beyond the Scoreboard. ★

CRPD Receives Multiple National Top Workplaces Awards



District staff pose at Hagan Community Park. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation & Park District

By Shelby Golden, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Cordova Recreation & Park District (District) is proud to announce it has been recognized with several national Top Workplaces Culture Excellence Awards, including honors for Purpose & Values, Employee Well-Being and Leadership.

The Top Workplaces Culture Excellence Awards recognize organizations that excel in specific areas of workplace culture. The awards are based entirely on employee feedback gathered through a confidential workplace survey that measures key aspects of organizational culture, engagement and leadership effectiveness.

“We are honored to receive these awards because they reflect the voices of our staff,” said Patrick Larkin, General

Manager. “Creating a positive workplace culture is an ongoing effort and this recognition reinforces our commitment to supporting our team while delivering exceptional programs and services.”

Employee feedback helps guide organizational decisions and workplace enhancements as part of the District’s commitment to continuous improvement. This recognition reflects the District’s ongoing efforts to foster an environment where employees feel valued and connected to the District’s mission.

By investing in its people, the District continues to strengthen its ability to provide high-quality parks, recreation opportunity and community services that enrich the lives of residents throughout the community.

Learn more about the District at cordovarpd.gov. ★

All America Mile Returns July 4



The one-mile run, jog, or walk begins at 9:05 a.m. on Coloma Road, following the city’s parade route through the heart of Rancho Cordova. Photo courtesy of the Cordova Community Council

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Rancho Cordova residents will have a chance to start Independence Day on the move as the All America Mile returns Saturday, July 4, as part of the city’s annual Fourth of July celebrations.

The one-mile run, jog, or walk begins at 9:05 a.m. on Coloma Road, following the city’s parade route through the heart of Rancho Cordova. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. at W.H. Williamson Park, 10551 Coloma Road, and closes at 9 a.m. Coloma Road will close to traffic at 8 a.m. for the event.

“The All America Mile is a one-mile flat route, fun for all ages and athletic levels,” said the Cordova Community Council. “The run is great for families including kids of all ages, even senior kids.”

Registration is capped at 500 runners or

closes June 26, whichever comes first. The first 250 registrants of all ages may participate for free. A \$5 registration fee applies to the next 250 runners. All registered participants will receive a free T-shirt.

The event takes place just before the community’s Fourth of July Parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Spectators and participants are encouraged to stay downtown for the parade before continuing the day’s festivities at Hagan Park.

Following the parade, the city’s celebration continues with food, carnival rides, concerts and fireworks as part of Rancho Cordova’s annual Independence Day tradition.

Organizers say the mile run is intended to offer a simple, active way to bring the community together early in the holiday.

Participants are encouraged to run, jog or walk the route at their own pace. ★

Applications Open for Rancho Cordova College Promise Program



The city-funded program helps eligible recent high school graduates, GED recipients and U.S. military veterans cover college expenses while attending Folsom Lake College. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Rancho Cordova residents who are planning to attend Folsom Lake College may be eligible for financial assistance through the Rancho Cordova College Promise program, which is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 academic year.

The city-funded program helps eligible recent high school graduates, GED recipients and U.S. military veterans cover college expenses while attending Folsom Lake College, the Rancho Cordova Center or the El Dorado Center. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 1.

Qualified students may receive up to \$886 per semester for as many as four semesters, depending on eligibility and available funding. Assistance may be used to help cover enrollment fees, health services fees, student representation fees, Universal Transit Pass fees and other eligible educational costs.

To qualify, applicants must live in Rancho Cordova and either have graduated from high school or earned a GED between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2026, or be a U.S. military veteran. Participants must enroll in at least six units at Folsom

Lake College or one of its educational centers, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA, or the California Dream Act Application, known as CADAA, and demonstrate unmet financial need. Students must also successfully complete at least six units with a grade of C or better each semester to remain eligible for the program.

Applicants are not required to have attended a high school in Rancho Cordova, but they must be current city residents.

Students interested in applying must first complete an application for admission to Folsom Lake College through opencccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=234. After receiving a student identification number from the college, applicants may submit the Rancho Cordova College Promise application. Completion of the FAFSA or CADAA is also required.

The Rancho Cordova College Promise is part of the city’s ongoing effort to expand access to higher education and support residents pursuing college and career goals.

For more information about eligibility requirements and the application process, visit <https://www.cityofranhocordova.org/home>. ★

Nominations Open for 2026 Sustainable Business Awards

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Businesses, nonprofits and community members are encouraged to submit nominations now through June 26 for the 2026 Sustainable Business Awards.

To submit a nomination, visit saccounty.gov.

Email economicdevelopment@saccounty.gov with questions or to learn more.

