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City Scoop Keeps It Cool



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Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

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Parking was at a premium in the school parking lot, almost as full as when school is in session.

Citrus Heights Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff and other city officials attending mingled among the attendees to hear their concerns and share what's happening in the city.

The city also showcased a new colorful canopy this year over its informational booth which featured City Scoop logo with the letters "Cool Treats for Your Street" in pink and white on the front.

Families and younger children, some not ready

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Council Approves Updated Salary Schedules and MOUs

By Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - At the July 8 meeting, the Citrus Heights City Council considered adopting Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for the Citrus Heights Police Officers' Association (CHPOA) and the Citrus Heights Police Employees Association (CHPEA), as well as an amended salary table with cost-of-living adjustments, market equity adjustments and amendments to the employer contributions for employee health benefits.

Projected revenues are not keeping pace with the rising costs of delivering city services, so City Manager Ash Feeney said the city undertook some organizational restructuring to ensure they maintain fiscal stability while also retaining valuable employees.

Four vacant police officer positions will be eliminated. And the traffic unit will be dissolved, and those officers reassigned to patrol to strengthen that core service.

To implement all the proposed compensation adjustments, staff recommended a General Fund budget amendment of \$1.11 million in fiscal year 2026-27. These costs include salary adjustments, medical benefit increases, and an additional 1.3% cost-of-living adjustment to the 2.5% already budgeted for a total of 3.8% for this fiscal year.

The cost to implement the proposed salary and medical adjustments for unrepresented employees is \$805,265 in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$1.19 million in 2027-28. The estimated cost of implementing the CHPOA MOU is \$966,787 in 2026-27 and \$1.45 million in 2027-28. The estimated cost of implementing the CHPEA MOU is \$242,469 in 2026-27 and \$388,289 in 2027-28.

To offset these increased personnel costs, the organizational restructuring should result in expenditure savings of \$974,645 in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$1.24 million in 2027-28.

The current adopted budget for fiscal year 2026-27 initially had a projected ending reserve balance of around \$34 million. Feeney said after these compensation updates and restructuring, the city will still have almost \$33

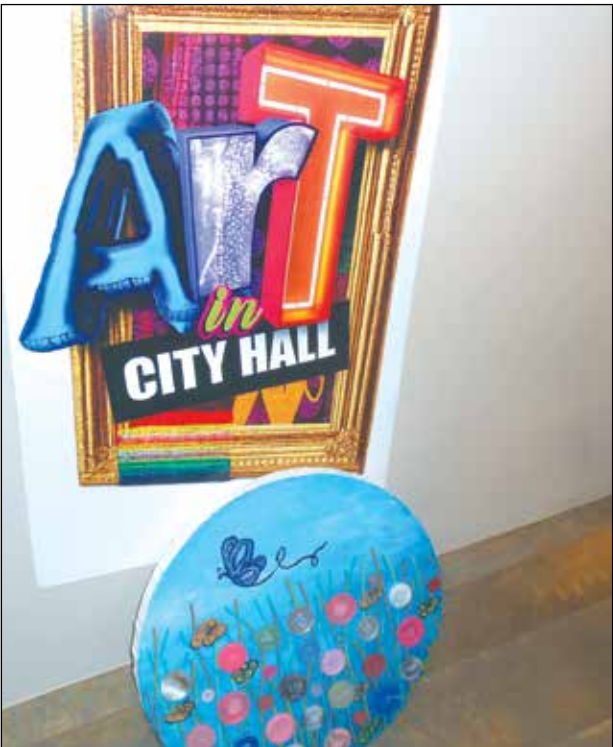
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'Art in the City' Returns to City Hall

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The main interior lobby walls and display cases of Citrus Heights City Hall on Fountain Square Drive are again filled with a vibrant display of colors, mediums and artistic styles as individual artists by more than 25 local works are featured in a special public exhibition, "Art in City Hall" which marked its return last week.

Citrus Heights Arts, in partnership with the city of Citrus Heights, hosted a special opening night reception on Thursday, July 9, at City Hall, 6315 Fountain Square Drive, as artists shared examples of their work expressing the theme



"Art in the City", a special public exhibition at Citrus Heights City Hall, 6315 Fountain Square Drive will continue throughout the summer.

"Unexpected Beauty."

Mayor MariJane Lopez Taff and council members Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa and Kelsey Nelson welcomed artists and guests to the summer exhibition at City Hall.

This community event invited each participating artist to explore their own concept of beauty in surprising, unconventional and meaningful ways through their personal choice of a visual art form, according to Citrus Heights Arts.

The juried pop-up art exhibition provides a unique opportunity for the selected artists to display their work inside Citrus Heights City Hall, bringing their creativity into the heart of civic life.

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for middle school, also enjoyed exploring the commons area as their parents checked out helpful information from a variety of booths staffed by representatives of the San Juan Unified School District, Sacramento Public Library, Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD), Sunrise Recreation and Parks District and Citrus Heights Police Activities League (PAL).

In 2023, the inaugural City Scoop summer series featured three ice cream socials throughout the summer at various locations in Citrus Heights including Greenback Greenspace, Sylvan

Community Center and Westwood Park. City Scoop events have since been held across the city in multiple locations, each designed to encourage neighbors and community leaders to meet and connect with one another.

Each City Scoop event takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and features backyard style games, and free ice cream for all attendees.

This year the city reduced the number of its annual City Scoop ice cream social community gatherings from three to two. Tempo Park on Fair Oaks Boulevard was the previous scene for an earlier City Scoop event on June 17.



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San Juan High Begins Science Classroom Modernization

Story and photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Work crews have begun demolishing classrooms in the science wing at San Juan High School as part of a \$15 million modernization project.

The project, funded through the 2024 K–12 and community college facilities modernization bond, will transform the 12,000-square-foot science wing to include two new large chemistry classrooms, three life science classrooms and two additional general science classrooms.

Much of the existing science wing, located in Building B, was built in the 1930s. Temporary classrooms will be put in place when classes start in August, said Principal David Levis.

The project also includes creation of a makerspace for hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities; a new teacher prep area and shared lab prep space; and new family resource center with private offices, and new modernized restrooms.

The updated science labs will open onto an outdoor courtyard, promoting indoor-outdoor learning opportunities, Levis said.



San Juan High School Principal David Levis points to the “B” science wing which is undergoing a \$15 million modernization project which began this summer.

The project includes the demolition and reconstruction of approximately 12,000 square feet of the existing science wing, along with temporary classroom space for displaced classes.

Four existing science classrooms in Building B will be temporarily relocated to other classrooms before the start of the fall semester. The new locations are expected to be B13 (chemistry), E4 (physics), D11 (physics/ environmental science) and D13 (biology) when school

resumes in August, Levis said.

Returning San Juan students continue to have multiple pedestrian access points to their classrooms in nearby Buildings A, C, D and E which will not be affected by the ongoing construction project, Levis said. The science wing faces the student cafeteria courtyard.

Science classrooms within Building B, which are nearest to the administrative entrance of San Juan High School have already stripped down to their shells of

raw flooring and bare walls. Banks of former student lockers await removal.

The modernization project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2027, just prior to the start of the 2027-28 school year.

The San Juan Unified School District has partnered with Studio W Architects to modernize the existing science wing at San Juan High School, transforming the building into a forward-thinking educational environment that supports contemporary science programs and support services.

Additional campus site upgrades include new perimeter fencing accessibility improvements. There will be a minor refresh to existing classrooms in other buildings at San Juan High School which may include flooring replacement and new interior paint, according to the district.

The new classrooms will also be equipped with appropriate safety stations and chemical storage to meet current standards.

San Juan students and their families can learn more about the ongoing San Juan High School science wing modernization project at: www.sanjuan.edu/our-district/construction-news/construction-projects/san-juan-high-school-science-wing-modernization. ★

‘Art in the City’ Returns to City Hall



A couple looks up towards one of the paintings on display.

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Reception attendees enjoyed light hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer, taking time to meet many of the artists and experience and appreciate a wide range of creative styles on display. Wall space and glass display cases were filled with works of varied sizes. Some pieces were displayed beside portraits of current city council members just outside of council chambers.

