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Highlands Stadium Gets a Refresh



Twin Rivers Unified trustees (left) pose with Superintendent Dr. Tu Moua Carroz, Board President Christine Jefferson and Natalya Sachuk representing Assemblyman Josh Hoover. Photo courtesy of Twin Rivers Unified School District

By Abbey Wicks

NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA (MPG) - Highlands High School is the latest campus in Twin Rivers Unified School District to complete improvements to its football stadium.

The football team, cheerleaders and members of the student body filled the home section on the morning of Aug. 27 as district leaders took time to recognize the accomplishment and thank everyone involved.

The improvements were funded by Fund 40, the district's capital outlay fund, which is a special reserve fund for major facility improvements. Upgrades to Highlands' stadium include new athletic turf, press box improvements and video scoreboard, and updated signage.

The Aug. 27 ribbon-cutting ceremony was opened with a presentation of colors by the Highlands JROTC and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Highlands High School ASB President Alfredo Martinez.

District leaders including Chief Business Official Ryan DiGiulio, Board President Christine Jefferson, Board Member Sharon Reichelt, Superintendent Dr. Tu Moua Carroz and Principal Darryl Hawthorne each made remarks to recognize the milestone.

Dr. Carroz, who began her role as superintendent in July, took attendees



The Highlands High School football and cheer teams celebrated the stadium improvements alongside district staff. Photo by Abbey Wicks

on a trip down memory lane, recognizing trailblazers in Highland High School's history. Several alumni have gone on to compete in the Olympics, including Brian Lewis, Class of 1993, who took home gold in the 4x100-meter relay at the 2000 Games. Other alumni have completed in the Major Leagues and played for sports teams overseas.

Highlands High School also holds two gold NFL footballs representing alum who won Super Bowl champions, Scott Galbraith of the Dallas Cowboys and Chris Olden of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"Every one of those names was once a student walking onto this field

for the very first time," Dr. Carroz said. "We don't know yet whom the next name will be, who will make history for the Highland Scots, but we know they are coming, and what is what we are really celebrating today."

Area 2 Trustee Reichelt emphasized the importance of students feeling pride in their school.

"I know how important it is for students to feel connected to their school," said Reichelt, a former educator in the district. "They need opportunities to discover their strengths, build confidence and work together...that's what spaces like this can provide."

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New Liquor License Authorizations for Sacramento Region

Alcoholic Beverage Control News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Paul Tupy, director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), announced authorization for the issuance of new on-sale general and off-sale general licenses and authorization for the intercounty transfer of on-sale general and off-sale general licenses for the following counties in the Sacramento region: El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo.

From Sept. 14 through Sept. 25, applications for new original on-sale general and off-sale general licenses will be accepted at local ABC offices. During the same period, priority applications will be accepted for the intercounty transfer of on-sale general and off-sale general licenses, as authorized.

Only one priority application will be accepted from any one applicant per county for each type of license. A fee of \$19,840 is to be paid when filing an application for a new original general license and a fee of \$7,515 is to be paid when filing a priority application for the intercounty transfer of a general license.

If the number of applicants within a county for a particular type of license/transaction is equal to or less than the number of licenses available, all applicants will be notified that they have 90 days to complete a formal application for their specific premises.

If the department receives more applications than there are licenses available, a virtual drawing will be held. To participate in such a drawing, an applicant must have been a resident of California for at least 90 days prior to the date of the scheduled drawing. Successful drawing participants will be notified that they have 90 days to complete a formal application for their specific premises.

Applicants are encouraged to file their applications early in the filing period to avoid a lengthy wait.

In the coming weeks, additional information and instructions regarding applications for original and intercounty transfer of general licenses will be made available on ABC's website. ★

Nonprofit Community Celebrates America's 250th

The Capitol's Rose Garden Claimed Site for 150,000 Pounds of Food Distributed to Nonprofits

By Ryley Metten

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - What better way to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America than to give back to the many communities in our country?

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, an America250 truck parked at the State Capitol Park World Peace Rose Garden on 15th Street and delivered 40,000 pounds of food to local nonprofits. The morning drop-off kicked off a larger Sacramento County distribution of over 150,000

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Nonprofit organization, Asian Resources Inc. pose with the packaged foods outside the JustServe booth. Photo courtesy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints

From Tragedy to Tradition

Sac-Town Rodeo Supports a Sacramento Legacy

AMPLIFY 360 News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - When the Sac-Town Rodeo returns to Cal Expo on Sept. 12 and 13, it will bring two days of bull riding, bronc riding, Western tradition and family entertainment to Sacramento.

But beyond the arena action, the event carries a deeper purpose: supporting the Firefighters Burn Institute, an organization born from one of the darkest tragedies in Sacramento's history and one that continues to serve burn survivors, families and injured firefighters across the region.

For many Sacramento residents, the Firefighters Burn Institute is a familiar name. Its origins, however, trace back more than five decades to a devastating day in 1972.

That year, a jet attempting to take off from Sacramento Executive Airport crashed into a crowded Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor. Twenty-three people were killed, and many others suffered serious burn injuries. Among those who died were Sacramento firefighter Gene LaVine and eight members of his family.

The scale of the tragedy exposed a critical gap in the region's medical resources. At the time, Sacramento had limited access to specialized burn treatment, leaving patients and families facing a difficult and uncertain path to recovery.

Sacramento Fire Department Captain Cliff Haskell believed the community could not allow that need to go unanswered. Through his fundraising and advocacy, the Firefighters Burn Institute was established in 1973. The organization later worked with UC Davis Medical Center to help establish a regional burn



The Sept. 12-13 event at Cal Expo will bring together first responders, local businesses, rodeo fans and families from across the region for a high-energy competition and a celebration of Western culture. Photo courtesy of Sac-Town Rodeo

center, providing specialized care closer to home for burn survivors throughout Sacramento and Northern California.

More than 50 years later, the Institute's mission has expanded well beyond its founding goal.

Today, the Firefighters Burn Institute supports burn survivors and their families through recovery programs, peer support, community reintegration and camps for young burn survivors. It also provides assistance to injured firefighters and their families while advancing burn prevention, public education and

awareness throughout the region.

The work is personal for many of the firefighters, survivors and families connected to the organization. It is a mission rooted in a community's response to loss, and sustained by a belief that people recovering from burn injuries should not have to navigate that journey alone.

That is where the Sac-Town Rodeo comes in.

The Sept. 12-13 event at Cal Expo will bring together first responders, local businesses, rodeo fans and families from across the region. While

spectators can expect high-energy competition and a celebration of Western culture, the rodeo also gives the Sacramento community a chance to rally around an organization whose impact reaches far beyond the event grounds.

Proceeds from the Sac-Town Rodeo will benefit the Firefighters Burn Institute and help sustain programs serving children, adults, families and firefighters affected by burn injuries.

For Sacramento, the rodeo represents more than an annual

community gathering. It is also a reminder of how a tragedy that devastated the city more than half a century ago led to lasting action, from improved specialized burn care to decades of support for survivors and their families.

As the Sac-Town Rodeo returns next month, it offers a timely opportunity to honor that history, celebrate the resilience of burn survivors and recognize the firefighters and community members who have carried the Firefighters Burn Institute's mission forward for generations. ★

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Keeping Greater Sacramento Area Restaurants Cooking

22 Local Restaurants Receive Resilience Grants Funded by PG&E

PG&E News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Twenty-two restaurants and food businesses across five counties in the Greater Sacramento Area are receiving grants through the California Restaurant Foundation's Restaurants Care Resilience Fund, supported by funding from The PG&E Corporation Foundation.