The Sustainable Business Awards recognize businesses and organizations that are making a difference through sustainable practices and environmental leadership in the following categories: Green Design; Environmental Changemaker; Community Impact; and Eco-Innovation.

The Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), a program of Sacramento

County’s Office of Economic Development (OED), will host the annual Sustainability Business Awards event on Sept. 16 where award recipients will be recognized.

“Across Sacramento County, businesses and nonprofits are finding innovative ways to reduce waste, conserve resources and strengthen our communities,” said Director of the Office of Economic Development, Crystal Bethke. “These awards recognize organizations that are taking meaningful action and showing that sustainability can be both environmentally responsible and good for business.”

Interested in becoming a Sustainable Business? Explore Sacramento County’s Sustainable Business Program to learn about eligibility, benefits and tools that can help your organization reduce its environmental impact. ★



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BY JOSH F.W. COOK

A Changing Election System

By Josh Cook

Noted political scientist and former Yolo County supervisor Matt Rexroad ruffled some feathers with an opinion piece he wrote for a local Sacramento newspaper expressing his opinion, after having been involved in elections for more than 30 years, that there is not widespread voter fraud happening, like stuffing ballot boxes.

I've been asked if I believe President Trump when he says elections are rigged. I would say both are correct. Matt is right - there is no widespread voter fraud. But the election process has been constantly changing for the last 20 years: 1. California expanded same-day registration so eligible voters could register and vote closer to Election Day. 2. It adopted top-two primaries, which let all voters participate in the same primary ballot for most state and federal offices. 3. It created an independent citizens commission to draw political districts instead of leaving that job to politicians. 4. It moved toward universal vote-by-mail, sending ballots to all registered voters. 5. It added vote centers, ballot drop boxes, and earlier in-person voting options so people could vote in more ways and over a longer period. 6. It also pushed some local elections onto statewide election dates to improve turnout. 7. After we voted for an independent commission to draw districts, we had a statewide election to just draw some districts right before this

election. 8. Previously, it was a crime if you went door-to-door and gathered people's ballots and put them in the mail for them. That is now legal. It's called ballot harvesting.

Wait, there is more. The issue of whether or not county clerks have to count ballots that come in late is at the Supreme Court. If that's not enough, someone just sued the Secretary of State to have more inactive voters purged from the voter rolls. I have worked with Dr. Shirley Weber, the California Secretary of State, and she is a woman of impeccable, unassailable 100% absolute integrity, and she's also a competent administrator. She runs the office properly and legally.

That said, the number of changes that continue to occur to the methods in which we exercise democracy could make somebody feel like they're in a game in which the rules constantly change. Not like "moving the goal post" but putting the goal post in the parking lot on a truck that drives around the stadium.

There will be much discussion of this topic in the next few days because it takes so long to count all the ballots. There used to be an election day and there were election results that night. Election day as a concept no longer exists, and election results will no longer come in on the date we start counting ballots. So I don't hold it against anyone who feels like elections are being manipulated. They have been non-stop for two decades. ★



It's A Miracle

Do we take our body for granted? I am sure we do after I got the insider story on what this miraculous body does every day. It came from **Dr Susan Smith Jones** on my POPPTALK Radio Show. **Dr Jones** has made extraordinary contributions in the fields of holistic health, anti-aging and longevity, optimum nutrition and balanced living. So when she said let's talk about the miracle we live in every day...our body, I was intrigued. Get a load of what this miracle does for us every day, and we don't even realize it.

1. Each day your heart pumps approximately 2000 gallons of blood through its chambers. It beats more than 100,000 times a day to achieve this incredible feat.
2. You take around 17,000 breaths a day on average, and don't have to think about a single one.
3. Your brain doesn't stop working. It is estimated that about 50,000 thoughts pass through it each day on average. That is a whopping 35-48 thoughts every minute.
4. The cells in your stomach lining produce an alkaline substance every few milliseconds to neutralize stomach acid. If they didn't do this, your stomach would digest itself because some of the acids are strong enough to dissolve metals.
5. You blink about 28,000 times a every day, with each one lasting just a tenth of a second. This is a voluntary reflex the body uses to keep the eyes clean and moist.
6. Each blood cell lives for about 40 days before being replaced by a younger model. It's no surprise their life span is short,

having made 60,000 trips around the body. They must be exhausted!

7. You shed more than 1 million skin cells every single day but they are constantly replenished automatically you save you from turning transparent and becoming rather exposed.

8. Your hair (if you still have any) grows about half a millimeter a day, and the average adult with a full scalp has around 100,000 hairs on their head, So that's a combined 50 meters of hair growth every single day.