The event also provided guests with an opportunity to view a large new mural just outside the front doors of City Hall which celebrates the nation’s 250th birthday. The mural was finished just before the city’s Stars and Stripes patriotic celebration on Saturday, June 27 in Van Maren Park.

In the mural, the centered wording, “Welcome to Citrus Heights - Established in 1997” recognizes the city’s year of incorporation in white letters on a prominent black municipal-style shield.

Participating artists are: David Peterson, Penny S. Hanscom, Lorelei Casey, Nae Nieto, Erik Oliver, Sherri Kneebone, Daniitta Nelson, Kari Uhlman, Karsen Kehlet, Latrice Walker, Brittney Miller, Andrea Bartlett, Marti Eason, Marie Thomas, Erica Thomas, Angel LeClair, Kristan Ward, Erick Ortega, Brooke Lumbus, Milk Surface, Cisco Ragsdale and Bradley Lakritz.

The city of Citrus Heights recently launched an Arts & Culture Resource Hub – a centralized space to discover art-related events, funding opportunities and community-driven initiatives on its primary public webpage.

The official Citrus Heights Arts District spans Auburn Boulevard from the Sylvan Community Center (Community Drive) to the northern city limits. This corridor already includes established arts-related uses, holds historical significance, and has become a growing hub for public art, including several mural installations completed in recent months.

A virtual walking tour of more than 11 murals which have been completed so far along Auburn Boulevard from Sylvan Corners at the corner of Sylvan Road and Auburn Boulevard, heading north, with a featured biography sketch of each of the artists who created them are also featured on the Citrus Heights Arts webpage.

The city hopes this official designation of the Citrus Heights Arts District will help activate underutilized spaces for studios, galleries, performances, and public art installations along Auburn Boulevard, while also building deeper partnerships with arts organizations, schools, and local businesses, officials said.

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For more information about the city’s Arts & Culture Resource Hub, visit: <https://www.citrusheights.net/1450/Culture-and-Arts>

The public is also invited to follow Citrus Heights Arts at <https://citrusheightsarts.org> or @CitrusHeightsarts on social media. ★

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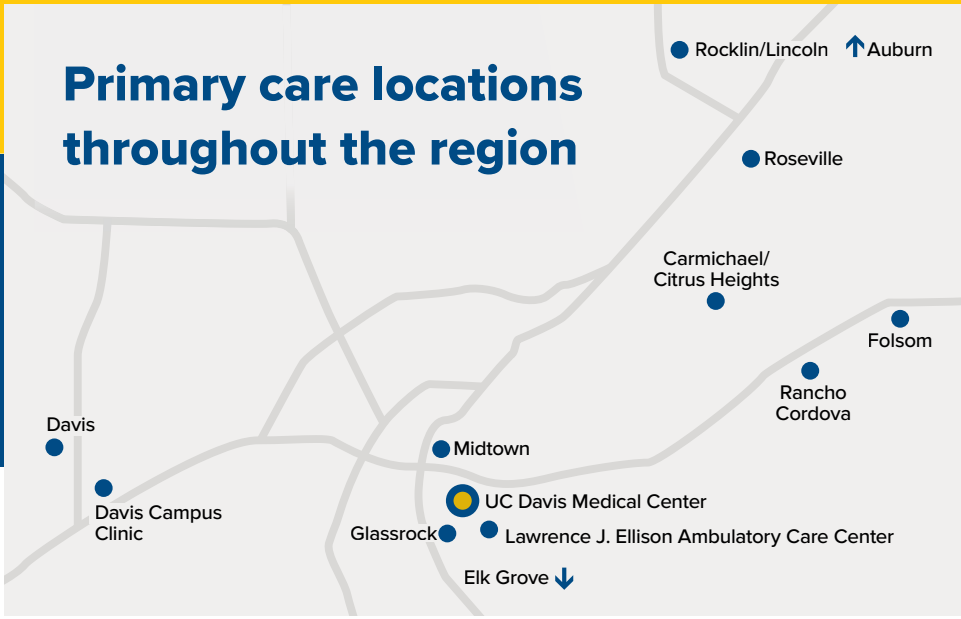
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Goodyear Auto Service Center at Sunrise Mall Closes

Story and photos
by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Goodyear Auto Service store at the corner of Greenback Lane and Arcadia Drive, in business for over 20 years in Sunrise Mall closed to customers on Tuesday, June 30.

The sudden closure, a decision made by its corporate parent, Goodyear Tire and Auto, according to local store management who wished not to be identified, is allegedly connected to the service center being unexpectedly cut off from the main electrical service grid line which was provided from multiple transformers located in the former Macy's store.

Approximately seven store employees, including front counter service representatives and auto service mechanics, were given a week's notice of the store's pending closure.



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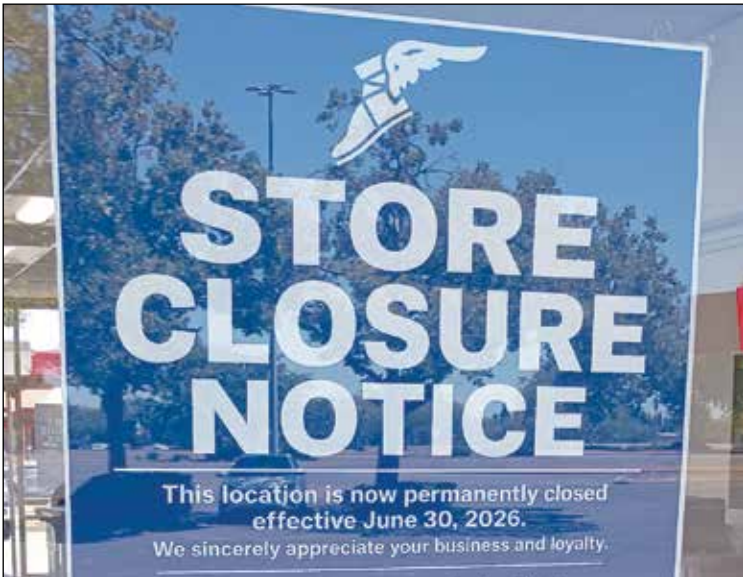
Marisa Brown, city communications officer for the city of Citrus Heights, responding on behalf of the CHPD said no such incident was reported to CHPD during the months of April, May or June involving significant copper theft or vandalism of the power transmission line at the former Goodyear Auto Service store at Sunrise Mall.

By Friday, July 3, the blue Goodyear brand lettering and all signage had been fully stripped from the store exterior walls.

Remaining store personnel were seen filling a commercial dumpster with surplus equipment for disposition. Window signage also thanked customers for their loyalty and support and referred them to stores in Rocklin and Shingle Springs for their future service needs.

The history of Citrus Heights Goodyear Auto Service Center store in Citrus Heights traces back to the original Weinstock's Department Store which opened in Sunrise Mall in 1972.

Weinstock's operated its own auto service center in the very



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same location at the intersection of Greenback Lane and Arcadia Drive until its closure in 1995.

Goodyear Auto Service then re-opened the store as a corporate location and continued to operate its Citrus Heights location while under lease, all while continuing to be serviced by the main electrical grid from the former Macy's.

Stores, and the Weinstock's retail brand name was then formally retired.

The original R.H. Macy & Co. was also then acquired by Federated in the early 2000s. Federated rebranded hundreds of regional stores across the nation, including the former Weinstock's at Sunrise Mall under its iconic Macy's nameplate.

The ongoing purchase of Sunrise Mall from Namdar Realty Group of Long Island, N.Y., by Tallen Capital Partners of Mill Valley is expected to be finalized in 2027, according to CEO Terry Tallen in a recent interview.

His firm is currently in escrow to purchase about 50 acres of Sunrise Mall, which is owned by the Namdar Realty Group, with plans to then sell about 14 acres to the Mettle Shop for construction of the Sunrise Sports Complex which will be built facing Greenback Lane.