The \$5,000 grants will help local restaurant owners invest in new equipment and technology, support employee training and retention efforts and address unexpected business challenges.

The funding is part of a larger program that awarded grants to 239 restaurants and commercial caterers across 30 counties in Northern and Central California this year.

Local restaurants play a vital role in the region's economy and culture, creating jobs, supporting Valley agriculture and serving as gathering places for families and communities.

“Local restaurants are vital to our communities,” said Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs, PG&E Corporation, and Chair of the Board, The PG&E Corporation Foundation, Carla Peterman. “They serve as economic engines, gathering hubs and cultural anchors. They support local and regional farms and other food producers and small businesses. They have a tremendous economic multiplier effect that



brings many benefits to our hometowns. We're thrilled to continue to support these cornerstones of the communities we serve.”

The PG&E Corporation Foundation funded the grants and provided support for the California Restaurant Foundation to administer the program through its Restaurants Care Resilience Fund.

This year marks a record for the partnership, with \$1.4 million distributed to 239 restaurants and commercial caterers throughout PG&E's service area. Since the program began in 2021, PG&E and The PG&E Corporation Foundation have provided \$5.7 million in funding, helping more than 1,100 restaurants and catering businesses strengthen their operations and remain resilient.

Grant recipients are independently owned California restaurants with fewer than five locations and less than \$3 million in annual revenue. More than 70% of this year's recipients said they plan to use the funding to upgrade kitchen equipment, while others will invest in technology improvements and workforce development.

“We are incredibly grateful to The PG&E

Corporation Foundation for their continued generosity and commitment to California's independent restaurant community,” said President of the California Restaurant Foundation, Alycia Harshfield. “Their contributions to the Restaurants Care Resilience Fund make a meaningful difference, providing restaurant owners with the financial support they need to make critical investments in their business, strengthen their teams and navigate unexpected challenges.”

Funding for the grants comes from PG&E shareholders, not customers.

The Greater Sacramento Area 22 grant recipients include businesses in El Dorado County, Nevada County, Placer County, Sacramento County and Yolo County.

PG&E offers a range of programs designed to help small and medium-sized businesses reduce energy costs and improve efficiency, including 0% interest on-bill financing for qualifying energy-efficiency upgrades, rebates for food service equipment, energy-efficiency programs tailored to business needs, budget billing to help manage seasonal energy costs and economic development rates for eligible businesses

For more information on support available for small and medium-sized businesses, visit PG&E's Small Business Resource Center.

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Nonprofit Community Celebrates America’s 250th

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pounds of food.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints has collaborated with America250 to deliver 250 truckloads of food to cities in all 50 states. As a result of this compassionate effort, communities all around California will receive about 100 food trucks.

Robin Cook, a western states spokeswoman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints spoke about the compassionate effort of this campaign.

“This is our way of celebrating America. By working together with people who are not always like us. America is great because we have always been a country that comes together when we confront difficulties. We could have just dropped the food off at a warehouse of a big food bank; instead, we decided to try a little harder and connect with our fellow Americans in joint service,” Cook said.

Parked on 15th Street, the America250 semitruck unloaded commodities such as rice, peanut butter, potatoes, flour, sugar, pudding, carrots, onions, pasta, tomato sauce and other staples. 27 local non-profit organizations and religious organizations then picked up the food following a speech which praised the efforts of the campaign and volunteers.

In the speech’s welcoming remarks, Mayor Kevin McCarty addressed the American people and thanked the organizers of the event for bringing food to families in need.

“As we celebrate 250 years of this amazing country, the United States of America, at 175 years of statehood, I wanted to thank the organizers and JustServe and the America250 Coalition for thinking about Sacramento. For thinking about our city, our Capital City. So, we appreciate the effort to help families in need here, and we reflect on how we’re all one community here in



Parked on 15th Street, an America250 semitruck unloaded commodities such as rice, peanut butter, potatoes, flour, sugar, pudding, carrots, onions, pasta, tomato sauce and other staples. Photo by Ryley Metten



Congressman Kevin Kiley expressed how not only is this campaign impressive on a national scale, but it also serves as an ode to hope and reminder that we are stronger when we come together. Photo by Ryley Metten

this Capital City of Sacramento,” said McCarty.

Director of Operations at the Sunrise Christian Food Ministry, April Jacek explained that this is one of the many contributions that her organization volunteers for to give back to the community.

“We were also in The Giving Machine at the Roseville Galleria. It is a beautiful ongoing relationship that we have with the community, with the LDS church, we have service missionaries that come serve at the food closet, so it’s a win all the way around,” said Jacek.

Elected officials also gathered at the event to help with the distribution and address the organizers. 10th District Assembly Member, Stephanie Nguyen, explained the immense impact the food being donated will have on families in need.

“I think any family seeing a list of the items that are being distributed would just be over the moon at how they can hold onto some of these items for a while and don’t have to use right away,” Nguyen said.

This humanitarian campaign is especially important now, not only is it the 250th anniversary of America but American families are struggling now more than ever to put food on the table. Food banks across the country report demand far above pre-pandemic levels, with working families, children and seniors making up a large share of those seeking help.

“This is one of the most, amazing charitable undertakings you will ever witness. The scale of it is staggering, nationally 250 trucks, millions of meals, on a statewide basis, a hundred trucks here in this community

in Sacramento County, 150,000 plus pounds, 40,000 just in that truck right here,” Congressman Kevin Kiley said while pointing to the semitruck being unloaded by volunteers.

Kiley explained how this campaign is also an ode to hope and reminder that we are stronger when we come together.

“The number of organizations that have come together and collaborated to make this happen is truly inspiring. I think it provides hope, not just for the individual families who are in need but for all of us, that we can solve problems in a way that makes life better,” said Kiley.

As we burst fireworks on the Fourth of July and hang American flags outside the front porch, this campaign reminds us of what it truly means to be proud to be an American. ★

See You at the Starting Line!

The First Year of The Great Gobble Run

By Ryley Metten

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Looking for a fun way to engage with your community while giving back to those in need? Just in time for Thanksgiving, the first ever Great Gobble Run is coming to Rio Linda this November! The Great Gobble Run is a new charity fun run for the Rio Linda/Elverta Food Closet held just before Thanksgiving.

All proceeds raised from the ticket sales for the run will directly benefit the Rio Linda/Elverta Food Closet providing food and assistance to local families in need.

Founder and organizer of the event, Sheena McGowan, first had the idea for the run last Thanksgiving during the Sacramento Food Bank’s dinner and wanted to bring something similar to our local food closet. After her epiphany, McGowan got in touch with Project Manager, Katherine Green and received sponsorship from the Chamber of Commerce, allowing her new idea, The Great Gobble Run, to operate as a nonprofit.

The Great Gobble run is a 5k run, just over three miles in total. Participants are welcome to run, jog or walk the course with their friends, family and neighbors. The run will begin at 9 in the morning with check-in at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21.

The run will begin at the Rio Linda Community Center and heads south



down the Northern California Bike Trail. After you get to the end you turn around and head back north on the same bike trail towards the Community Center. This includes crossing the crosswalk on Elkhorn Boulevard turning around just past Bella Aqua Lakes, which is one and a half miles from the Community Center.