9. You grow 8mm (.31 inches) every night while sleeping before shrinking back down again the next day. Good 'ole gravity. This saves you from some pretty hefty clothing bills and ensures you don't have to raise the door frames every year or two.

10. Your 30+ million body cells are regenerating themselves every single day without any prompting. This means you have an entirely new set of taste buds every 10 days, new nails every 6-10 months, new bones every 10 years, and even a new heart every 20 years.

Dr Jones hit the nail on the head when she said "Next time you think that your body is starting to creak, just think about all the incredible things that are happening inside it every day, because all of us are a miracle. Be thankful for your God-given body and take loving care of it." She is a prolific author with her latest "A Hug in a Mug" and "Uplifted." Check out her free monthly newsletter and more great information at www.susansmithjones.com. ★

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2026 Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame Honorees Announced

Rancho Cordova Athletic Association News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - A distinguished Cordova High School varsity basketball team accompanied by three exceptional football players, two All-American swimmers, a respected coach, a Negro League baseball standout and a legendary soccer star will be inducted into the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame this fall.

The 11th annual induction ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Rancho Cordova City Hall.

"Today marks the 11th anniversary of the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame, as we recognize the newest inductees to the Class of 2026," said City Councilman David Sander, President of the Rancho Cordova Athletic Association. "These individuals have demonstrated a high level of achievement in athletics, whether as players or coaches, and have made meaningful contributions to the local sports community. We are proud to acknowledge their accomplishments and ensure their legacies are preserved for future generations."

Honorees elected to the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame were judged to have attained significant achievements in or have made notable contributions to athletics, as well as exhibiting high standards of character and sportsmanship.

Class of 2026 inductees are the following.

1978-79 Cordova Lancers basketball Team. Led by All-City selections Larry Connors and Mike McCullough, the 1978-79 Lancers delivered a dominant performance in the Metro League, finishing with a 13-2 record and an overall mark of 27-3. The team advanced to the Section AAA finals, earning runner-up honors, and is widely regarded as one of Coach Hub Morphew's finest teams in Cordova High School history. For much of the season, the Lancers held the No. 1 ranking in the area.

Ken Bowles (Football, Cordova '76). One of the most versatile athletes to emerge from Cordova High School, Bowles earned Sacramento Bee Player of the Year honors as a member of Cordova's 1975 national championship team and was selected to the Sacramento Union's All-City First Team. Demonstrating exceptional versatility, he scored touchdowns from five different positions. Bowles went on to have standout collegiate careers



at both the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the University of Pittsburgh.

Mike Brannon (multisport, Cordova '05). Brannon was a three-sport standout at Cordova High School, earning numerous accolades, including recognition as the top discus thrower in track and field. In football, he was named Team MVP, First Team All-City linebacker and Team Defensive MVP during his senior year. He continued his success at Sacramento State University, where he earned the Ray Clemons Award as the team's top defensive player. Brannon later played for the Vienna Vikings of the European Football League, where he was again honored as the team's Defensive MVP.

Elmer Carter (Baseball, Community Award). Carter was an early standout in the Negro Major Leagues during the 1930s. In 1937, he led all Negro League hitters with a .390 batting average while splitting time

between the Birmingham Black Barons and the St. Louis Stars. He served as catcher for the legendary Satchel Paige and later enlisted in the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division during World War II. Following his baseball career, Carter played a key role in establishing the first Black-owned bank in Oak Park. He resided in Rancho Cordova for several years before his passing in 2011 at the age of 100.

Elizabeth Cocker Escobar (Swimming, Walnutwood High '14). Cocker Escobar was a four-year swimming letterwinner and team MVP, earning multiple relay medals while representing Team USA at the 2015, 2017 and 2019 World Deaf Swimming Championships. Building on this competitive success, Cocker went on to serve as Director of the USA Deaf Swimming Association, where she led Team USA at the 2023 World Deaf Swimming Championships. In addition to her leadership roles,

Cocker has contributed to athlete development as a swim instructor at Gold River Sports Club.

Jessica Mackiewicz (Soccer, Cordova '96). A standout scorer for Cordova High School's varsity team in 1996, Mackiewicz continued her exceptional career at American River College, where she earned First Team All-American honors and helped lead the Beavers to a California Community College state championship. In recognition of her achievements, Mackiewicz was inducted into the American River College Hall of Fame in 2020 and remains the program's all-time leading scorer with 165 goals. She later excelled at Sacramento State, earning First Team All-Big Sky honors during an outstanding collegiate career.