Namdar currently owns the 25-acre parcel where much of the core Sunrise Mall building now stands and two 12-acre parcels home to the former Goodyear Auto Service center, and the buildings which formerly housed Macy's Men's and Macy's Women's.

Once the sale is complete, Tallen Capital Partners, LLC will assume the role of majority owner and developer for its Sunrise Mall project.

Tallen Capital Partners, LLC is also partnering with the Mettle Shop to build a state-of-the-art, 160,000-square-foot sports facility on an 11-acre anchor site where the former Goodyear Auto Service store now stands.

At its core is a 4,000-seat multi-use arena designed to host sporting events, concerts and more.

Customers who have purchased new Goodyear tires under warranty may visit other corporate Goodyear auto service locations which are still open in the communities of Rocklin and Shingle Springs for their service needs, store management said. ★

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Local Museums Offer Ways to Enrich the Lazy Days of Summer with Plenty of Must-See and Must-Do Experiences

Sacramento Area Museums News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Greater Sacramento region is rich with museums and popular destinations that offer plenty of must-see and must-do experiences to explore before summertime makes way for a busy fall season. The community is encouraged to show support for local museums by making plans to visit favorite locations (or discovering new ones).

The California Automobile Museum is revving up summertime evenings by participating in the monthly Third Thursday program happening throughout the Old Sacramento Waterfront. Guests will get an exclusive chance to explore the “Route 66: California Dreamin” exhibit by the light of the neon moon, celebrating the Mother Road through the lens of 100 years of history, plus admissions are half-off. In addition, there will be special activities for kids and adults 21 plus can tap into an exclusive drink selection for sale (with one free drink ticket per entry.) For more details, visit www.calautomuseum.org/thirdthursdays.

Make plans to experience “Reflecting on the Land,” a powerful new exhibit making its debut Aug. 21 at the California Museum. Highlighting the voices, knowledge and visions of California's Indigenous peoples, the exhibit will challenge visitors to reckon with the stories that have shaped our understanding of this land, and those that have been left out. From the landscapes of 250 years ago to hard-won victories like the restoration of the Klamath River, the exhibit traces the living legacy of more than 200 tribes across the state and looks ahead to radical, hopeful visions of what sovereignty and self-determination can look like on this land. Thought-provoking, timely and deeply rooted in community, this is an exhibit for anyone ready to engage with California's past, present and future on its own terms. “Reflecting on the Land”



An incredible “Play Ball! Sacramento in the National Pastime” exhibit is on display now at the Sacramento History Museum and is filled with historical baseball uniforms, bats, balls and gloves from different time periods and more! Photo courtesy of the Sacramento History Museum

was developed by Exhibit Envoy in partnership with California Humanities, and tours through Exhibit Envoy thanks to generous funding from the 11th Hour Project, By the People: Conversations Beyond 250 and the Weingart Foundation. Additional details will be posted Aug. 6 at www.californiamuseum.org/exhibitions/temporary/

The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation is fun for all ages and is a great – and fully air-conditioned – place to see an impressive collection of rail equipment, historic locomotives, compelling exhibits, toy trains and more. Plus, a tried-and-true summertime favorite experience is a weekend excursion train ride pulled by an authentic, historic locomotive – either Granite Rock 10 steam locomotive or a historic diesel engine (motive power subject to change without notice.) The memorable experience offers guests the chance to enjoy train travel from an earlier era. For more details about the Museum Mixer, weekend excursion train rides and visiting the museum, visit www.californiarailroad.museum.

At the Crocker Art Museum the community is encouraged to experience the final Summer Family Friday of the season on Aug. 7 from 10:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. This fun-filled morning includes an art and performance extravaganza geared for kids ages 3-12, and the adults who tag along with them. Activities include hands-on art making, sensory activities and special shows from local musicians and a performing arts group. More details are available at www.crockerart.org/events/4722/summer-family-friday-4722. Plus, iconic rom coms will be screened in the Crocker's outdoor courtyard against the Teel Family Pavilion's iconic architecture on Aug. 20; closing the summer series are “Dirty Dancing” and “Clueless.” For more, visit www.crockerart.org/events/series/movies-off-the-wall.

Get ready to savor a lively night at Fairytale Town during a special, end-of-summer Tales and Ales Brewfest on Aug. 22. Local craft breweries from throughout Sacramento

and Northern California will be in the park pouring unlimited tastes while live musicians perform on the Mother Goose Stage. Plus, children will enjoy complimentary root beer floats and hands-on activities in Mr. McGregor’s Garden. Local food trucks will be on-site with food and beverages available for sale and there will be a raffle with exciting prizes. Tales & Ales is an all-ages fundraiser with proceeds supporting Fairytale Town’s education programs and park improvements. For more information visit www.fairytaletown.org/calendar/tales-ales-brewfest-2/

The SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity offers an opportunity to experience favorite musical artists like never before. The UC Davis Multiverse Theater at MOSAC is thrilled to present a music laser series to the planetarium – including a Bad Bunny Laser Concert on August 7-8. The immersive music experience, paired with spectacular full-dome lasers, is the best way to listen to favorite artists outside of a live performance. With

a robust library of classic rock, pop music and family-friendly favorites playing over our 25,000-watt Dolby 5.1 surround sound system, the laser shows provide a whole new music experience. Make plans to visit and explore the full schedule of events at www.visitmosac.org.

Always free and open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Museum of Medical History is also open on Second Saturdays (for the same time hours), monthly through September. Guests will journey through time and learn about medical treatment during California's Gold Rush, the flu pandemic of 1918, Prohibition-era medicine, Polio and its groundbreaking vaccine, modern advances in cardiology, radiology, surgery and so much more. Reservations are not required, and physician docents will be onsite giving tours and interpretation of the hundreds of artifacts in the Museum's collection. For more information visit www.museumofmedicalhistory.org.

Baseball and summertime go hand-in-glove especially at the Sacramento History Museum. An incredible “Play Ball! Sacramento in the National Pastime” exhibit is on display now and filled with historical baseball uniforms, bats, balls and gloves from different time periods, along with programs, tickets, awards and trophies, an Edmonds field base, home plate and ticket box, along with scrapbooks, news articles, photos and more. “Play Ball!” tells the fascinating and fun story of Sacramento’s 175-year baseball history, stretching from the early days of the Gold Rush to the latest inning at Sutter Health Park just across the Sacramento River. For more details about the exhibit and Baseball Talk activation, visit <https://sachistorymuseum.org/>

For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, like them on Facebook, follow on Instagram @SacMuseums or visit www.SacMuseums.org. ★

EMD and Food Safety Take Center Stage at State Fair



Food safety inspections help reduce the risk of foodborne illness by ensuring vendors follow safe food handling practices. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) is conducting food safety inspections throughout the California State Fair to help ensure the fair's more than 150 food vendors are serving food safely.

From corn dogs and funnel cakes to barbecue, fresh lemonade and specialty desserts, every temporary food facility at the fair must meet the same food safety standards as restaurants operating year-round in Sacramento County.

“Fairgoers should be able to enjoy their favorite foods with confidence,” said Rolando Villareal, Environmental Health Division Chief. “Our inspectors work closely with vendors before and throughout the fair to verify safe food handling practices, proper cooking and holding temperatures and compliance with California's food safety regulations.”

Wondering how Sacramento County keeps food served at the California State Fair safe? Inspectors verify that vendors are keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold, preparing food safely and in compliance with California Retail Food Code,

washing hands properly, using food from approved sources and maintaining safe water supplies and proper wastewater disposal.

Environmental health inspectors conduct routine and unannounced inspections throughout the California State Fair. They also investigate food-related complaints and provide education to vendors to help maintain safe food handling practices.

EMD inspectors work directly with vendors to correct violations. Depending on the severity of the issue, inspectors may require immediate corrective action or temporarily suspend food service

until the violation is resolved to protect public health.

Food safety inspections help reduce the risk of foodborne illness by ensuring vendors follow safe food handling practices. Regular inspections help protect the hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend the California State Fair each year.