This is the first year for the Great Gobble Run, but it won’t be the last. McGowan plans on making this event an annual event every November.

“I want to make this a reoccurring event on the third Saturday of November, that way it still allows for family events for Thanksgiving,” said McGowan.

McGowan also wants to acknowledge the strong support from the top sponsors of this event which are The Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce, Rio Linda/Elverta Recreation and Park District, Near You

Pest Control, Rio Linda Dental and Boddie Family Boxing Academy.

“Come out to support! Within our community we already do so much, this is just one step further to support our neighbors. Every registration helps the community,” said McGowan.

Tickets are currently \$35 while it is free for participants under 12 with paid registration of parent or guardian. For more information and to purchase a ticket visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-gobble-run-2026-tickets-1994423767176>.

Learn more about the event! Sheena McGowan will be hosting information booths for the run at the Rio Linda Country Faire on the weekend of Sept. 19 and at the Celebrate North Highlands event on Sept. 26.

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Income-Qualified Homeowners Among Those Eligible to Access Remaining State Solar and Battery Funds

Haven Energy is helping eligible California homeowners across participating publicly owned utilities access state funding that can cover the cost of home battery systems



Available to customers of participating publicly owned utilities, the program can cover the cost of a home battery system, as well as solar, and includes installation. Photos courtesy of Haven Energy



Haven Energy, the No. 1 SGIP developer in California, is working to connect income-qualified California homeowners with nearly \$8.7 million in remaining state funding that can provide households with home battery systems at no cost.



The funding is part of California's Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Residential Solar and Storage Equity program, which was created to expand access to solar and battery storage for lower-income households.

Haven Energy News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Haven Energy, the No. 1 SGIP developer in California, is working to connect income-qualified California homeowners with nearly \$8.7 million in remaining state funding that can provide households with home battery systems at no cost. Haven has identified the Sacramento area as a key market for the program, with a high concentration of potentially eligible households served by participating public utilities including SMUD.

The funding is part of California's Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Residential Solar and Storage Equity program, which was created to expand access to solar and battery storage for lower-income households. Haven has already deployed more than 1,000 residential batteries through SGIP, giving the company deep experience helping homeowners navigate the program from application through installation.

Available to customers of participating publicly owned utilities, the program can cover the cost of a home battery

system, as well as solar, and includes installation. Eligibility is based on factors including household income – which varies according to county and household size – and utility provider. For single-family homeowners, households earning at or below 80% of Area Median Income may qualify. Homeowners do not need to already have solar panels to participate.

For more information or to determine eligibility, visit havenenergy.com/sgip.

Despite the available funding, awareness remains one of the biggest barriers to participation. Many households that may qualify have never heard of the program or do not know how to navigate the application process.

“For qualifying Sacramento homeowners, the SGIP program can be a gamechanger, offering families access to a home battery system for zero out-of-pocket and opening the door to long-term energy savings and outage protection,” said Vinnie Campo, co-founder and CEO of Haven Energy. “We’ve helped Californians across the state navigate SGIP, and right now

we’re actively working to reach as many low-income homeowners as possible, to help them understand what they qualify for, and to submit their applications while funding is still available.”

Haven manages the entire process for participating homeowners, including determining eligibility, submitting applications and program paperwork, coordinating installation and managing the energy system after it is installed.

The benefits extend beyond individual homes. When electricity demand is high, networks of residential batteries can contribute stored energy to the grid, helping utilities manage peak demand and improve grid reliability for entire communities. During an outage, the battery will also provide direct backup electricity to the home.

Haven has built a proven model for expanding access to home energy storage. Since launching in California in 2022, the company has built more than 10 MW of installed battery capacity, with more than 50 MW of additional capacity in development. Haven also works with



Haven manages the entire process for participating homeowners, including determining eligibility, submitting applications and program paperwork, coordinating installation and managing the energy system after it is installed. Photo courtesy of Haven Energy

utilities, nonprofits, and other community partners to aggregate distributed batteries into virtual power plants that can strengthen the grid.

About Haven Energy

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County Superintendent Seeks Viable SCUSD Fiscal Recovery Plan

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) sent letters on Aug. 27 to Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Superintendent Cancy McArn and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond outlining the continued Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) approach to addressing SCUSD's immediate cash needs and ongoing structural deficit.

The letters follow the Aug. 10 decision by the state superintendent and the executive director of the state board of education to deny SCUSD's appeal of the SCOE-appointed fiscal advisor's rescission of the district's memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA).

In its letter to SCUSD, the county superintendent states that because the MOU has been rescinded, the district is expected to cancel its request for CalPERS to transfer funds from the district's health benefit trust and return any transferred funds to the trust. It also encouraged the district to amend the MOU by removing parts which could add costs while retaining provisions that produce savings.

SCUSD currently projects a \$221.8 million unrestricted general fund deficit and a negative \$283.6 million unrestricted general fund balance in the current fiscal year. In the 2027-28 fiscal year, district projections show the deficit growing to \$226.9 million and the unrestricted general fund balance falling to negative \$510.5 million. In the letter, it is emphasized that a short-term infusion of cash, without sufficient ongoing savings, would postpone rather than solve the district's financial crisis.

“The issue is not simply whether the

district can get through the next few months, but whether it can remain financially healthy in the years ahead,” Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools Dave Gordon said. “We will continue working cooperatively with SCUSD and the Fiscal Crisis and Management Team (FCMAT) on any viable plan that provides sufficient cash to address the immediate crisis and ongoing savings to put the district on a sustainable financial path.”

SCUSD's board of education and superintendent remain responsible for the district's fiscal condition and for making the decisions needed to return the district to fiscal health. The county superintendent's objective is to help SCUSD make the decisions necessary to restore its financial health while protecting students, families, employees and educational programs. If the district runs out of cash, it will be unable to pay its employees and vendors, which would endanger its schools and educational programs.

SCOE has provided fiscal, educational program and human resources experts, as well as an executive coach, to support the district. Also, Superintendent Dave Gordon and Associate Superintendent Nick Schweizer meet biweekly, and the fiscal advisor meets more often with district leaders to monitor cash flow, provide feedback on budgets, proposed savings, and the costs and impacts of labor agreements.

Gordon reiterated, “Our priority remains helping SCUSD protect students and educational programs and fully restore its financial health so that it is able to remain locally controlled.”

To read the response letter to state superintendent of public instruction regarding SCUSD, visit: catapultfilemanager-prod.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/539908eb-75d1-42bb-967b-e166bd75683e/08-27-26_response_spi_letter.pdf ★

Homeless Services: Progress, Challenges and the Work Ahead

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors heard a comprehensive and meaningful update on the outcomes of key homeless shelters and service programs from fiscal year 25/26. Emily Halcon, the Director of Homeless Services and Housing (DHS) for Sacramento County, provided a historical lookback at Board policy investment and direction as far back as 2016 that has set investment priorities, project focus and the strategic housing first model staff have focused on the last decade.

The Board also heard from Director of Finance, Chad Rinde, on the process of a forensic audit on countywide spending on homelessness. This audit helps to determine if adequate internal controls exist to evaluate fiscal compliance with contracts and adhere to state and federal standards and ensure that departments are good stewards of public funds.

With the creation of the Department of Homeless Service and Housing in 2023, the County has increased its programs serving the homeless community, increased its full-time employees managing homeless services and the number of people served annually in County-funded programs.