Bill Meehan (Norte Del Rio, '62). Meehan served as a cornerstone of Rancho Cordova youth athletics for more than three decades. Throughout his distinguished career, he coached

numerous All-Star, Senior Babe Ruth and American Legion teams, including a 13-year-old Babe Ruth All-Star team that advanced to the state championship. A former president of both Rancho Cordova Little League (RCLL) and the Babe Ruth League, Meehan was a widely respected mentor whose former players consistently credit him with shaping not only their athletic abilities but also their character. He will be inducted posthumously in recognition of his enduring contributions.

Lamon Muldrow (Football, Cordova '07) One of the most accomplished running backs in Cordova High School's football history, Muldrow earned the Sacramento Bee's 2006 Offensive Player of the Year honors after an exceptional senior season in which he rushed for 2,303 yards and 30 touchdowns. Muldrow continued his dominance at Sierra College, leading all California junior colleges as a freshman with 1,963 rushing yards. Among his standout performances at Sierra was a remarkable single-game effort in which he rushed for 257 yards and scored six touchdowns. Muldrow later carried that momentum into a successful collegiate career at San Jose State.

Scott Mefford (Swimming, Cordova '80) Mefford built upon an outstanding high school swimming career at Cordova High School to earn a full athletic scholarship to the University of Utah. During his collegiate tenure, he achieved All-American honors twice, excelling as a backstroke specialist and contributing to multiple relay successes. A dominant competitor, Mefford captured Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Division I championships in all four years and qualified for the 1980 Olympic Trials. He also established numerous university and NCAA swimming records, solidifying his legacy as one of Utah's premier athletes.

Tickets for the induction ceremony are \$35, which includes an appetizer and cocktail reception and awards program can be purchased at the Cordova Community Council, visit cordovacouncil.org/coc-events/11th-Annual-Rancho-Cordova-Sports-Hall-of-Fame.

The Rancho Cordova Athletic Association was formed in 2013 to foster lifelong values of good sportsmanship, teamwork and healthy, active lifestyles through the development of excellent youth sports facilities and organizations, positive coaching and access to play for all. ★

Apply Now for SMUD's Shine Program

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The application period for SMUD's Shine Awards is open June 1 through July 31 to nonprofit organizations. The Shine program is designed to improve and revitalize communities in the Sacramento region.

Proposals should focus on projects that support zero carbon workforce development, affordability and community resiliency, economic development and energy and STEM education. Shine projects should align and support SMUD's Clean Energy Vision, which will eliminate all carbon emissions from the power

supply by 2030.

Shine awards will range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and are very competitive. Any incorporated nonprofit organization within SMUD's service area is eligible to apply. Shine awards are available at three funding levels: Spark (up to \$10,000), Amplifier (up to \$50,000) and Transformer (up to \$100,000).

While SMUD will consider a broad variety of potential projects, it's primarily interested in proposals that promote 2030 Clean Energy Vision by utilizing clean energy solutions, advance zero carbon workforce development and training, promote energy efficiency,

energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction, particularly in diverse and under-resourced communities, support economic development and involve clean energy education related to energy efficiency, renewable energy or related Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.

SMUD will host multiple technical assistance webinars about Shine and the application process. A registration link and application can be found on smud.org/Shine.

This past year, SMUD awarded over \$524,000 in Shine funding to 25 local nonprofits. SMUD received a wide range

of applications, and the selected projects were able to successfully demonstrate collaboration and the potential for broad community impact.

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For more information about the SMUD Shine program, including a list of previous winners, visit smud.org/Shine. ★

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Summer Construction Season Brings Roadway and Improvements

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA - Rancho Cordova's Public Works Department is moving forward with several infrastructure projects this summer aimed at improving roadways, enhancing neighborhood safety and upgrading community aesthetics.

Construction is currently underway on Phase One of the Mather Field Road Improvement Project along the east side of Mather Field Road, just north of the westbound U.S. 50 off-ramp. The project includes widened sidewalks, new landscaping, an upgraded decorative wall and a pergola entry feature at Croydon Drive. Work began in March and is expected to be completed in summer 2026.

Additional neighborhood improvements are scheduled to begin later this summer through the city's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Phases Seven and Eight will bring

traffic-calming measures to Bridlewood Drive, Borderlands Drive, Canyonlands Drive and White Rock Road. The improvements are designed to reduce vehicle speeds and enhance safety for residents, pedestrians and cyclists. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid- to late summer.

The city will also launch the South White Rock Road and Stone Creek Surface Treatment Project as part of its ongoing effort to maintain and improve neighborhood streets. The project includes pavement repairs, roadway surface treatments, updated striping and bike lane markings, and other safety enhancements intended to improve driving conditions and extend pavement life.

Residents can learn more about current and upcoming Public Works projects by visiting the city's project webpage at <https://www.cityofranhocordova.org/home>. ★

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