The 2026 California State Fair opened July 17 and runs through Aug. 2 at Cal Expo. EMD inspectors will remain on-site throughout the event to help protect public health and ensure food vendors continue meeting California food safety standards. ★

City of Sacramento Police Department News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, July 14, just before 12:30 a.m., Sacramento Police Department officers responded to reports of an assault with a weapon in the 3500 block of 5th Avenue.

Responding officers located an adult male victim with at least one stab wound. Despite lifesaving measures, the victim was pronounced deceased on scene. An adult male suspect was detained on scene.

Due to the circumstances, Homicide Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators responded to take over the investigation. They processed the scene, collected evidence and interviewed witnesses. The circumstances of the incident remain under investigation.

The suspect, 21-year-old Maximus Morgan of Sacramento, was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on homicide related charges.

The Sacramento County Coroner’s Office will

release the identity of the deceased after next-of-kin have been notified.

The Sacramento Police Department encourages any witnesses with information regarding this investigation to contact the dispatch center at 916-808-5471 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at 916-443-HELP (4357).

Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000. Anonymous tips can also be submitted using the free “P3 Tips” smartphone app. ★

Homicide Investigation and Arrest

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

A Stellar Summer League

By V.G. Harris

Well, Kings fans, the 2026 NBA summer league is officially over, and the No. 1 draft choice of the Golden State Warriors, Yaxel Lendeborg, shined as he led the Warriors to the 2026 championship over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Lendeborg was only the second player to ever play in an NCAA championship and an NBA summer league championship in the same year. The other player? None other than Davion Mitchell in 2021.

Still a sore spot with me, trading Davion away for basically nothing will go down as one of the dumbest moves the Sacramento Kings have ever made.

But on to the more positive parts of this year’s summer league.

The Sacramento Kings got what they were hoping for and so did the Kings faithful. Coming out of the gate strong in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena, Sacramento treated their fans to back-to-back victories and showcased their No. 1 draft choice Daius Acuff jr.

Darius did not disappoint, averaging 19 points and 4.6 assists throughout, and although his field goal percentage of 35% was less than desirable, Darius comported himself admirably, and considering the hype and his age, I give Darius a B++ for his summer league effort.

At only 19 years of age, Darius showed up and gave the Sacramento fans plenty to cheer for, and without a doubt Golden One will be filled to the brim with the start of the preseason to see what this young baller can bring to this young team.

Not to be overlooked are three players that stood out and surprised many fans. Drafted late in the first round, Emanuel Sharp showed Kings fans why GM Scott Perry traded down to snatch this young guard who shined in every aspect on both ends of the floor.

Sharp scored 15.7 points per contest, boasting 2.6 steals and three rebounds, while looking more like an NBA veteran than the rookie he is. Look for Sharp to make a significant contribution to the full squad in the upcoming season.

Likewise, newcomer Jonathan Mogbo made a splash as he seemed to be all over the court and gave the Kings a much-needed defensive

effort in the paint. At six-foot-nine and 225 pounds, Mogbo is a great complement to crowd favorite Dylan Cardwell, and suddenly an area of great concern appears to be getting noticeably better.

The Kings are looking balanced for the first time in memory, as their once weak backcourt is showing up and giving fans a real reason for optimism.

One player that every Kings fan should be watching with real excitement is rookie Marquel Sutton who at six-foot-nine and 225 pounds came out of nowhere to literally steal the show. Marquel showed an aptitude for not only rebounding and low post scoring but had no problems hoisting the threes with regularity.

Will Dylan take a big step forward this year and not only help Domantas Sabonis on the boards but add to the scoring column as well?

Dylan has had his troubles scoring down low and hasn’t much of a midrange game, but can he improve in this area and learn to shoot free throws? He needs to, and as much as he represents a crowd favorite, he has the ability to energize the team as well with his tenacious defense and crowd-pleasing enthusiasm.

Fans buy tickets to see players like Cardwell perform, but the name of the game is “getting better.”

The same is true for Keegan Murray who is about to embark on his fifth NBA season, and after a tepid season last year when he was rarely on the court due to injuries, Keegan needs to find his stroke and become the player the Kings have always believed he can be.

Everyone is rooting for Keegan, but 2026-27 becomes a critical time for Keegan to demonstrate why he was a first round draft pick, and another season like the last one will likely end his time in Sacramento.

Have heart Kings fans and get ready to do some significant hand clapping because there is reason to celebrate and we’re just getting started.

What will a healthy Sacramento Kings team look like and can some of the young veterans up their game. That’s why we buy tickets, and although the pundits are already predicting a less than stellar year for Sacramento, I remain the eternal optimist.

All the best! ★

Does Crowning California’s Governor the Education Czar Mean Academic Results Will Improve?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In late June, after only a few minutes of discussion, both houses of the Legislature completely overhauled how California manages the nation’s largest public school system and its nearly 6 million students.

The votes for Assembly Bill 181 — 21-4 in the Senate and 52-4 in the Assembly — reflected a bipartisan consensus, rare for major issues, that the system has been failing California’s children. The votes were based on an implicit, perhaps even desperate, hope that streamlining administration might raise the state’s mediocre levels of academic achievement.

The measure demotes the elected state superintendent of schools from the head of the state Department of Education to a member of the state school board and replaces the superintendent with an “education commissioner” appointed by the governor.

Assemblywoman Darshana Patel, a San Diego Democrat, research scientist and local school board member, cogently expressed that hope during the Assembly’s brief floor debate.

“We can’t keep doing the same thing and expect different outcomes for our students, our schools and our communities. They are the ones who are the real victims of this misalignment of our systems and structures,” she said,

adding, “The proposal before you today would promote a more coherent policy making. The change will allow policy makers and the public to hold the governor accountable for educational outcomes.”

The last sentence of her remarks is the key element. While the governor has always been an important member of California’s complex education leadership structure, the multitude of other participants has made it easy to pass the buck when academic test results and other measures expose academic shortcomings.

Suddenly undoing many decades of managerial status quo, as first proposed in Gov. Gavin Newsom’s state of the state address last January, is a remarkable feat unto itself. Doing so over the opposition of the California Teachers Association elevates it to a minor political miracle.

“The proposal would divert attention away from the real needs of students and schools by introducing a significant governance change that is both unnecessary and counterproductive,” the powerful union wrote in a statement before AB 181’s approval. “This proposal does nothing to improve student outcomes or strengthen public education.”

For decades, the teachers association and other education unions have easily gotten their favored candidates for state superintendent elected. And those chosen officials have faithfully echoed the unions’ position that the key to increasing outcomes is allocating more money.

School funding has increased sharply since the turn of the century, but test scores have not followed suit. Some categories, such as elementary school reading levels, remain embarrassingly low.

The first hint that change was on the table came late last year, when Policy Analysis for California Education, a consortium of education faculty at five major universities, issued a lengthy critique of the current system. The report said California’s complicated mélange of state and local authority “often results in overlapping responsibilities, fragmented authority, and challenges in ensuring streamlined decision-making.”

By design, the consortium’s recommendations closely resembled Newsom’s proposal and the final legislation.

The obvious question is if streamlining education governance and making the governor accountable, at least on paper, for academic outcomes will merely rearrange chairs on a sinking ship, or actually generate more achievement for the \$25,000-plus that the new state budget will be spending on each public school student.

California’s education establishment has been reluctant to change its mantra that more money is needed to boost results and equally reluctant to embrace improvements in instructional techniques, such as using phonics to upgrade elementary reading ability.

The onus will be on Newsom’s successor, most likely Xavier Becerra, to become the new schools sheriff in town.

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

Can my spouse file at 63 and then get half of mine when I later claim?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My spouse is 63 and I am 65. I am planning to take my Social Security benefits at age 70. Can my lower earning spouse take his own benefits now, and then - when I take my full benefits at age 70, can he then file for 50% of mine instead of the lower benefit he is getting because he claimed at age 63?