In this coming fiscal year, DHS will contract more than \$65 million dollars into community-based organizations to operate shelters, outreach and programs that are serving the homeless community in Sacramento County. Many of those partners were in chambers – supporting the work already being done. Several stood at the lectern to provide positive feedback on the County's investment and partnerships into the community and how valuable the County's leadership on regional collaboration has been as the homelessness has

grown in the last decade.

Data pulled from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) from DHS funded homeless programs and select Behavioral Health Services (BHS) and Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services (DCFAS) shelter programs shows that in Fiscal Year 2025–26, 6,662 unduplicated people were served across outreach, shelter, rehousing, prevention, and transitional housing programs. Despite significant housing barriers, 43% of participants who exited programs transitioned to permanent housing. Prevention and rehousing programs achieved particularly strong permanent housing exit rates of 77% and 78%, respectively.

These outcomes are especially meaningful given the significant vulnerabilities of the people served. Among participant heads of household, 61% were identified as highly vulnerable, meaning they self-reported at least four County-identified vulnerability factors. In addition, 50% of participants reported having no income, while an additional 36% reported annual income below \$20,000 a year.

The County also continued to make strong use of its shelter resources – with overall utilization for shellers running the full year at approximately 86%.

Perhaps the most compelling testimony was that of the providers and provider staff. The CEOs of Community Health Works, First Step Communities, CityNet and Brilliant Corners each spoke about the meaningful work their organizations do, specifically with the County, the populations they serve and the trends and outcomes the work they do in Sacramento in experiencing. The passion they all have for the work, the people they serve and for solutions was evident in their voices and the conviction in which they stood with pride and said, “We stand with the County – we’re here as partners.” ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The Starting Lineup

By V.G. Harris

The official start of the NBA season is less than 60 days away, so do the Sacramento Kings have any idea what their starting lineup will look like?

After thoroughly disrespecting both Zach Lavine and Domantas Sabonis by constantly telling the listening world that neither of these players can play defense, and attempting to trade both to any team interested, it looks likely that both will be announced in the starting lineup opening night.

I have stated my disgust with the organization’s rhetoric as it relates to what either of these past all stars can’t do, and it’s about time to start beating the drum and telling the Sacramento faithful what they can do.

For starters, both Sabonis and Lavine are talented enough to start on 90% of the NBA teams today, and as for playing defense, it’s high time the coaching staff stood up and took a bow. Defense just doesn’t automatically happen, it has to be taught, and it appears that this coaching staff is short on teachers as to how NBA defense should be played.

The knock on Sabonis is largely without foundation, and although not a rim protector, Sabonis is a more than an adequate defender.

Bottom line is that Lavine has been thrown under the bus and never has Sacramento Kings fans stood for that type of coaching. Time to change the game plan, start appreciating what you have, and start coaching what you want to have.

As for the rest of the starting lineup, it would appear that alongside Sabonis and Lavine will be fifth year starter Keegan Murray, this year’s first round draft choice Darius Acuff Jr., and a player that the Sacramento fan base probably doesn’t recognize. His name is De’Andre Hunter and sadly played in only two games last season, after coming to the Kings by way of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Hunter sustained an eye injury that required surgery and sidelined him for the remainder of the 2025-26 season.

The good news is that Hunter has been reasonably durable over his career and played his first five seasons plus with the Atlanta Hawks. A career 14 per game scorer in the NBA,

Hunter was awarded the NABC defensive player of the year in his sophomore season with the Virginia Cavaliers while in college. That bodes well for a Kings team begging for defensive help.

The fourth pick overall in the 2019 draft, Hunter may have slightly underachieved his draft status thus far, but he is no stranger to the starting lineup, and Kings fans won’t get any deer in the headlights looks from newcomer De’Andre Hunter.

If in fact the starting lineup presents itself to be Sabonis, Lavine, Murray, Acuff and Hunter, there remain a couple of significant questions.

Number one can the Kings find a chemistry early with these five players and avoid injuries while they are learning to play together?

Does this coaching staff have the acumen to teach the defensive strategies that they are so good at giving lip service to? So far, I’ve nothing to lead me to believe coach Christie knows how to coach NBA defense but I’m open to being wrong and glad if I am.

Lastly, can the coaching staff develop an aggressive bench? This is not an insignificant thing. First and foremost, know the talent sitting on the bench and *develop* it!

Play Malik Monk and start giving him the respect he deserves.

After Monk my No. 1 concern is finding minutes for second round draft choice Emanuel Sharpe, who drafted 45th overall was an absolute steal in this year’s draft.

Leaving a stellar college career behind, Sharpe set the record for the Houston Cougar’s in three pointers made and was highly acclaimed for his high intensity defense and attack style offensive. Play him!

Find minutes for first round draft choice Alex Karaban. Don’t waste valuable draft choices and send them to the G league.

Don’t look now but Ben Simmons was just in town for a workout, and I for one have absolutely no interest in an injury ridden player with a highly questionable interest in playing basketball. Please, take a pass on this guy and let’s pay more attention to the draft class that just entered the building.

Stay tuned Kings fans because anything can change between now and Oct. 20.

All the best! ★

California’s Budget Is So Convoluted That Even Experts Are Perplexed at What It Contains



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

There was a time, not too many years ago, when drafting and enacting California’s budgets was a fairly transparent and straightforward process.

The governor and legislators would agree on what revenues the state’s tax systems were likely to produce in the coming year and then dicker over how the money would be spent. There were disagreements, of course, particularly when Republicans had enough legislative seats to have a say in the outcome. But in the main, the voting public would have an understanding, through news coverage, of how their tax dollars were being spent.

It’s difficult to pinpoint exactly when the process became opaque and the budget became a hodgepodge of phantom revenues, accounting gimmicks and off-the-books loans. However, there has been a quantum leap in opacity and complexity during Gavin Newsom’s governorship, a consequence of having one political party so dominant that it’s completely insulated from accountability.

Newsom and legislators can – and do – spend billions of dollars more than revenues cover. They paper over the gaps with what they call “solutions,” then brag that their

budgets are balanced. The 2026-27 budget that was enacted in June, said to be \$351.7 billion (plus \$188 billion in federal funds), is the latest example. It’s so convoluted that the Legislature’s own budget adviser, Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, and his staff of fiscal experts, are somewhat perplexed about what Newsom and legislators wrought. Petek says as much in a new breakdown of the budget. “In most years, we would describe the size of the budget problem (or budget surplus) the Legislature addressed (or allocated) and the mix of choices that make up that total. This year, neither framing fits the budget package as neatly,” Petek says.

He goes on to describe elements of the budget that seem contradictory, such as increasing spending that overshoots historically high revenues and depending on reserves and loans to cover the outgo while also placing more money into a new “surplus holding account.” Although the budget package includes some traditional budget solutions, “taken altogether, this makes the budget condition difficult to describe concisely,” Petek says. To rationalize the budget’s contents, Petek divides his analysis into “budget choices on both sides of the ledger,” one covering the spending side and the other on how the gap between income and outgo was closed.

Petek calculates that the budget “includes about \$14 billion in budget solutions” to close the gap, primarily tapping reserves and borrowing. The loan is accomplished by withholding \$3.9 billion in aid to local school systems mandated by the state constitution, money that must be eventually paid. However, Petek points out that that \$14 billion in “solutions” is less than the \$18.5 billion operating deficit Newsom’s administration estimates during the fiscal year, thus continuing the deficit spending that has marked all of Newsom’s second term budgets.

They stem from Newsom’s 2022 declaration that the state had a \$97.5 surplus, due to mushrooming income tax revenues. That led to a sharp increase in spending, but the surplus turned out to be a mirage and the administration eventually acknowledged it overestimated revenues over four years by \$165 billion.

Petek’s analysis notes that the state has not maintained a cumulative account of how much money it owes from five years of covering operational deficits, but his staff has calculated the “wall of debt” at \$29.2 billion, including the \$3.9 billion in school aid being withheld this year.

A jaundiced view of the ongoing deficits and the debt that’s been amassed to cover them might be that they are Newsom’s training to become president, given the federal governments chronic deficits and its \$40 trillion national debt. *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

Will Social Security Run Out of Money Soon?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I’m concerned about Social Security running out of funding, since I rely on it for my income and I’m at an age where my having to go back to work is not an option I can consider. The job market for people my age is slim. I’ve been reading reports and it doesn’t sound reassuring. Your thoughts? **Signed: Concerned Senior**

Dear Concerned Senior: Thanks for sharing your concerns. This topic is a fairly complicated one, but I’ll do my best to explain it.

Social Security income (from payroll taxes, interest on reserves, and income tax on SS benefits) has been insufficient to pay 100% of SS benefit obligations since about 2020. Since that time, SS has been drawing money from the Social Security Trust Fund reserves to pay full monthly benefits to everyone. In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserves held in the

SS Trust Funds, but as of the end of 2025, those reserves have dwindled to about \$2.56 trillion because they are being used to pay full SS benefits to all. Without program reform, the SS trust funds will be fully depleted in 2032, which would result in an across-the-board cut of about 22% to everyone’s monthly SS payment. And that would be devastating to millions of Americans!

However, Congress is acutely aware of this issue; they have been for years but have largely ignored previous warnings. Now, however, those predicted benefit cuts are dangerously close to becoming a reality. As a result, we are beginning to see serious (even bipartisan) discussions in Congress about reforming Social Security to restore it to solvency to avoid future benefit cuts.

For our part, AMAC and the AMAC Foundation have been working on a proposal to restore SS to full solvency for generations, and we have offered our proposal to various Congressional Representatives and to the SSA Commissioner and his executive staff. Our proposal has been well received, and we are very optimistic that Congress will finally take real action to

restore SS to solvency to avoid any benefit cuts. Frankly, doing otherwise would amount to political suicide!

At AMAC, we are closely monitoring this situation and are very proactive in Washington, D.C. to ensure that benefits are not cut in 2032, and we will continue our vigorous efforts and our vigilance to avoid Social Security insolvency. We are confident that Congress will act in time to avoid any reduction in SS benefits, and you can stay informed of our efforts by watching our AMAC Social Security information website – www.socialsecurityreport.org.

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We have met the enemy -- and it is watching us. There’s a growing backlash against Flock cameras, the automated license plate readers that have become ubiquitous across the country.

The cameras take images of license plates, which are then stored in a searchable database that police departments can query in the course of investigations. Opponents of the cameras consider them an instrument of Big Brother, who’s not only watching, but constantly recording and tracking. Vandals have disabled and stolen the Flock cameras and even shot them. There’s a movement to get jurisdictions to cancel their contracts with Flock (the leading such company, but not the only one), and it has met with some success.

Los Angeles just let its contract with Flock lapse, citing “serious concerns around civil liberties and civil rights issues.” There’s a reason, though, that police departments so rapidly adopted the cameras -- they are an extremely useful investigative tool.

It is certainly true that the technology, like any power we give the police, can be misused. According to The Washington Post, “Authorities have charged or accused at least 50 law-enforcement officers of using license-plate readers for unauthorized purposes, including to stalk their exes.” The Post calls the abuse “rampant,” but 50 documented cases

Don’t Fear Flock Cameras

isn’t a large number given the widespread use of these devices: There are 120,000 Flock cameras across the United States scanning license plates 20 billion times a month.

It is understandable that people don’t like the idea that they are, in effect, living in a panopticon. But license plate readers aren’t the only offender. There are all sorts of other surveillance cameras, many of them privately owned and operated, that the police access during investigations. We let our mobile phones and various apps track us all day long. And something like 60 million households have Ring or other security cameras that record what’s happening on their property and often in the immediate surroundings.

The only reliable way to ensure that you aren’t being recorded is to stay inside -- and draw the curtains. Officers who abuse the license-plate readers deserve to be fired and, if appropriate, charged with crimes, which is often what happens. Strict rules around what constitutes a legitimate query of the system and routine audits should make it harder for rogue officers to use the cameras for nefarious purposes.

The police officials who are advocating for Flock aren’t doing it so the cops can track the average person’s trip to the grocery store or yoga studio. The cameras routinely aid in the identification and apprehension of the perpetrators of serious crimes, the location of missing persons and the recovery of stolen cars.

According to the Jack-

sonville, Florida, sheriff’s office, since 2024, the cameras have “helped solve 15 murders, 17 kidnappings, six forcible sex offenses, nearly 100 shootings and 172 missing-persons cases.”

A website set up by Charles Lehman of the Manhattan Institute is tracking news items about Flock contributing to successful police work. There are such stories every day, all over the country. Two recent entries related the arrest of an armed robbery suspect in Grass Valley, California, and the rescue of two kidnapped teenage girls in Bulloch County, Georgia. After getting a tip, the authorities used Flock to find the suspect in the Brown University shooting last year.

Perhaps these crimes would get solved anyway, but if even a fraction of them didn’t, Flock would be making a meaningful contribution to public safety. It used to be that America had, in effect, ungoverned spaces where malefactors could hide in plain sight. To use an extreme example, the Symbionese Liberation Army operated for a couple of years out of various safe houses in the San Francisco Bay area during the 1970s, something almost unimaginable in our technologically advanced age of constant information sharing.

Rolling back Flock won’t reverse this tectonic change that’s been decades in the making, but it will deny law enforcement a valuable asset.

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Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
PLEASANT 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05776
Next Wave Senior Care
Solutions LLC, 2185 Pilot Creek
Court, Gold River, CA 95670
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Lighthouse: Welcome Home”
2185 Pilot Creek Court, Gold
River, CA 95670. Filed with the
Clerk of Sacramento County July
21, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
LIGHTHOUSE 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05981
Spotlight K12, LLC, 4025 Main
Street, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“The Victoria’s Properties Team/
Spotlight Properties” 4025
Main Street, Fair Oaks, CA
95628. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 29,
2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
VICTORIAS 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05844
WD Wraps & Signs Inc., 9148
Kiefer Boulevard, Sacramento,
CA 95826 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “WD Wraps &
Signs” 9148 Kiefer Boulevard,
Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 23, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
WD 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06035
Jennifer Bailey, 5530 Mariposa
Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA
95610 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Amithyst Real Estate” 1610 R
Street, Suite 280, Sacramento,
CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County July 30,
2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
AMITHYST 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06087
Michelle Gentz, 5836 Winnetika
Court, Sacramento, CA 95842
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“E.Laira” 5836 Winnetika Court,
Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 3, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
ELAIRA 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05382
Amanda Rawlins, 8150 Chipwood
Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is
doing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Weeden
Enterprises” 8150 Chipwood Way,
Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
July 10, 2026

Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
WEEDEN 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06104
Main Point Construction
Corp, 5440 Leader Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Main Point
Bee Removal” 5440 Leader
Avenue, Sacramento, CA
95841. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County August 3,
2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
MAIN 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05677
Tiffany Ellison, 5300 Laurel Hills
Drive #21, Sacramento, CA
95841 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Tiffany’s Buttercream Dreams”
5300 Laurel Hills Drive #21,
Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 18, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
TIFFANYS 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06107
S&E Pizza Corporation, 4572
Woodhawk Way, Antelope, CA
95843 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Mountain Mike’s Pizza”
4207 Elverta Road Suite 105,
Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
August 3, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
MOUNTAIN 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05534
Sayed Ebrahim Hashimy,
5307 Marconi Avenue Apt 26,
Sacramento, CA 95608 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Easy
Solutions Access” 5307 Marconi
Avenue Apt 26, Sacramento,
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County July 17, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
EASY 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05755
Pang Martin, 7949 Caymus Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “My Healing
Path Therapy” 7949 Caymus
Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829.
Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 21, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
MY 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04096
Fred Hobbs, 8836 Greenback
Lane Suite D, Orangevale, CA
95662 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Sacramento Sauna Supply”
8836 Greenback Lane Suite D,
Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County May 22, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
SACRAMENTO 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06117
Taylor Hill-Carnegie, 10825
Nestlenook Circle, Mather, CA
95655 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Naturey” 10825 Nestlenook
Circle, Mather, CA 95655. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 4, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
NATUREY 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06119
Nai Cho Bridgit Lee, 3754 2nd
Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Junky’s Corner” 3754 2nd Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
August 4, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
JUNKYS 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06116
Alejandro Aguilar-Torres,
7721 College Town Drive #46,
Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Chipini
Enterprises” 7721 College Town
Drive #46, Sacramento, CA 95826.
Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 4, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
CHIPINI 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06043
Melissa Buresh, 8305
Fountainhead Court, Antelope,
CA 95843 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Travel More, Stress
Less Agency” 8305 Fountainhead
Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 30, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
TRAVEL 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05887
Content Creation Clothing LLC,
5960 S. Land Park Drive #1091,
Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “AEFEX”
7270 S. Land Park Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 24, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
AEFEX 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05841
Dave Brooks Const. Inc., 2779
Shadow Dancer Trail, Reno, NV
89511 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“DBC Painting” 560 Freslan
Drive, Oakdale, CA 95361. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 23, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
DBC 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05870
Jennifer Rosario and Jonathan

Rosario, 1660 Bronzewick Lane,
Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “The JR
Collective” 1660 Bronzewick
Lane, Sacramento, CA 95834.
Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 24, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
THE 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06091
IGGO. LLC, 3550 Watt Avenue
Suite 408, Sacramento, CA
95821 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“IG Digital Lab” 3550 Watt Avenue
Suite 408, Sacramento, CA 95821.
Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 3, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
IG 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06178
Tajinder Aujla Corp, 6233 Auburn
Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA
95621 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Rosie’s Country Kitchen”
6233 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus
Heights, CA 95621. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
August 6, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
ROSIES 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05903
D.L. Markham, DDS, MSD, Inc,
1101 Maidu Drive Suite 100,
Auburn, CA 95603 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Markham
Orthodontics” 4110 Truxel Road
Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95834.
Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 27, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
MARKHAM 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06076
Kayla Chanel Luna, 3519 Grant
Park Drive, Carmichael, CA
95608 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Maid to Bloom Housekeeping”
3519 Grant Park Drive,
Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 31, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
MAID 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06179
Patricio Lopez II and Thomasina
J. Lopez, P.O. Box 884,
Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “ASAP Lock
and Key/Patrick’s Locksmith
Service” 9285 Jan Dra Court,
Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 6, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
ASAP 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05686
Asaree Young, 2737 Aramon
Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Thailish/IT Lady” 2737 Aramon
Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 18,
2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
THAILISH 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06182
Hilda Garcia Gonzalez and
Eduardo Ramirez Rivera, 1429
Ascot Avenue, Rio Linda, CA
95673 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“R and G Cleaning Services”
1429 Ascot Avenue, Rio Linda,
CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County August
6, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
CLEANING 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06180
H&S Send it LLC, 1966
Creekwood Drive, Yuba City, CA
95993 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Postal Annex” 7909 Walerga
Road, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 6, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
POSTAL 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06155
Built to Bless LLC, 1401 21st
Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA
95811 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Sacramento Region Tax Care
Advocate” 4682 Village Mill Way,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 5, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
SACRAMENTO 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04851
R & T Motorsports, Inc., 4622
Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento,
CA 95841 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Capitol Yamaha” 4622
Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento,
CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 22,
2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
CAPITOL 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06193
Mohsen Rezaei, 3328 Hurley
Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is
doing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Sac City
Roadside Assist” 3328 Hurley
Way, Sacramento, CA 95864.
Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 7, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
SAC 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06188
Mahbod Rahmanifar Enterprises
LLC, 620 15th Street Apt #121,
Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Mahbod

Rahmanifar’s Bakery/Lavish
Baking Academy” 620 15th
Street Apt #121, Sacramento,
CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County August
6, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
MAHBOD 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05977
Madelynn Saechao,
7297 Meadowgate Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Doughsea”
7297 Meadowgate Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County July 29, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
DOUGHSEA 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06199
Morgaine Hernandez, 5810
Mariposa Avenue, Citrus
Heights, CA 95610 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Mariposa
Bakery” 5810 Mariposa Avenue,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 7, 2026
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
MARIPOSA 9-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06220
Valentin Vorobets, 5037 Kahn
Street, Carmichael, CA 95608
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Val Transportation” 5037
Kahn Street, Carmichael, CA
95608. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County August 7,
2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
VAL 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05740
Philip Wayne Derbigny, 11852
Pyxis Circle, Rancho Cordova,
CA 95742 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Kettle Boyz” 11852
Pyxis Circle, Rancho Cordova,
CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County July 20,
2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
KETTLE 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03977
Nita B Cruz, 1412 Passion
Lane, Fairfield, CA 94533 and
Maria Tamura, 736 Tillman
Drive, Stockton, CA 95206
are doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Sunflower Coffee Shop” 7500
Hospital Drive, Sacramento,
CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County May 19,
2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
SUNFLOWER 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-05898
Robert E. Beaudry, 12088 Gold
Pointe Lane, Gold River, CA
95670 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Beaudry Leadership Partners”
12088 Gold Pointe Lane, Gold
River, CA 95670. Filed with the
Clerk of Sacramento County July
27, 2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
BEAUDRY 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06235
Signed and Secured LLC, 4008
Batia Way, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Signed and Secured CPRP”
1900 Danbrook Drive Unit 323,
Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County August 10, 2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
SIGNED 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06208
MMG Apparel LLC, 7816
Nesting Cove Court, Antelope,
CA 95843 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) “Fog Lighthouse” 7816
Nesting Cove Court, Antelope,
CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County August
7, 2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
FOG 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06246
Car Key Replacement
Sacramento Inc, 180 S Lexington
Drive Apt 421, Folsom, CA
95630 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
“Car Key Experts” 180 S
Lexington Drive Apt 421,
Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
August 10, 2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
CAR 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06223
Filipp Tarasyuk, 2238 Waterford
Road, Sacramento, CA 95815
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
“FLT Transportation” 2238
Waterford Road, Sacramento,
CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County August
7, 2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
FLT 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06162
Islam Mejia Vargas, POB 181,
Elverta, CA 95626 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Elite
Services” 7813 Lakeport Circle,
Elverta, CA 95626. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
August 6, 2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
ELITE 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-04531
Saraveer Singh, 3277 Garden
Terrace Drive, Folsom, CA
95630 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)