Signed: Higher Earning Spouse

Dear Higher Earning Spouse: Yes, your lower-earning spouse can take his benefits based on his personal lifetime earnings record at any time (i.e., age 63) and, when you later claim your own SS at 70, your spouse will be evaluated to determine whether he is eligible for a “spousal boost” based on your Social Security record. But to be sure you are clear, if you claim at age 70, your spouse will not get 50% of your age 70 benefit amount.

Spousal benefits are always determined by comparing each partners’

full retirement age (FRA) entitlement and, if your spouse’s FRA entitlement is less than half of your FRA entitlement, your spouse will get a “spousal boost” to bring his monthly SS retirement payment up to what he is entitled to as your spouse. The amount of the “spousal boost” would be the difference between his FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which would be added to his own (age 63) SS retirement amount. And that means that his total benefit amount would be less than half of your age 70 amount (less also than 50% of your FRA amount, because he claimed at age 63).

One caution for your spouse to be aware of: if he is still working and claims at age 63, he will be subject to Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much he can earn before SS takes away some benefits. The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes annually) and if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 of benefits for every \$2 he is over the limit. FYI, Social Security will “take back” by withholding future benefit payments, so he will not get his benefits for some months if he exceeds the annual earnings limit. And if the

annual earnings limit is significantly exceeded, your spouse could even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits (until he either earns less or reaches his full retirement age (the earnings limit goes away when FRA is reached)).

The only way your spouse can avoid both a reduced personal benefit and the annual earnings test limitation is to wait until his own full retirement age to claim Social Security. However, if he’s not working full time and needs the Social Security money sooner, then claiming at age 63 may be a good choice. In any case, he won’t get half of your age 70 amount.

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An early period of World War II was known as “the phony war.” What we may be witnessing now in the U.S.-Iran war is the end of a “phony peace.”

The nearly five-month-long conflict has featured a couple of sham cease-fires, each marked by supposed Iranian pledges to reopen the Strait of Hormuz that came to nothing.

With the Iranians firing on shipping in the Strait again, Trump has declared the so-called memorandum of understanding signed about a month ago to be a dead letter. After lifting sanctions on Iranian oil and ending the U.S. blockade of Iranian ports, Trump has reinstituted both. He maintains that the U.S. will control the strait and, at some point, charge a 20% fee on all shipping for our trouble (a bad idea that Trump appears already to have abandoned).

It was clear a couple of days into the war that the Strait of Hormuz had become the key strategic variable and that President Trump wouldn’t easily be able to walk away from the conflict without reopening the strait again.

The MOU was an illusory means of achieving this goal via diplomacy. The problem is that we thought -- or wanted to believe -- that the agreement said the Iranians would allow unobstruct-

Another Sham Deal with Iran Comes Undone

ed passage again, while the Iranians thought -- or wanted to believe -- that it said they would control the strait. That the MOU was subject to these starkly divergent understandings made it a memorandum of obfuscation.

The Iranians, of course, aren’t operating in good faith, but it is a point in their favor that the MOU didn’t simply say, “There shall be freedom of navigation in the strait.” Instead, it talked of how the Iranians would “make arrangements” for ensuring “the safe passage of commercial vessels, with no charge for 60 days only.” In other words, the Iranians held the whip hand in the strait and could charge a fee for transit after a two-month interval. Furthermore, Iran would conduct dialogue with Oman “to define the future administration and maritime services in the Strait of Hormuz.”

Amazingly enough, then, a war that had started with optimistic talk of toppling the Iranian regime was ending with an agreement allowing the Iranians to figure out how to run a waterway vital to the international economy that they hadn’t controlled at the outset of the conflict.

Is it any wonder that the Iranians, who must have been stunned at the success of their gambit in the strait, have been pressing their luck? It must have emboldened them even more to hear Trump say that he was so eager for the MOU be-

cause the economic costs of Iranian disruption of the strait threatened to make him a new Herbert Hoover.

Effectively turning over the control of the strait to the Iranians -- coupled with the inconclusive U.S. war against the Houthis to try to eliminate their threat to shipping in the Red Sea -- would have been a black mark on the Trump administration’s record regarding a long-standing tenet of American grand strategy.

Freedom of navigation has always been considered essential to U.S. national security and a linchpin of global commerce. Trump is right to want to take back the Strait. The question, though, is whether he will be willing to apply enough force and have the staying power to bring a battle for the strait to a successful conclusion. The domestic politics are difficult, given that the American public is not supportive of the war and has now been repeatedly told that it is about to end with a brilliant diplomatic deal.

While we have an enormous firepower advantage, the Iranians have proven that they can disrupt the Strait with threats and a few projectiles. They aren’t going to give up their strategic windfall easily, as two bogus but highly touted peace deals now demonstrate.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04582
Donna Grady, 10635 Schirra
Avenue Apt 131, Mather, CA
95655 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Next Step Support" 10635

Schirra Avenue Apt 131, Mather,
CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 11,
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NEXT 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04891
Dan Johnson, 3104 O Street
#223, Sacramento, CA 95816
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Flax & Form/Flaxandform.
com" 1750 Auburn Boulevard
Space 34, Sacramento, CA
95815. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 23,
2026
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FLAX 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04734
Associations, Incorporated,
6354-B Tupelo Drive, Citrus
Heights, CA 95621 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "CRI
Insurance Services/California
Restaurant Insurance Services"
6354 Tupelo Drive, Citrus
Heights, CA 95621. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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CRI 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04736
The Executive, Insurance &
Financial Services Inc., 6354
Tupelo Drive, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Executive Commercial
Insurance Services" 6354
Tupelo Drive, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 16,
2026
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EXECUTIVE 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04741
Promira Insurance Services
LLC, 6354-B Tupelo Drive,
Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Promira
Insurance Services/Workcomp.
com Insurance Services" 6354
Tupelo Drive, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 16,
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PROMIRA 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04687
Sharp Horizon LLC, 2108 N
Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA
95816 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Foil and Flourish Playing
Cards" 2108 N Street Suite N,
Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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FOIL 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04779
101 Autos LLC, 7000 Franklin
Boulevard Suite 625-11,
Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "101 Autos"
7000 Franklin Boulevard Suite
625-11, Sacramento, CA 95823.
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AUTOS 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03805
Daon, Inc, 2552 Ribonhood
Lane, Eureka, CA 95501 is doing
business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Granite's Subs and Wings"
5847 Manzanita Avenue Unit
1, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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GRANITES 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04854
Stacy Marie Millendez,
1440 Ethan Way Suite 22,
Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing
business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Island Vibes Barber Spa"
1440 Ethan Way Suite 22,
Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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ISLAND 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04688
Richard T. Slaton, 2550 Ganzan
Way, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Candy Crmzin" 2550 Ganzan
Way, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 15,
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CANDY 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04952
Aleksandr Svirgun, 7421 Amy
Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is
doing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Best Quality
Tile & Stone" 7421 Amy Avenue,
Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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BEST 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04506
Express Services Group, 7971
Caceres Way, Sacramento, CA
95823 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Tow Mile/Mile Bid" 7971
Caceres Way, Sacramento, CA
95823. Filed with the Clerk of
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2026
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TOW 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04681
Zakskom Construction
Company, 780 West Grand

Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"ZCON Builders" 780 West
Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA
94612. Filed with the Clerk of
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ZCON 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04972
Allen Bradley Roth, 914 Oak
Lane, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "The Key
Shop and More" 914 Oak Lane,
Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04946
Brian Augusta and Associates,
Inc., 1107 9th Street Suite 601,
Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "California
Rent Stabilization News" 1107
9th Street Suite 601, Sacramento,
CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 24,
2026
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CALIFORNIA 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04936
Chanel Nicole Anderson, 8554
Flannery Way, Sacramento, CA
95828 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Atlas Lockout/Chanel's Lockout
Services" 8554 Flannery Way,
Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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ATLAS 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04943
KZ Brew & Bite LLC, 9977 Pinot
Gold Place, Elk Grove, CA
95624 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"E Ka Tea" 2100 16th Street,
Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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EKATEA 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05006
Kellie Cavaricci, PO Box 2603,
Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Recovery
Investigations Group/RIG
Legal Support" 4780 Franklin
Boulevard Suite B, Sacramento,
CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 26,
2026
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RECOVERY 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04997
Ilona Kotiai, 7412 Molitor Court,
Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Reform
Cleaning Services" 7412
Molitor Court, Rio Linda, CA
95673. Filed with the Clerk of
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2026
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REFORM 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04143
Creating Paths, LLC, 2108 N
Street Suite C, Sacramento, CA
95816 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Creating Paths Consulting"
2108 N Street #7850,
Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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CREATING 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04969
Copper Bond LLC, 1259 Fulton
Avenue Apt 60, Sacramento, CA
95825 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Copper Bond Construction/
Copper Bond Handyman"
1259 Fulton Avenue Apt 60,
Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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COPPER 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04278
Altariq Abraham, 9424 Vallejo
Drive, Orange, CA 95661 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Apex Node"
9424 Vallejo Drive, Orange, CA
95661. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County May 29,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05015
Savanna Briggs, 1401 21st
Street Suite R, Sacramento,
CA 95811 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Fairy Floss by Vanna
Banana" 1401 21st Street Suite
R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County June 26, 2026
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FAIRY 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05020
3165 LLC, 716 Potomac Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "3165 Coffee/
SOL" 716 Potomac Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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COFFEE 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04790
Polina Akhmetshina, 405 18th
Street Unit 101, Sacramento, CA
95811 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Piano with Polina" 405 18th

Street Unit 101, Sacramento,
CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 17,
2026
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PIANO 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04593
Qasem Sahil, 2705 El Camino
Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"US Furniture" 2705 El Camino
Avenue, Sacramento, CA
95821. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 11,
2026
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US 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04863
John Lee, 1440 Ethan Way
Suite 22B, Sacramento, CA
95825 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Barber Mane" 1440 Ethan Way
Suite 22B, Sacramento, CA
95825. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 22,
2026
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BARBER 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04190
Younus Albakri, 6348 Aslin Way,
Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Waffsicle"
6348 Aslin Way, Carmichael,
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County May 26,
2026
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WAFFSICLE 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05107
Bright Synergy Kids Club,
3308 El Camino Avenue Suite
300/270, Sacramento, CA
95821 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Bright Synergy Learning Club/
Bright Synergy Education
Center/Bright Synergy Learning
Center" 3308 El Camino Avenue
Suite 300/270, Sacramento, CA
95821. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 1, 2026
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BRIGHT 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05092
Rachel Grayem, 8214 Mariposa
Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA
95610 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Willow for Wildflowers
Doula Services" 8214 Mariposa
Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA
95610. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 1, 2026
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WILLOW 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04776
Zitro Real Estate Services, Inc.,
4829 Argyle Lane, Sacramento,
CA 95841 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Zitro Real Estate/
Zitro Real Estate Services" 4829
Argyle Lane, Sacramento, CA
95841. Filed with the Clerk of
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2026
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ZITRO 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05091
Katie Luperini, 8209 Cripple
Oak Court, Citrus Heights,
CA 95610 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Zero Gluten Given"
8209 Cripple Oak Court, Citrus
Heights, CA 95610. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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ZERO 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04983
Linda Cassinelli, 6520 Pine
Crest Circle, Carmichael, CA
95608 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Montecito Commons/
Montelena Apartments" 6520
Pine Crest Circle, Carmichael,
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk
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2026
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MONTECITO 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05133
Sajid Mustafa, 70 Sunstone
Circle, Sacramento, CA 95834
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s) "SJ
Express" 70 Sunstone Circle,
Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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SJ 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05117
Arel Perez, 5716 Tupelo Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "AP Carpet
and Floor Cleaning" 5716
Tupelo Drive, Sacramento, CA
95842. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 2, 2026
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AP 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03054
Joshua Bonvillion, 8225 War
Horse Court, Orangeville, CA
95662 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Customize Clothing/
Customzye Sports" 11707 Fair
Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA
95628. Filed with the Clerk of
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CUSTOMYZE 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03056
Steven Pinoski, 7117 Geowood
Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"SMP Tint Detail" 11707 Fair
Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the

Clerk of Sacramento County
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SMP 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04835
Chic Baby Rose, LLC, 7812
Auburn Woods Drive, Citrus
Heights, CA 95610 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "The
Velveteen Collective" 7812
Auburn Woods Drive, Citrus
Heights, CA 95610. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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VELVETEEN 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04467
Anguiano Law Firm PC (CA), 520
9th Street Suite 200, Sacramento,
CA 95814 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Crash Money Lawyer"
, 520 9th Street Suite 200,
Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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CRASH 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04940
Roman Kolesnikov, 4038
Hillcrest Way, Sacramento, CA
95821 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Snapline Industries" 4038
Hillcrest Way, Sacramento, CA
95821. Filed with the Clerk of
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2026
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SNAPLINE 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04987
GT & TT Corp, 7250 Fair Oaks,
Boulevard Suite G, Carmichael,
CA 95608 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "La Bou Bakery
and Cafe" 7250 Fair Oaks,
Boulevard Suite G, Carmichael,
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 25,
2026
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LA 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04958
Sheree R. Gingell, 8249 Olivine
Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA
95610 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"ATELIER/SHEREE" 8249
Olivine Avenue, Citrus Heights,
CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 24,
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ATELIER 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04788
Robin S Weck, 2074 Gray Eagle
Court, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"R.S. Weck & Associates" 2074
Gray Eagle Court, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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WECK 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04619
Yonder Creative LLC, 12200
Paint Horse Court, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95742 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Red Hare
Studio" 12200 Paint Horse
Court, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742. Filed with the Clerk of
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RED 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05155
Jennie Nguyen, 8456 Cortadera
Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Forever Dirty" 8456 Cortadera
Drive, Orangevale, CA
95662. Filed with the Clerk of
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FOREVER 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05126
Mikhail Ermolaev, 7361
Huntington Square Lane
Apt 170, Citrus Heights, CA
95621 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Sakha Outdoor"
7361 Huntington Square Lane
Apt 170, Citrus Heights, CA
95621. Filed with the Clerk of
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SAKHA 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04695
Maria Elena Garcia Perez, 8118
Prairie Hills Court, Antelope, CA
95843 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Nenas' Cleaning" 8118 Prairie
Hills Court, Antelope, CA
95843. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 15,
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NENAS 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05229
Alina Stewart, 8516 Madison
Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Sherwood Florist & Gift Shoppe"
8516 Madison Avenue, Fair
Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the
Clerk of Sacramento County July
7, 2026
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SHERWOOD 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04628
Magaly Medina Garcia,
3623 Magpie Lane, North
Highlands, CA 95660 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Chulos
Cleaning Service" 3623 Magpie
Lane, North Highlands, CA
95660. Filed with the Clerk of

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CHULOS 8-7-26

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05233
Clothes4Bros LLC, 4440 Florin
Road #B, Sacramento, CA
95823 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Capital Gov Group” 4506
Florin Road, Sacramento, CA
95823. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 7, 2026
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CAPITAL 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05271
Brandy Garrett, 3401 Balmoral
Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s) “Ivy
West Transportation Courier
Service” 3401 Balmoral Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 8, 2026
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IVY 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05150
Automax Enterprises Inc, 312
Riverside Avenue Suite B,
Roseville, CA 95678 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Automax”
301 El Camino Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95813. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 6, 2026
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AUTOMAX 8-7-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05370
Paul V. Muzichko, 7909 Walerga
Road, Suite 112-1278, Antelope,
CA 95843 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Bay and Valley” 7909
Walerga Road, Suite 112-1278,
Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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BAY 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05376
Radiant Vitality Wellness
Management LLC, 7866
Mariposa Avenue Unit A, Citrus
Heights, CA 95610 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Radiant
Vitality IV Hydration & Aesthetics”
7866 Mariposa Avenue Unit A,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 10, 2026
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RADIANT 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05048
Tegan West, 131 S. Sycamore
Avenue, Los Angeles, CA
90036 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Rose Glen Apartments” 10401
Rockingham Drive, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with
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ROSE 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05050
Harvey Rudman, PO Box 725,
Lafayette, CA 94549 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Natoma
Arms Apartments” 101 Natoma
Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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NATOMA 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05051
Harvey Rudman, PO Box 725,
Lafayette, CA 94549 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Del Norte
Park Apartments” 4314
Robertson Avenue, Sacramento,
CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 30,
2026
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DEL 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05052
Tegan West, 131 S. Sycamore
Avenue, Los Angeles, CA
90036 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Markston Apartments” 1740
Markston Road, Sacramento,
CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 30,
2026
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MARKSTON 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05095
Joshua James Knoblock, 12801
Fair Oaks Boulevard #384,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “LJC Home
Inspections” 12801 Fair Oaks
Boulevard #384, Citrus Heights,
CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 1, 2026
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LJC 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05363
Aaron Schroeder, 9075
Windsock Avenue, Fair Oaks,
CA 95628 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Schroeder Grind
Fitness” 9075 Windsock Avenue,
Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
July 10, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
SCHROEDER 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05119
Oleksandr Dudash, 5925
Rampart Drive Apt 22,
Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Blackline
PDR” 5925 Rampart Drive Apt
22, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 2, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
BLACKLINE 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05358
Risk Services of Louisiana,
Inc., PO Box 130, Cedar City,
UT 84721 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Risk Services - Leavitt
Insurance Agencies” 333 Texas
Street Suite 1000, Shreveport,
LA 71101. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 9, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
RISK 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05197
CIA-Leavitt Insurance Agency,
Inc., PO Box 130, Cedar City, UT
84721 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Justin Burns Insurance Agency”
100 Premium Way, Alamosa,
CO 81101. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 7, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
JUSTIN 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04753
Ms. G Enterprises, LLC, 3724
Pullman Drive, Sacramento, CA
95827 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Ms. G Bookkeeping Services/
Mf. Jazzie G’s Custom Merch &
Gift Ideas” 3724 Pullman Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County June 16, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
MS 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04428
Jacob Caton, 4940 Southwest
Parkway, Sacramento, CA
95823 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Next Level Pro Wrestling” 1335
DixieAnn Avenue, Sacramento,
CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 5,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
NEXT 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04797
Amiya Salazar, 87 Scripps Drive
Suite 310, Sacramento, CA
95825 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Glo With Amiya” 87 Scripps
Drive Suite 310, Sacramento,
CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 17,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
GLO 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05283
Anthony Launey, 4250 Vista
De Lago Way, Fair Oaks, CA
95628 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“NationalEdOnline” 4250 Vista
De Lago Way, Fair Oaks, CA
95628. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 8, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
NATIONAL 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05036
Kennie Williams Jr. and Radora
Williams, 8667 Falmouth Way,
Sacramento, CA 95823 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Cali Made
Lemonade” 8667 Falmouth Way,
Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County June 29, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
CALI 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05291
Danielle Baute, 4321 Paradise
Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Paradise Treats” 4321
Paradise Drive, Carmichael, CA
95608. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 8, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
PARADISE 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05200
Mykayla Macias, 6337 Nachez
Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Legally Macias” 6337 Nachez
Court, Citrus Heights, CA
95621. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 7, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
LEGALLY 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05369
Pavel Kostitsyn, 4044 Central
Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“PK Car Key Service” 4044
Central Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA
95628. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 10,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
PK 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05297
The Scotts Company LLC,
14111 Scottslawn Road,
Maryville, OH 43041 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Scotts
Miracle-Gro Products/The Ortho
Group/The Scotts Company/
Tomcat Brands” 14111
Scottslawn Road, Maryville, OH
43041. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 8, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
SCOTTS 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04535
Douglas S Rossmann, 2204
Cold Stream Court, Gold River,
CA 95670 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Patco Products” 2204
Cold Stream Court, Gold River,
CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 10,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
PATCO 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04261
Maryam Khatamimoghaddam,
1757 Toby Drive, El Dorado Hills,

CA 95762 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Permanent Make
Up By Mary K” 1012 E Bidwell
Street Suite 400, Folsom, CA
95630. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County May 29,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
PERMANENT 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05193
Natasha Elloway-Negrete,
4461 Duckhawk Circle, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95742 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Faith &
Fun Kids Co.” 4461 Duckhawk
Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 7, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
FAITH 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05384
Benjamin P. Chavez, 7234
Oconee Court, Citrus Heights,
CA 95610 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Ultra Concrete
Services” 7234 Oconee Court,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 10, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
ULTRA 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05186
EDX Markets LLC, 200 W
Madison Suite 1450, Chicago,
IL 60606 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “EDX Markets” 200 W
Madison Suite 1450, Chicago,
IL 60606. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 7, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
EDX 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05466
Ryan Hodek and Galyñ Ostoya,
1401 21st Street #16947,
Sacramento, CA 95811 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Cypress
West Group” 1401 21st Street
#16947, Sacramento, CA
95811. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 15,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
CYPRESS 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04864
Cheyenniss Doom, 5905
Camray Circle, Carmichael,
CA 95608 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “CultureROOTS” 5905
Camray Circle, Carmichael, CA
95608. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County June 22,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
CULTURE 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05209
Janine M. Heikens, 2324
Meadowbrook Road,
Sacramento, CA 95825 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Sierra Doula
Academy” 2324 Meadowbrook
Road, Sacramento, CA
95825. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 7, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
SIERRA 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05181
Bridget Deterding, 8525
Phoenix Avenue, Fair Oaks,
CA 95628 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Lilybridge Doula” 8525
Phoenix Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA
95628. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 7, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
LILYBRIDGE 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04257
Express Pro Cleaning Services
LLC, 205 Sumatra Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95838 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Express Mini
Blind & Window Cleaning” 205
Sumatra Drive, Sacramento,
CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County May 29,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
EXPRESS 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05111
Dmytro Vasylenko, 7585
Diamond Ranch Drive #1222,
Sacramento, CA 95829 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Clean - N
- Out” 7585 Diamond Ranch
Drive #1222, Sacramento, CA
95829. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 1, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
CLEAN 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05507
Yevgeniya Zaplatkina, 10972
Hirschfeld Way, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “You Chill
We Clean” 10972 Hirschfeld
Way, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 16,
2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
YOU 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04756
New Siberia LLC, 10972
Hirschfeld Way, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Garden
& Farm Machinery Repair”
10972 Hirschfeld Way, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
June 16, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
GARDEN 8-14-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05525
States Recovery Systems, Inc.,
10933 Trade Center Drive Suite

108, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“SRS, Inc./SRSI” 10933 Trade
Center Drive Suite 108, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
July 17, 2026
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
SRS 8-14-26

STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2021-05274
The following person(s) has/
have abandoned the use of the
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
of: uscoot.com, 19387 US
Highway 19 North, Clearwater,
FL 33764.
DME Supply USA, LLC,
19387 US Highway 19 North,
Clearwater, FL 33764.
The Fictitious Business Name
Statement was filed on June
3, 2021 in the County of
Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of
Sacramento County: June 3,
2021.
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
USCOOT 7-24-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2025-09323
The following person(s) has/
have abandoned the use of the
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
of: Trinity Motors LLC, DBA GGI
Investment, 6805 Luther Drive,
Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95823.
Trinity Motors LLC, 6805 Luther
Drive Suite E, Sacramento, CA
95823.
The Fictitious Business
Name Statement was filed
on December 26, 2025 in the
County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento
County: July 13, 2026.
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
TRINITY 8-14-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV014458
Jesenia Montenegro has filed a
petition with this court for a
decree changing the name(s)
of Jaden Prince Washington to
Jaden Prince Montenegro.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on January 14, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
16D, located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 15, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
MONTENEGRO 7-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV015040
Corbey Shawn West has filed a
petition with this court for a de-
cree changing the name(s)
of Corbey Shawn West to Corben
Shawn West.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on February 3, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
8C, located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 24, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
WEST 7-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV014997
Claire Bizzell Abbott has filed a
petition with this court for a de-
cree changing the name(s)
of Claire Bizzell Abbott to Claire
Abbott Smith.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on February 1, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
8D, located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 23, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
ABBOTT 7-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV001238
Rashawn James Lawson has
filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing the name(s)
of Rashawn James Lawson to
Rashawn James Jones.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on August 4, 2026, at 9:00
a.m. in Department 54, located at
813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA
95814, and show cause, if any,
why the petition for Change of
Name should not be granted.
Dated: January 21, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
LAWSON 7-31-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV015103
Yurii Kulakevych has filed a pe-
tition with this court for a decree
changing the name(s) of Dzhein
Kulakevych to Jane Kulakevych.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on January 26, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
16D located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 25, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
KULAKEVYCH 7-31-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV015013
Shayna Mykelle Brandon aka
Shaynamykelle Reese has filed
a petition with this court for a
decree changing the name(s)
of Shayna Mykelle Brandon
aka Shaynamykelle Reese to
Mykelle Toni Amira Slaughter.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on August 17, 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: June 29, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
REESE 7-31-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV015332
Sarah Mueller has filed a pe-
tition with this court for a decree
changing the name(s) of Maya
Bethany Loew to Maya Bethany
Mueller.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on February 2, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
16D located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 29, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
MUELLER 7-31-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV015425
Jennifer Penelope Infantino has
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing the name(s)
of Jennifer Penelope Infantino to
Jennifer Penelope Inverso.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on February 3, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
8D located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 30, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
INFANTINO 7-31-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV015033
Eva Refugio Burgoin aka Eva
Refugio Fuentes-Aguirre has
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing the name(s)
of Eva Refugio Burgoin aka Eva
Refugio Fuentes-Aguirre to Eva
Refugio Fuentes Aguirre.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on August 12, 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: July 2, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
AGUIRRE 7-31-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV015368
Jabina Fnu has filed a petition
with this court for a decree
changing the name(s) of Jabina
Fnu to Jabina Noori and Jeda
Fnu to Jeda Noori.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on February 25, 2027,
at 9:00 a.m. in Department
16C, located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 29, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026
FNU 8-7-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV016034
Marissa Tamar Bennett has
filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing the name(s)
of Marissa Tamar Bennett to
Marissa Rose King and Maveric
Azariah Lawrence King-Smith to
Maveric Azariah King.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on February 22, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
8C, located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: July 6, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026
BENNETT 8-7-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV017152
Allison Darcy Martinez has filed
a petition with this court for a
decree changing the name(s)
of Allison Darcy Martinez to Allison
Darcy Hannaford.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on March 25, 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: July 16, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
MARTINEZ 8-14-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV014695
Inna, Sergeevna, Vinokurov has
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing the name(s)
of Inna, Sergeevna, Vinokurov to
Inna Vino.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this
court on January 20, 2027,
at 1:30 p.m. in Department
8D, located at 500 G Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814, and
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for Change of Name should
not be granted.
Dated: June 17, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026
VINOKUROV 8-14-26

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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: Anthony L Graupensperger, 1300 Lincoln Way, Suite A, Auburn, CA 95603; 530-888-0511
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 2026
WATSON 7-17-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KENNETH W. CAMARA CASE NO. 26PR001946
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Kenneth W. Camara.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Daniel R. Camara, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Daniel R. Camara be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

tative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows August 20, 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: Adam S. Shiells, 3400 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 220, Roseville, CA 95661; 916-917-5914
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOSE EDUARDO RIVAS CASE NO. 26PR001984
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Jose Eduardo Rivas.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Javier Arzate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Javier Arzate 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.

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CITATION TO APPEAR
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF [SACRAMENTO]
In the Matter of the Petition of No. [25AD00162] (STEPHEN BARRAMEDA,) on Behalf of CITATION TO APPEAR [KYRHON MILTON RICH], a minor)) The People of the State of California To [MILTON DION RICH JR.]: By order of this court you are hereby cited to appear before the judge presiding in Department [Department No. 24] [The county clerk may not be able to give in advance the Department Number of the hearing. In this case, ask for the Department No. of the Presiding Judge of the Superior] Court and use it, adding "or as assigned" of this court on 09/29/2026, Department 124 at 1:30 PM, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why the petition of [STEPHEN BARRAMEDA] for the adoption of [KYRHON MILTON RICH], your minor child, should not be granted.

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Council Approves Updated Salary Schedules and MOUs

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million in ending reserves.

Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff said it was a long negotiation, and she appreciated staff's dedication to ensuring fiscal prudence while maintaining vital services.

Councilmember Tim Schaefer said Citrus Heights runs efficiently because they have a "small and mighty" staff, which he wants to retain. But he cautioned that the ever-increasing salary costs could eventually put the city into an unsustainable financial position.

During public comment, two residents said they disagreed with reducing the number of police officers and don't want to see funding taken away from the police department.

City Manager Feeney clarified that no officers were laid off during this process; the city is simply removing some

vacant positions from the budget. "We actually are increasing the police department budget," Feeney said the goal is to ensure that the most vital services are fully funded while also ensuring the city avoids a structural deficit: "If you wait to solve the problem later, that problem's much deeper and much harder to solve," eventually leading to loss of employees and cuts to core services.

Feeney said this agreement and the associated adjustments ensure operational efficiency and the maintenance of core services.

The council voted unanimously to approve the recommended MOUs and salary adjustments.

Due to the summer recess, the July 22 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting of the Citrus Heights City Council is scheduled for Aug. 12. ★

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Making the Gut Punch of Inflation Personalized Just for You

By Josh Cook

Californians have suffered through a troubling period of rising consumer costs, commonly referred to as inflation. Over the past three years—June 2023 to June 2026—consumer prices have risen about 9.5% cumulatively.

If you are eager to blame bad government monetary policies, you might want to check in on the latest exploits of AI and big Tech companies. The pricing technology and market power of large retailers increasingly out-match shoppers. Two recent developments show how these tools can drive up the cost of everyday goods.

Maryland is set to become the first state to ban dynamic pricing in grocery stores. The Protection from Predatory Pricing Act, championed by Governor Wes Moore, targets the practice of adjusting prices in real time based on demand, time of day, or personal data gathered through loyalty apps and electronic shelf labels. Once signed, the law will require prices to stay fixed for at least one business day.

Questions remain, however, about loopholes and enforcement.

In California, the Attorney General's office has released unredacted evidence in the

state's 2022 antitrust suit against Amazon. California alleges the company illegally fixed prices by pressuring vendors and major competitors—including Target, Walmart, Chewy, Best Buy, and Home Depot—to raise prices or pull discounted products from rival platforms, protecting Amazon's margins at consumers' expense.

The report called the conduct "strong-arm tactics" that stifle fair pricing amid broader affordability struggles. A preliminary injunction hearing is set for July, with trial scheduled for January 2027.

Together, these cases point to a troubling pattern: new technology and market dominance allow retailers to manipulate prices quietly, and consumers foot the bill. Two people look at the same thing but get two different prices.

Assemblymember Chris Ward (D-San Diego) introduced AB 2564 on February 20, 2026, targeting "surveillance pricing" — the use of consumers' personal data (age, gender, location, browsing history, etc.) to charge individualized prices. Ward's efforts and Maryland's ban and California's lawsuit are real progress. Still, they underscore how much sustained consumer protection oversight it will take to keep "new" innovations working for the public rather than against it. ★

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**Story and photo
by Thomas J. Sullivan**

The first mural facing Stock Ranch Road features a purple-framed large yellow sunflower silhouetted against a blue sky surrounded by several hovering rainbow-colored butterflies. When complete,



Miyashiro said it's the

Membership board elections are also coming up soon. Miyashiro said he's optimistic a new cycle of leadership will step forward and continue to improve the "community" within the garden he has come

A ripe Tomato (member, \$45 per garden year) has full access to the garden, is eligible to attend educational seminars and can participate in and harvest from all common areas.

Visit sylvanranchgarden.org to learn more about the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden and how to apply for membership. The public is also invited to follow the community garden on social media at [facebook.com/SylvanRanchCG](https://www.facebook.com/SylvanRanchCG).★

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