“M & A Web Solutions” 3277
Garden Terrace Drive, Folsom,
CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 10,
2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
WEB 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06083
OCD Mobile Solutions LLC,
10265 Old Placerville Road #25,
Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “J’s Street
Beats” 10265 Old Placerville
Road #25, Sacramento, CA
95827. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County July 31,
2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
JS 9-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2026-06162
Islam Mejia Vargas, POB 181,
Elverta, CA 95626 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) “Elite
Services” 7813 Lakeport Circle,
Elverta, CA 95626. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
August 6, 2026
Publish: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
ELITE 9-11-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV017206

Mustafa Kadhim Taha and Doaa
Basil Mohammed have filed a
petition with this court for a de-
cree changing the name(s) of
Fatima Taha to Fatimah Mustafa
Kadhim.

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: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
MOHAMMED 9-11-26

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: August 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2026
VINOKUROV 9-11-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL
CASO):
25FL05209

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
(Name): AVISO AL
DEMANDADO (Nombre):
Christopher Anthony Carothers.
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED.
Read the information below and
on the next page. PETITIONER’S
NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL
DEMANDANTE): Kelly Dunn-
Carothers.

You have 30 CALENDAR
DAYS after this Summons and
Petition are served on you to file
a response (form FL-120) at the
court and have a copy served
on the petitioner. A letter, phone
call or court appearance will not
protect you. If you do not file
your response on time, the court
may make orders affecting your
marriage or domestic partner-
ship, your property, and custody
of your children. You may be
ordered to pay support and at-
torney fees and costs. For legal
advice contact a lawyer immedi-
ately. Get help finding a lawyer
at the California Courts Online
Self-Help Center (www.courts.
ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California
Legal Services website (www.
lawhelpca.org) or by contacting
your local county bar associa-
tion.

Usted tiene 30 DÍAS
CALENDARIO después de que
se le presente esta Citación y
Petición para presentar una
respuesta (formulario FL-120)
en el tribunal y tener una copia
notificada al peticionario. Una
carta, llamada telefónica o com-
parecencia ante el tribunal no
lo protegerá. Si no presenta su
respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal
puede hacer órdenes que afect-
en su matrimonio o pareja de
hecho, sus bienes y la custodia
de sus hijos. Es posible que se
le ordene pagar la manutención
y los honorarios y costos de los
abogados. Para obtener ase-
soramiento legal, póngase en
contacto con un abogado de
inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para
encontrar un abogado en el
Centro de Autoayuda en Línea
de los Tribunales de California
(www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), en
el sitio web de Servicios Legales
de California (www.lawhelpca.
org) o comunicándose con el co-
legio de abogados de su conda-
do local.

NOTICE: RESTRAINING
ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2:
These restraining orders are ef-
fective against both spouse or
domestic partners until the pe-

tion is dismissed, a judgment
is entered or the court makes
further orders. They are enforce-
able anywhere in California by
any law enforcement officer who
has received or seen a copy of
them.

AVISO: LAS ÓRDENES DE
RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁN EN LA
PÁGINA 2: Estas órdenes de
restricción son efectivas con-
tra ambos cónyuges o pare-
jas domésticas hasta que se
desestime la petición, se dicte
una sentencia o el tribunal dicte
más órdenes. Son exigibles en
cualquier lugar de California por
cualquier oficial de la ley que
haya recibido o visto una copia
de ellos.

FREE WAIVER: If you cannot
pay the filing fee, ask the clerk
for a fee waiver form. The court
may order you to pay back all or

Introducing Sue’s Great Gumbo Cook-Off at the 5th Annual Golden Harvest Festival



Come taste, compare, vote and find out who makes some of the best gumbo in Sacramento!
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By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Get ready for “GOLDEN,” the 5th Annual Golden Harvest Parade and Music/Dance Festival, a free community celebration showcasing the diverse cultures and communities of the Greater Sacramento region. The festival will be held on the west side of the California State Capitol on 10th Street between L and N Streets, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 24.

The event will feature a cultural parade, live entertainment, music, dance, children’s activities, food, commercial and information vendors, stage performances, an artwork contest display and for the first time Louisiana Sue’s Great Gumbo Cook-Off!

This year’s new flavorful new attraction, Louisiana Sue’s Great Gumbo Cook-Off, features local chefs from restaurants, caterers and food trucks competing and serving their own interpretations of gumbo, one of Louisiana’s most celebrated dishes.

What is gumbo? Gumbo is a rich, aromatic Louisiana dish that brings together a flavorful blend of seasonings, vegetables, meats or seafood with countless variations reflecting the traditions and creativity of the people who make it.

Guests can purchase a taste or a bowl and vote for their favorites in each category. There will be four different gumbo categories. Categories include tradition gumbo with sausage and chicken, seafood gumbo, vegan gumbo and exotic gumbo featuring alligator or duck. Each chef selects two categories; there are currently 10 to 15 contestants. TV and media

personalities alongside festival attendees will vote live at the event.

Prices for a taste and bowl vary depending on category. For instance, the prices for the traditional gumbo are \$6 for a taste and \$15 for a bowl and the vegan gumbo is \$5 for a taste with \$10 for a bowl. Both the seafood and the exotic gumbo cost \$7 for a taste and \$18 for a bowl.

Come hungry and discover how different chefs put their own signature on this Louisiana favorite.

The different chefs featured include Mr. Gumbo making traditional and seafood gumbos, plus fried fish sandwiches; Gator Dave with gator gumbo, BBQ wings and mac & cheese; Louisiana Heaven serving up a build your own gumbo, plus fried gator and Boudin; Lizetta’s Soul Food serving vegan gumbo, seafood gumbo, Kitchen Sink Gumbo. and Crawfish Sushi.

Fellow chefs and restaurants include Shake It Urself serving Chicken, Traditional, and Seafood Gumbos, plus Fried Chicken Wings & Strips, Red Beans & Rice and Garlic Fries; Soul On A Roll with Duck Gumbo and Gumbo Fries; and Chason’s serving Seafood Gumbo, plus one additional item to be announced.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event or donating, email louisianasupresents@gmail.com or call 916-806-2820. Sponsor and partner logos appear on all the winners’ plaques, printed and posted promotions. Banners and posters will be placed at the event with donors listed on the website.

Come ready to have some fun, be entertained, sing and taste some Great Gumbo...all in one location! ★



Almond Hulls Being Tested for Use as Food Ingredient

An independent review panel’s designation of almond hull powder as generally safe for human consumption represents a “major milestone” that opens the door for its use as an ingredient in granola, cereals, baked goods and other foods, according to a researcher at the Almond Board of California. Toxicology, genotoxicity and environmental containment exposure assessments found no safety concerns at intended use levels, the almond board announced. The panel finalized its findings this past spring and submitted them to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. With nearly 1.4 million bearing acres of almonds in California, the crop generates large quantities of byproducts such as hulls, which are currently used primarily as livestock feed. The findings could be “transformational for the industry” in that they create a pathway for value creation from almond hulls, said Guangwei Huang, the almond board’s associate director of food research and technology.

Wolf Reports Show Continued Livestock Losses, More Packs

California’s gray wolf population continues to expand and reproduce, while livestock depredations remain concentrated in several Northern California areas, according to several new reports from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The latest CDFW livestock report, updated Aug. 10, lists 108 investigations conducted so far in 2026. The cases include confirmed, probable, possible and unknown wolf involvement, as well as incidents ultimately

determined to be unrelated to wolves. The most significant recent activity remains in Siskiyou, Lassen and Modoc counties. With California seeing more established packs, more pups and continued movement by individual wolves across county lines, ranchers are encouraged to monitor wolf activity and promptly report suspected losses as the state’s wolf population expands.

Mothballing Offers Middle Ground in Wine Downturn

Oversupply of grapes, declining consumer demand and rising production costs are forcing California winegrape growers to make choices about whether to keep farming or tear out their vines. Some are trying a third option: “mothballing,” a term borrowed from storing equipment or other assets out of service while preserving them for future use. In vineyards, it means temporarily halting production while maintaining vines with minimal labor and inputs so they can be returned to full production when market conditions improve. The practice remains relatively rare, but interest is growing. Christopher Chen, a University of California Cooperative Extension viticulture adviser for Mendocino, Sonoma and Lake counties, estimates mothballing can now be seen in roughly one in 20 vineyards in his region, up from virtually none three years ago. Chen is studying the practice to fill a major information gap. “I don’t know that there’s any information in the viticulture books on what to do if you’re tight on cash and the industry has collapsed,” said Chase Thornhill, owner and general manager of Mendocino Wine Company in Ukiah. ★

Highlands Stadium Gets a Refresh

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Principal Darryl Hawthorne is an alum of the school, along with eight members of his family. Several other staff members and coaches, including Brandy Harris, activities director, graduated from

the school as well.

Hawthorne called the upgrades a “legacy investment” for the school, benefitting its current students and those to come.

“I’m thankful for the district and the board, what they’ve done for

Highlands, and, as a graduate, we just embrace this,” Hawthorne said. “I’m just happy for you guys.”

The Highland Scots’ first home game in their new stadium took place the following day, Friday Aug. 28. ★



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Prop. 5 Gutting a 100-Year-Old Corruption Reform

By Josh Cook

The recall was never meant to hand power to politicians — it was meant to take power away from them and the railroads that controlled them.

California voters wrote the recall into the Constitution in 1911 as part of Hiram Johnson’s Progressive reforms, aimed at breaking the Southern Pacific Railroad’s grip and the machines that treated public office as private property. It passed with 76.8 percent of the vote. The tool has always been used sparingly. Of roughly 180 attempts to recall state officials since 1911, only eleven reached the ballot, and only six succeeded — including Gray Davis in 2003 and Josh Newman in 2018.

Proposition 5 was written by that same Josh Newman, the Democrat voters recalled over a gas-tax vote. That history makes Prop 5 look less like reform and more like payback against a system that held him accountable— Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, and the state Democratic Party back it. The case for it seems to be lacking a real reason to act.

Supporters say a crowded replacement field can let someone win with a mere plurality, that the two-question ballot confuses voters, and that recalls invite partisan shortcuts. But a plurality winner

is just how multi-candidate races work — the fix isn’t stripping the choice from voters and handing it to succession rules or a later process controlled by the same political class Progressives sought to restrain. Ballot confusion is a design problem, not a reason to erase one of the two core decisions.

Facts matter - with only six successes out of 180 attempts, frivolous recalls aren’t the epidemic supporters claim; running a recall is already its own deterrent. The 2003 Davis recall shows the system working: voters fired a governor and chose his replacement on the same ballot. Prop 5 would have turned that into a vacancy filled by the lieutenant governor — then Democrat Cruz Bustamante — or a separate election under different rules.

The recall exists because voters didn’t trust politicians to police themselves; Prop 5 shifts power back toward those same institutions. Most other states fill vacancies by succession. California chose differently on purpose — to give voters, not the existing order, the last word.

When the painter is bad, you should get to fire him and hire the one you want, not his brother. Vote no on Prop 5. Keep replacements in voters’ hands.

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Why are the keyboard keys not in ABC order?

- Arnaaz, 10, New Jersey

Dear Arnaaz,

I’m typing this answer on a QWERTY keyboard. It’s called that because those are the top letters, reading left to right.

I asked my friend Erin Hvizdak about it. She’s a librarian at Washington State University. She’s also a trained historian.

It turns out that a version of the QWERTY keyboard hit the market in the 1870s. It was part of a new device called a typewriter.

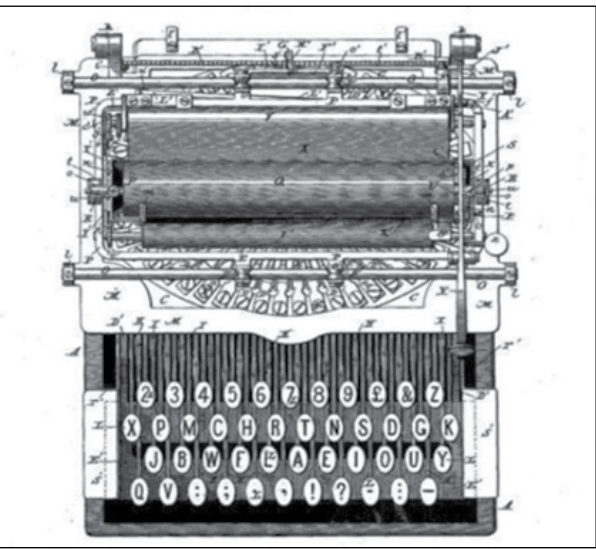
But nobody is sure why inventor Christopher Sholes organized the keyboard that way.

Many people think the keyboard's design slowed down typists. That kept the type hammers from jamming. Especially for letters close together.

But some experts say that doesn’t make sense. Sholes’ first typewriter was for a specific kind of worker.

“The early adopters were telegraph operators,” Hvizdak said. “Some say the layout is this way because Sholes felt that was the most efficient way to type. And the keyboard was like the ones telegraph operators used.”

Telegraph operators listened for messages sent in Morse code. Then they transcribed the dots and dashes back into letters. The goal of this new technology was to help them work faster—not slow them down.



Later patent applications show alternatives to the QWERTY keyboard—like the XPMCH keyboard (right). A patent application is a request to the government by someone who wants to own an invention. It’s a primary source.Courtesy photo

Sholes even got feedback from telegraph operators. He probably moved keys to put tricky Morse code letters close together.

Soon, typewriters became common in offices and schools. Sholes wasn’t sure QWERTY was the best design. He designed other keyboards, too. So did other inventors. But by then, people were used to QWERTY. It even stuck around when computers replaced typewriters.

So, how did we find this answer?

A simple search turns up lots of people telling the hammer-jamming story to explain the keyboard. Hvizdak dug deeper. She read papers written by scientists. She tracked down primary

sources. Those are original documents from the time.

Hvizdak told me a good strategy is to start with an encyclopedia. That’s written by experts. Then a specialist checks the facts. It has a list of sources the author used. You can read that source material yourself.

You can always ask a librarian at your school or public library for help. If you’re in Washington, pop into a WSU library.

“Anybody can use our library,” Hvizdak said. “You can just walk up and ask a question. I would love that!”

I guess you could say librarians are the helpful type.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe