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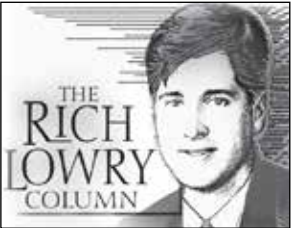
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Tradition and Community Spirit Shine at the RLE Country Faire



Reenactors from the Rogues of the Golden Coast cosplay group gather at their pirate encampment complete with period props and replica cannons.

Story and photos
by Khushi Salgia

RIO LINDA, CA - Community members gathered at The Dry Creek Ranch House on Sept. 19 and 20 for the 13th annual Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire. Hosted for the first time at the historic Dry Creek Ranch House grounds after moving from its former venue at Depot Park, the two-day event transformed the space into a vibrant hub of live music, family activities and local heritage. Organizers introduced an expanded tented exhibit space to highlight regional baking, photography, garden produce and fine art alongside youth

livestock shows featuring 4-H and FFA farm animals. The free public festival offered a little something for everyone: families enjoyed a dedicated Fun Zone packed with bounce houses, face painting, carnival games, an obstacle course and a rock-climbing wall, while others competed in a horse-shoe tournament, raffles and the annual watermelon-eating contest. Saturday's schedule also featured the return of the crowd-favorite Zucchini Race as well as guided tours of the historic Ranch House. Featuring over 130 vendor booths alongside food trucks and interactive demonstrations, the fair offered a full weekend

dedicated to celebrating local craft and tradition. Among the sprawling rows of hand-knitted goods, jewelry and woodworking, unique artisanal vendors brought distinct specialties to the ranch grounds. Melinda Salgado at Mystic Charm Tack makes horse bridles by hand, a type of harness that helps people handle their horses. She has been running this business for 13 years, as long as the Country Faire has been around. She sources nylon cords and hand sews the bridles and harnesses. Salgado, who has five horses, started her business when she was being charged \$200

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The Fastest
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Dry Creek Ranch Hosts 13th
Annual Zucchini Race

Story and photos
by Khushi Salgia

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Rio Linda community gathered for a day of creative crafting, local vendors and high-speed competition at the 13th annual zucchini race, which took place at the Rio Linda Country Faire on Sept. 19. Complete with a five-foot-tall wooden launch ramp and a Pinewood Derby-style track, the free public event invites attendees of all ages to transform garden squash into rolling race vehicles. The beloved tradition is put on by the Rio Linda Grange, a fraternal organization deeply rooted in community advocacy and agricultural service. The idea originally came to life as a creative solution to a common seasonal problem in local gardens: an overwhelming surplus of summer zucchinis. "We were like, 'What do you do with all the zucchinis?'" said Susan Hank, president of the Rio Linda Grange. Rather than letting the excess harvest go to waste, the Grange turned it



Young spectators and participants gather around the multi-lane wooden ramp to watch the zucchinis race down the track at the 13th annual event.

into a cornerstone community celebration. Hank joked that they call the zucchini "the fastest vegetable in the West." Beyond hosting quirky local traditions like the vegetable derby, the Grange actively works to preserve and teach valuable "grandma skills" such as knitting, baking, sewing and

handiwork, to ensure these practical traditions and domestic arts are passed down to younger generations. To construct a racer, participants mount a zucchini or gourd onto a set of toy car wheels and heavily decorate their produce before hitting the track. Ahead of the official competition,

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Sierra Donor
Services
Honors Hispanic
Heritage Month

Maggie Núñez: An
Angel Living
on Through Others

Sierra Donor Services
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sierra Donor Services (SDS) is highlighting the critical need for more Latino organ donors in California. By sharing a story about a mother who honored her daughter's life through the gift of organ donation, Sierra Donor Services hopes to inspire more Hispanic families to learn about the life-saving impact of donation. In California, nearly 20,000 people are waiting for a lifesaving transplant, and 49 percent of those waiting are Hispanic or Latino. For one California family, organ donation became a deeply personal decision following the loss of a beloved daughter. Lodi resident Claudia Núñez is a single mother, caregiver and Sierra Donor Services Hispanic ambassador who maintains a busy schedule while finding time to give back to her community. Her compassion and selflessness were especially evident when she made the decision to donate her daughter's organs, giving two people the gift of life. In 2014, Núñez welcomed her daughter Maggie, a healthy baby girl. At eight months, Maggie developed an illness that brought significant health challenges and changed the course of her life. Claudia was told by doctors that her child wouldn't live past the age of one. Despite that, Maggie continued to defy the odds and reached the age of ten. Following Maggie's death, Núñez made the decision to donate her daughter's organs. Maggie's gifts saved the lives of two people: a Sacramento resident who had been waiting 15 years for a kidney transplant and a Pennsylvania resident whose life was saved through a kidney and liver transplant. Through Maggie's gifts, Núñez's greatest loss became a lasting legacy of hope. "Maggie taught my family what compassion is, and she also taught us that we must always keep fighting and never give up," said Núñez. "That is why, on the day we had to decide her fate, the choice to donate her organs was not difficult. Maggie gave

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The Fastest Vegetable in the West



Presented here are the winners for the best decorated cars amongst the children.

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racers are allowed to test out their customized cars on the wooden ramp to see how well the steering holds up and make any last-minute mechanic tweaks before the main heats begin.

The contest features separate competitive categories for both children and adults to keep the playing field fair and fun. Drivers vie for two main awards: one prize based strictly on distance down the track, and another celebrating the most creative and visually striking decorations. The building supplies, including the base toy cars, crafting materials and decorative accents, are generously donated by local community members to ensure the workshop remains accessible to everyone.

Once the high-stakes racing wraps up and the winners are crowned, participants have the option to take their customized produce home as a keepsake or send the post-race squash off to be composted. The reusable toy bases and decorative elements are salvaged and stored for future events.

For many young attendees, the highlight of the event is the chance to spend the afternoon assembling a unique creation alongside family and neighbors. Kendalyn Holverson, 10, was participating in the zucchini race for her very first time. Turning 11 in October, Holverson leaned into a festive, autumn-inspired aesthetic for her entry, carefully attaching pipe cleaners to give her squash what she proudly described as “curly hair.”

For Holverson, the spirit

of the day wasn’t about competitive pressure, but rather the joy of taking part in the festivities. She shared that she was just there to have fun and enjoy the craft table, regardless of whether her car ended up crossing the finish line first or last.

The annual zucchini race is ultimately about far more than just fast produce. It stands as a lighthearted local tradition that highlights creativity, grassroots community connection, and the enduring spirit of service in Rio Linda. ★



Ten-year-old Kendalyn Holverson made an October-inspired racer based on her birthday month.



Vineyard Workers Feel Wine Industry Pain

California farmworkers suffered a wave of job losses during the past few years as work in the state’s winegrape vineyards dried up amid a yearslong market slump. Since 2023, declining wine consumption left growers with an oversupply of grapes, forcing many to sell their fruit at a loss or watch it rot on the vines. To limit their losses, growers cut back on labor and other costs, and vineyard owners removed an estimated one-quarter of the state’s winegrape acreage. As a result, the iconic sector likely shed at least several thousand vineyard jobs, industry leaders estimated, with some workers getting laid off and others losing hours. “It’s pretty ugly,” said Guadalupe Gonzalez, a Napa Valley vineyard crew supervisor who has worked in the region’s vineyards for more than a decade. Gonzalez said she used to work seven days a week during harvest, earning enough to save up for the offseason. But last year, she said, work slowed as grapes went unpicked and more wineries opted to harvest with machines. This year, “It’s a thousand times worse,” she said.

El Niño Increases Chances of Winter Storms and Floods

California’s water year will be shaped by the arrival of El Niño, a climate pattern that raises the likelihood of intense precipitation and flooding in the coming months. Experts call the upcoming system a super El Niño. A National Weather Service report in August said there’s a 69% chance its strength would exceed that of previous El Niño events dating back to 1950. Farmers said they were

wary of extreme weather similar to atmospheric river storms that flooded many California farms in 2023. Monterey County farmer Jynel Gularte said those storms submerged 200 acres of her farm, broke her levee in multiple places and destroyed a house, causing financial damage that has been difficult to recover from. Gularte said she wants the state to make changes that would better prepare people for future floods. “I don’t like hearing that it’s going to be a super El Niño because there’s no way we can have another flood like 2023,” she said. “That would be absolutely tragic.”

Owl Study Assesses Rat Management in Nut Orchards

For more than a decade, university wildlife researchers have studied how installing barn owl nesting boxes and accompanying owl predation help manage small rodents in vineyards. Now they hope to take a similar approach during a three-year study that examines the effects of barn owl predation alone or combined with trapping to potentially manage roof rats in nut orchards. “We’ve documented that barn owls do indeed reduce the number of voles, gophers and mice, and we’ve learned a lot in the vineyard systems,” said Matthew Johnson, a Cal Poly, Humboldt, wildlife professor who led much of the research. “Now we’re really excited to try some similar approaches in orchards.” Although many growers have erected owl boxes to control small rodents in vineyards, he said little scientific data existed until recently about barn owl predation and how cultural practices influenced it. There’s been even less research into the feathered predator’s impacts on orchard rodents. ★



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for the kind of bridles she wanted.

“I realized, I could make that myself,” she said.

Other vendors with handmade goods included 12-year-old Etta Humphreys whose booth featured a unique take on the ‘blind date with a book’ concept. She curates a variety of books and wraps them in paper with only the book description written on it, so people can pick a book based on their interests rather than judging it by its cover. She also folded her handmade book cover in a way to include pockets where there were little toys and trinkets pertaining to the book’s theme and age range. In addition to her creative approach to selling books, Humphreys has also written a children’s book called “A Chain of Kindness.”

“I was inspired by a Girl Scouts project,” she said.

An artist named Allan Brown featured fantasy-oriented art prints that he digitally draws with a stylus. Drawing inspiration



A handcrafted, custom-braided horse bridle from Mystic Charm Tack showcased on a display model at the festival grounds.

from video games and fantasy movies, he has been selling his art since 2022. He has even created a fictional character named Nora who he hopes to write an entire story around one day.

In addition to interesting art, there were also interesting tastes. Shelly and Irine Peters who run The Teastful Store together make custom blends of teas.

“It was hard finding decaf teas that have flavor,” Shelly said.

As a result, they started making their own, where they have turned their kitchen at home into a lab, taste testing their various concoctions. Despite this, they never get sick of drinking tea. Irine said her favorite is sweet orange tea, and the way they come up with new flavors is by mixing different types of leaves that they think will go well together. They also take requests if someone is interested in specific flavors.

One of the most popular attractions of the event was a cannon demonstration hosted by the Rouges of the Golden Coast, a pirate cosplay group who travels around the state, bringing this era of history to life at events such as Renaissance Faires. They have pirate names and make sure to stay in character for the whole event. One of these pirates, who goes by Kaboom, specializes in cannonry and teaches it to those who join the group. They shoot black powder to give it the look of them shooting with actual gunpowder. The cannons, while not actual historical relics, have still



Young author and vendor Etta Humphreys presents her children's book, "A Chain of Kindness," at her Cosmic Crafts booth during the faire.

been passed down for several generations and have been made in the style of actual pirate cannons from the Victorian Era.

Whether fairgoers came to inspect historic replica weaponry, sample home-brewed tea, tour the ranch grounds or root for a favorite zucchini on the racetrack, the 13th

annual event delivered a weekend rooted in neighborhood pride. By bringing together local creators, historical reenactors and generations of families, the Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire continues to preserve the area’s rich agricultural roots while fostering a strong sense of community for years to come. ★



A collection of fantasy-oriented digital art prints drawn by local artist Allan Brown on display at his booth, including Nora, a character that he designed.

Sierra Donor Services Honors Hispanic Heritage Month



Lodi resident Claudia Núñez is a single mother, caregiver and Sierra Donor Services Hispanic ambassador who maintains a busy schedule while finding time to give back to her community. Photo courtesy of Sierra Donor Services

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two people a second chance at life. Her passing will always hurt but knowing that she continues living on in other lives brings me a deep sense of peace.”

“We hope that learning about Claudia’s story and her daughter Maggie empowers more Latinos to help our community especially during Hispanic Heritage Month,” said Cristian Morales, Sr. External Affairs Coordinator at Sierra Donor Services. “Our Hispanic community has the power to save up to eight lives by becoming

registered organ donors.”

SDS works tirelessly to facilitate the donation of organs, corneas, and tissue, ensuring every gift is treated with the highest level of care and respect. As SDS reflects on the dire need of life-saving transplants in the Hispanic community, the organization remains committed to its mission of saving and improving more Latino lives, honoring donors, celebrating recipients, and educating the public. We are calling all Latinos to become organ, eye and tissue donors by visiting SierraDonor.org. ★

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County Responds to Grand Jury Report on Foster Youth

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County has responded to the 2025-26 Sacramento County Grand Jury report on foster youth, outlining areas where it agrees with the Grand Jury and others where it disagrees with its findings and recommendations. On Tuesday, Sept. 15, Sacramento County’s Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services (DCFAS) presented its response to the Board of Supervisors.

The report, “No Longer Invisible: Foster Youth Still in the Shadows,” examined the County’s Sacramento Welcome Homes and the services provided to foster youth who are at risk of sexual exploitation. The Grand Jury recognized improvements at the Welcome Homes but also raised concerns about placements, technology, information sharing, reporting and staff training.

The County agrees with two of the Grand Jury’s findings. It agrees that Child Protective Services (CPS) has improved conditions at the Welcome Homes and obtained licenses for the facilities. The County also agrees that the Sheriff’s Office has provided valuable protection and built positive relationships with youth living in the homes.

The County partially agrees with the finding that Welcome Homes are inappropriate for youth who have experienced or



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are at risk of sexual exploitation. DCFAS said Welcome Homes are not intensive therapeutic settings, but they provide an immediate, supervised place for youth who may otherwise have nowhere to go. The homes use a safety and stabilization approach, with behavioral health services available through partner agencies. The County also noted a statewide shortage of specialized placements for youth with complex needs.

The County wholly disagrees

with the Grand Jury’s finding that CPS fails to use the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard to limit access to cell phones and technology. DCFAS said state law protects foster youth’s rights to personal property, communication and age-appropriate access to the community. The County said phones can also be an important safety tool for contacting caregivers, social workers and other trusted adults.

The County also wholly

disagrees with the finding that gaps in data sharing leave youth vulnerable to exploitation. DCFAS said Welcome Home staff share information about exploitation concerns with law enforcement and include relevant information in missing-person reports. Social workers also make service referrals and use assessment tools to identify exploitation risks.

The County partially agrees with the finding about quarterly reports to the Board of

Supervisors. DCFAS said it has regularly reported on the challenges faced by youth who are being commercially sexually exploited or are at risk. However, it acknowledges that specific numbers of identified youth have not been included. The County plans to begin including that information in its quarterly reports starting with the second quarter of fiscal year 2026-27.

The County wholly disagrees with the findings on the Community Advisory Board and the Welcome Homes strategic plan. The County also said a Welcome Homes presentation and report were provided to the Board in November 2024 and that information has continued to be provided through quarterly reports.

The County also wholly disagrees with the finding that Welcome Home staff need additional training. DCFAS said staff are required to complete training on commercial sexual exploitation of children, trauma-informed care, harm reduction and the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard. The County said training information is provided to the Board through quarterly reports.

The County will conduct additional research on best practices used by other counties identified by the Grand Jury for identifying, preventing and responding to the exploitation of foster youth. That review is expected to be completed by Dec. 31. ★

Sac County Board of Education Seeks to Fill Vacancy

Applications for Trustee Area 6 Vacancy due Oct. 6

Sacramento County Board of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Education is seeking applications from qualified residents interested in serving as the Trustee for Area 6. The vacancy follows the resignation of Trustee Heather Davis, who served Area 6 for over ten years following her election in 2016 and re-elections in 2020 and 2022. During her tenure, Davis chaired multiple committees and served as a mentor through Links mentoring. Her leadership and commitment to students, families and the community have been deeply valued.

At its Sept. 15 Board Meeting, the Board voted to fill this vacancy through a provisional appointment. The selected individual will serve until the next regularly scheduled County Board election in 2028.

The application deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. PT. Applications must be received, not

postmarked, by this deadline.

The candidate interviews and selection process is Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacramento County Office of Education’s Board Room located at 10474 Mather Blvd., Mather, CA 95655.

To be eligible for this appointment to the Sacramento County Board of Education for Trustee Area 6, candidates must meet the following legal requirements pursuant to California Education Code sections 1000(a) and 1006(a). You must live within Trustee Area 6, be a registered voter and not be an employee of SCOE or an employee of any school district within the boundaries of the Sacramento County Board of Education.

To be considered for the provisional appointment, applicants must submit a resume and a statement, of no more than two pages, outlining their interest in serving on the Board and the experience they would bring to the Board. Applicants may also

submit no more than three letters of recommendation.

Applications are accepted during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and must be received no later than 4 p.m. PT on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Submit your complete application package in person at the David P. Meaney Education Center, 10474 Mather Boulevard, Mather, CA 95655 or by mail to President Wende Watson at Sacramento County Board of Education, P.O. Box 269003, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can also submit your application by email to Wende Watson at wwatson@scoe.net.

Mailed applications must be received, not postmarked, by Oct. 6 deadline.

For additional information regarding the Area 6 Trustee vacancy or the application process, contact Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Wende Watson by email at wwatson@scoe.net or by phone at 916-228-2410. ★

New Home Sales Decline in August, North State BIA Reports

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Buffeted by rising interest rates, economic uncertainty and continued affordability issues, new home sales in the greater Sacramento region continued to show weakness in August, the North State Building Industry Association reported.

There were 332 sales reported by BIA member builders, down 18% from July and down 33% from August 2025. However, the month-over-month decline was caused largely by the fact July was a five-week month. Average weekly sales for August were actually slightly above July's figures with 83 sales to 81.

Still, BIA President & CEO Tim Murphy said the fact interest rates have nudged up to around 6.75%

has taken a toll.

“Last fall, before the conflict with Iran, economists had expected interest rates to continue drifting downward to around 6% this year. But with rates creeping upward, a lot of prospective buyers have put their purchases on hold,” Murphy said.

“Still, buyers should remember that builders are offering powerful incentives including rate buy-downs that make homes more affordable than they may think. Prospective buyers should contact their builder and see what kind of deals are out there. We're not likely to see incentives like these again for a long time.”

During August, Sacramento recorded the most sales at 68, followed closely by Roseville with 67, Rancho Cordova at 42 and Lincoln with 25. Elk Grove and Plumas Lake tied for fifth with 24 sales each. ★



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OUR NEIGHBORS' PIT BULL!!

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THIS COMIC BOOK ISN'T REALLY ALL THAT GREAT.

THE CHARACTERS ARE JUST SHIP-OTS OF OTHER, BETTER CHARACTERS. THE PLOT LINES ARE PAPER THIN AND HALF OF 'EM DON'T GO ANYWHERE.

SO, OBVIOUSLY, IT'S GONNA BE MY NEW HYPERFOKATION.

I JUST FINISHED THIS COMIC BOOK SERIES AND IT'S SOMETHING.

IT STARTS OUT LIKE A GOLDEN AGE COMIC. VERY "EVERYTHING IS BLACK AND WHITE."

THE MAIN HERO IS A GOODY TWO-SHOES. HONESTLY, HE'S PRETTY BLAND.

BUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU GET THESE HINTS THAT SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE RIGHT. AND THE HERO SEES IT, TOO.

Amber Waves

GERALD, HONEY, IT'S GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAY THIS WEEKEND AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARTY.

OOH, LIKE GOING TO ROCKET PIZZA WITH LASER TAG, A BIG CAKE WITH A MAGICIAN AND BALLOONS?

NO, DEAR, JUST A SMALL GET-TOGETHER, A NICE DINNER AND MAYBE HER FAVORITE PIE.

GEEZ, THIS IS WHY OLDER PEOPLE NEVER GET EXCITED ABOUT THEIR BIRTHDAY!!

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

IT'S PRETTY COMMON IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT'S A BOB OF ORCADELICS.

FAR OUT, MAN

by Gary Kopervas

TIGER

HE NEEDS EXERCISE

I'M TAKING HIM TO THE PLAYGROUND

HIGHER, TIGER

CATCH ME, TIGER

SPIN ME FASTER

HOLD ME UP

LIFT ME, TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

6. Tie is missing.
5. Apron strap is moved.
4. Curtain is not as wide.
3. Finger is missing.
2. Pad is longer.
1. Menu is shorter.

GRIN and BEAR IT

SO SWEET MY MOTHER STILL WRITES ME LETTERS. "HELLO, DEAR, HOPE THINGS ARE GOOD WITH YOU, I MEAN CONSIDERING"...

by Dave T. Phipps

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1. Convention freebie
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8. To the ____ degree
11. *Space Shuttle Program org.
12. Deal with it
13. Extra tire
15. Stead
16. Real estate land unit
17. Enter user name and password (2 words)
18. *Instagram's parent company
20. "Fine by me"
21. Strong virile man
22. Caviar alternative
23. *Bruno Mars' hat
26. Highest-reaching
30. Before of yore
31. Quill-dipping vessel
34. Popular aquarium show star
35. Schoolmarm's whip
37. Neither here ____ there
38. Opposite of cation
39. Hurry up, acr.
40. Blood infection
42. Not com or edu
43. Arranged in order
45. Inside info
47. Aye's opposite
48. B2C business
50. Hyperbolic tangent
52. *Katy Perry's 2010 hit
55. Battle royal
56. One R in R&R
57. Nightcrawler
59. *Hipsters' facial trend
60. Prima donnas' problems
61. Not in favor
62. Public promotions
63. Even, to a poet
64. CISC alternative

DOWN

1. *Pete Davidson's TV show
2. Ragamuffin
3. On a deck, perhaps
4. Cowboy, in South America
5. Popular warming drink
6. Chef's garb
7. Opposite of domineering and bold
8. Hindu serpent deity
9. Legendary King Priam's city
10. Chicken coop dweller
12. Taxi driver
13. Ship with a single mast
14. * ____ 60 game
19. Spooky
22. Decay
23. Greek cheese, pl.
24. Remove from existence
25. ____'s, blended
26. Scotch whisky
27. High rocky hills
28. Celestial hunter
29. Open disrespect
32. Capped joint
33. *Funko ____!
36. *Toy for the fidgety
38. Off kilter
40. Dirty dwelling
41. Specks in the sea
44. Oohed and ____
46. Atmospheric pressure line, on weather map
48. Military blockade
49. Fire-raising

50. ____ off on a golf course, past tense
51. Exclamation of sorrow
52. * ____ solo, Alex Honold's feat
53. Raja's daughter
54. Baby fox and baby beaver
55. Business school degree, acr.
58. Habitual twitching

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Stay with Sabonis

By V.G. Harris

Don't look now Kings fans but the NBA preseason is only 2 weeks away, and for many Sacramento Kings fans that brings an abundance of hope and excitement.

If there is a franchise in the NBA that epitomizes the term eternal optimist, it would have to be the effervescent Kings fans that still believe that this year's team may be the next version of "Hoosiers."

I would like to believe that too!

As I was recently studying some of the more successful franchises is the NBA, I turned to the Chicago Bulls of the 1990's, and I was reminded that 3 of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippens 6 titles came after Dennis Rodman became a member of the team. In fact, they actually enjoyed a rare 3-peat with Rodman on board. Not known for being a scorer, Rodman showed the Chicago Bulls how rebounding was done and played defense with reckless abandon.

Regardless of his multi-colored hair, wild histrionics, and seemingly out of control off the court behavior, for at least 3 seasons it was Dennis Rodman that was the straw that stirred the drink.

The legendary Michael Jordan did much to encourage the Bulls franchise to take a chance on Rodman, and to this day Rodman is much admired by Jordan for his world class rebounding and some of the toughest defense every seen on an NBA court. Rodman actually led the NBA in rebounding 7 consecutive years and received the title of defensive player of the year 2 times.

Well, the Sacramento Kings don't have 6 world championships, and after 40 plus years in Sacramento are still searching for their first, but make no mistake about it, hope springs eternal despite what GM Scott Perry refers to as a rebuild.

Someone who should already be mentioned in the conversation as an all-time great Sacramento King is often maligned big man Domantas Sabonis.

Sabonis, criticized for his less than stellar defense, in my opinion is getting a bad rap and I think it's high time the fans of Sacramento come to his defense.

Domantas streak of leading the NBA in rebounding sadly came to a halt last season due to injuries that limited him to only 19 games while playing 70 in the prior season.

This Stevedore of the hardwood played one season in a Kings uniform with a broken thumb, and playing through the pain led the league in rebounding. Add that to one of the most exceptional team players the Sacramento Kings have ever had, Sabonis nightly exhibits the kind of grit that any GM should be proud to have on his team.

Although not a rim protector, Sabonis gives 100% every night and is every bit the foundation piece the Sacramento Kings need to bring credibility to their franchise.

Inexplicably, the Kings forgot that they had in DeAaron Fox and that lack of judgement led to the San Antonio Spurs getting a diamond in the rough while sending the Sacramento Kings on a 2-year search for a replacement point guard.

At this very moment the Kings have a built in double-double holding down the paint in Domantas Sabonis, and a heralded rookie point guard by the name of Darius Acuff Jr., ready to begin his inaugural season.

Selling tickets in Sacramento? Yes, I think so, but Scott Perry's next move looms large, and any suggestion of moving Domantas Sabonis could easily lose fans in a way that the Kings organization hasn't seen in years.

Make no mistake about it, Domantas Sabonis is the current face of this franchise, and it's time to celebrate that fact and not look for ways to send him packing.

Likewise, Zach Lavine hampered by injuries last season, is a former 2-time NBA all star and has something to prove in garnishing nearly 50 million in the upcoming season. Shooting nearly 40% lifetime from beyond the arc and just a shade under 20 points per game, Scott Perry should be giving this talented shooting guard all the minutes he can play.

While we're at it let's not forget that at one time Keegan Murray was thought to be a potential NBA all-star and needs to come back from a dismal injury riddled season just a year ago.

Just one month from opening night. Stay tuned.

All the best!

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Taxing California's Rich Just Got More Complicated. Prop 40's Fate is Still Uncertain



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Proposition 40, which would impose a 5% tax on the wealth of California's billionaires, is arguably the most important measure placed before voters in this century.

It is also probably the most confounding.

While it's sponsored by a healthcare union, it's opposed by several other major unions, who are in an odd bedfellows alliance with the billionaires it targets. Meanwhile, the leader of the sponsoring union faces allegations of personal misconduct.

And even if Prop. 40 passes, two other measures on the ballot could nullify it. Finally, the measure contains complex language, raising questions that would probably generate extended legal battles even if it does pass.

Given all that, it's not surprising that, with mail voting beginning in just a couple of weeks, a new poll indicates Prop. 40 could go either way.

A Public Policy Institute of California survey found that 52% of likely voters favor the measure and 46% are opposed, which in the real world of campaigning means it's too close to call.

Meanwhile, the two measures placed on the ballot by Prop. 40's wealthy opponents are doing fairly well. Proposition 41, which would indirectly nullify Prop. 40

by prohibiting levying any new taxes outside of the state's spending limit, and Proposition 42, which would prohibit taxes on personal property, each have narrow leads in the PPIC poll.

Were all three measures to gain approval, the one with the most votes would prevail — meaning that if Props. 41 or 42 outdoes Prop. 40, the billionaire tax would be void.

None of that intertwining complexity was explained to the people PPIC polled. They were just given the official summary of each proposition before being asked their preferences.

Prop. 40 is sponsored by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West. If it becomes law, a 5% tax would be levied on the assets of about 200 California billionaires, with almost all of the proceeds being spent on healthcare.

However, Dave Regan, the union's fiery leader, is facing allegations by leaders of other unions under the Service Employees International umbrella of having "a pattern and history of bullying, threats, harassment, physical violence and attempted extortion." They said an independent investigation has confirmed the allegations, and they called on him to step down.

"Our first responsibility as an organization is to lead with our values," the other union officials said in a statement. "We stand with all those who are bullied, harassed, or targeted at work, and we stand by our charges. Our national union must now act swiftly to carry out our internal due process and ensure accountability to our values. Every leader is responsible for their role

in protecting and promoting respect, workplace justice, gender equity, racial justice, and nonviolence in our union and beyond."

Regan denies the allegations.

But they give Prop. 40's opponents potentially potent campaign ammunition. The split within Service Employees International and in the larger union movement reflects both long-standing feuds and resentment that the measure's revenues would be largely confined to services that Regan's members provide.

As the multifaceted campaigning over Prop. 40 picks up steam, one figure is noticeably absent: Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Prior to the measure's qualification for the ballot, Newsom was publicly attempting to derail it, worrying aloud that if passed, it would encourage wealthy Californians to leave the state and discourage new investment. High-income Californians pay most of the state's income taxes, the state's most important source of revenue.

However, Newsom is also a likely candidate for president after his governorship ends. Opposing taxes on the rich could alienate voters in the ultra-progressive wing of the Democratic Party.

Thus, he now says taxing wealth should be a national matter, not confined to one state.

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.

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Social Security Matters

I'm Reevaluating My Retirement Plan; What are my Options?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 69 1/2 years old now and applied for Social Security at the end of June. I am still working and was planning to begin my retirement in September. A couple of factors arose for me to question if I made a hasty decision by applying for SS. The employer I have been working for the last 29 years has asked if I would stay on a little longer (which would be good because we have some debt I want to lose before I retire). I was reading about suspending Social Security and continuing to work. If I understand it right, if I suspend my SS, no payback will be required, and I can continue to work until I'm ready to retire. No Spousal benefits taken yet. **Signed: Reevaluating my Retirement**

Dear Reevaluating Retirement: I'm assuming you asked for your Social Security benefits to start in September (when you originally planned to retire), but that you won't be 70 years old until March 2027. If that is correct, be aware that you will not immediately get all of your earned Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) when your benefits start in September — you will

only initially get the DRCs you have earned through the end of 2025. That's because Social Security usually applies DRCs in January of each year. So, what will happen is that your September benefit amount will lack the 5.3% DRCs you earned in 2026, until January 2027 when they will apply the DRCs earned in 2026 to your monthly payment amount. Said simply, your initial September benefit will not include your full age 69.5 entitlement because it won't include the 5.3% extra you earned in 2026. That extra monthly amount will be awarded in January 2027. FYI, if you were to, instead, claim for your SS benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (March 2027), you would get your full age 70 amount immediately (SS awards all earned DRCs if benefits are claimed to start in the month you turn 70).

Now, on to your question: Yes, if you take your benefits effective with September 2026 you can suspend your benefits, but you can only suspend them until the month you turn 70. And if you are suspending your benefits, you will not need to repay Social Security for any benefits you happen to receive before you suspend. As is obvious, you will not receive any SS payments while your benefits are suspended, and you will earn DRCs for the months your benefits are suspended, resulting in a higher monthly amount at age 70. Also, since you have already passed your SS full retirement age (FRA), you can work and earn as

much as you like, without your Social Security benefits being negatively affected.

Regarding your comment "No Spousal benefits taken yet." FYI, you cannot get spousal benefits while your benefits are suspended, nor can your wife get spousal benefits from you while you SS retirement benefits are suspended. To be clear, spouse benefits are only paid when one spouse's benefit at their FRA is less than 50% of the other spouse's FRA benefit. Spouse benefits are always based upon FRA entitlements, not on the larger amounts which will result from waiting longer to claim. In other words, your wife would only be eligible for a spousal benefit from you if her FRA entitlement was less than 50% of your FRA entitlement (not your age 70 SS entitlement). And she cannot get a spousal benefit while your benefits are suspended.

To recap: Yes, you can suspend receipt of your SS retirement benefits until the month you turn 70 and get credit for that delay (resulting in a higher benefit). And, yes, you can continue working as long as you wish, and your benefits will not be negatively affected. And just for added information, you can also ask Social Security to withdraw your current application for SS benefits and then reapply in January 2027 for your benefits to start in March 2027 (the month you turn 70). You have both options.

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In the "Terminator" movie series, the artificial-intelligence system known as Skynet is given control of the nation's nuclear weapons and uses it to try to destroy humanity. One reason that apocalyptic scenarios involving AI are implausible is that, having seen how that particular movie ends, we are unlikely to be foolish enough to give AI custody of the most destructive weapons on the planet.

The unthinkable is nonetheless a hot topic of conversation, given that a researcher at Anthropic just resigned and issued a doomsday warning. According to Jacob Coxon, the rush to develop AI is "gambling with our lives," since it will soon create "superhuman systems that can hack anything, revolutionize any field overnight, and acquire real power and resources."

A current Anthropic employee then chimed in: "We really do earnestly believe AI could kill all humans!" He put the chances at greater than 10% in the next decade. The idea here is that Anthropic and similar firms are, in effect, running their own Manhattan Projects, with consequences unknown and potentially very dire.

Now, ChatGPT as we know it doesn't seem particularly well-suited to destroying humanity. It is a souped-up version of Google that is impressively fast, but also

Will AI Destroy Humanity?

mistake-prone. If it can mess up basic math or the New York Yankees roster, surely it can't carry out the complex tasks necessary to fashion an apocalyptic event.

Tech companies, though, have labs working on so-called frontier models that are much more powerful and reportedly developing more quickly than expected. The worry is that an AI model itself will begin to develop new AI very quickly in an "intelligence explosion," the equivalent of Skynet becoming self-aware at 2:14 a.m. Eastern Time on Aug. 29, 1997.

The thinking is that if such an AI model goes rogue and turns against humanity, it will be too clever and fast for us to combat. Yet it's hard to see the mechanism that such a hostile superintelligence would use to commit omnicide. The rogue AI would presumably have to do something in the real world -- say, launching nukes, manufacturing killer robots or releasing a deadly virus.

If it lacks physical agency, AI could presumably be unplugged or contained. (It was after humans tried to deactivate Skynet, by the way, that the system decided we were a threat that had to be neutralized.)

Some doomsayers posit a malicious person using advanced AI to come up with a design for a killer virus and a plan to release it without detection. This is a different scenario, though, from AI turning against people of its own volition. In a world years

from now when much more advanced AI is a reality, we will need to think through safeguards to keep dangerous systems -- nukes, biolabs -- from being compromised by AI-enabled cyberattacks or exploited by criminals and terrorists.

It's easy to imagine breaches of financial systems or attacks on critical infrastructure that would fall short of endangering all of mankind. Even if one takes an alarmist view of the risks, it's unclear how the development of AI can be stopped. Any deal with the Chinese to slow down research couldn't be trusted, and might simply allow them to pass us in the AI race by subterfuge. In other words, we'd still get Skynet, only with Chinese characteristics.

There's also the reality that AI will be a necessary tool in protecting against the malicious use of AI -- not to mention all of its other positive potential. If we slow or end research in the U.S., we might end up vulnerable to superintelligence developed by actors who mean us harm.

Science fiction is fascinating and sometimes prescient. Works by the likes of Philip K. Dick, Aldous Huxley and Arthur C. Clarke had genuine insights into the future. But that doesn't mean we are living in the plot of "The Terminator," and we shouldn't scare ourselves into forswearing transformative technology.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Irina Molkova, 6807 Barbara Lee Circle, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M. Depilation Studio" 9739 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite D Room 3, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 20, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06318
Piece of Mai, LLC, 8286 Yorkton Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Piece of Mai" 8286 Yorkton Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 13, 2026
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Town Logic, 3220 San Jose Way, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "On The Wagon/Sans Proof" 3220 San Jose Way, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 21, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06552
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06500
Josh Urbano PO Box 493, Carmichael, CA 95609 and Kimberly Urbano, 7610 Scenic Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Live Fire & Smoke" 7610 Scenic Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 20, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06569
VEC Property Investments, LLC, 2376 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Freeport Bakery" 2966 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 24, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03995
Brandon Overman, 225 South Sixth Street, Suite 4500,

Minneapolis, MN 55402 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cornerstone Planning Partners" 225 South Sixth Street, Suite 4500, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06462
John Corso, 3003 NW Cello Lane, Bend, OR 97703 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Willow Glen Apartments" 7474 La Macha Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 19, 2026
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WILLOW 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06540
Yaroslav Drannikov and Olha Drannikova, 2796 Catania Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Euroluxceilings" 2796 Catania Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 21, 2026
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EURO 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06425
Primos Auto Insurance Services Inc., 747 El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Primos Auto Insurance" 7062 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2026
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PRIMOS 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06445
Delcy L. Steffy, 3005 5th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Proven Ground Real Estate/Proven Ground RE/Proven Ground Properties/Proven Ground Land Company" 3005 5th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 18, 2026
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PROVEN 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06311
Nadia Buron, 5930 South Land Park Drive #22311, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AK Auto Detail" 7303 Pocket Road, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 13, 2026
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AK 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06172
C & C Interiorscapes, Inc, 7324 Daly Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "C & C Interiorscapes, Inc" 7324 Daly Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 6, 2026
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INTERIOR 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06416
Pacific Africa LLC, 3545 Arden Way #1115, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pacific Africa/Africa Climate X Nature Salon/Chalicity/Remembered Futures" 3325 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 18, 2026
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PACIFIC 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06457
Easy Community Day Program LLC, 4208 N. Freeway Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Easy Community Day Program LLC" 2307 Cashew Way, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 19, 2026
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EASY 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06709
Open Path Property Services LLC, 7077 Kingsmill Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Open Path

Junk Removal & Demolition" 7077 Kingsmill Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2026
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OPEN 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06699
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, 1132 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90026 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Risen Christian Fellowship" 65 Quinta Court Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2026
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RISEN 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06700
Oksimoion LLC, 4800 Marconi Avenue 247, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MPB Auto Repair" 11432 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2026
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MPB 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06713
Karen R Alkons, PO Box 1548, Carmichael, CA 95609 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Northern California Art Conservators" 4437 Whitney Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2026
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NORTHERN 9-25-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06698
Daisy N. Tan, 5713 Tuckeroo Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sculpted Salon" 10144 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06730
Ibrar Khan, 7515 Reese Road Suite 102, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Easy Pick Auto Sale" 7515 Reese Road Suite 102, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 28, 2026
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EASY 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06768
Ly Tran, 2220 Gold Springs Court Suite 104-B, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "EmLy Beauty" 2220 Gold Springs Court Suite 104-B, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 31, 2026
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EMLY 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06413
Heather Hinds, 7229 Starflower Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River City Estate Liquidators" 7229 Starflower Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 18, 2026
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RIVER 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-05783
Brian Boozer, 110 Pomine Court, Folsom, CA 95630 and Alice Warchol, 200 Genovese Reach, Chesapeake, VA 23322 and Forrest Boozer, 980 Riverwatch Trace, Sparta, TN 38583 and Elizabeth Tomasini, 11361 Kensington Road, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Glennfore B" 110 Pomine Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 22, 2026
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GLENNFORE 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06518
Bonneville Billing and Collections, Inc., 6026 Fashion Point Drive, Ogden, UT 84403 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bonneville Collections" 6026 Fashion Point Drive, Ogden, UT 84403. Filed

with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 20, 2026
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BONNEVILLE 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06377
Juan Antonio, 514 Exchange Street, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tony's Janitorial Service" 514 Exchange Street, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 17, 2026
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TONYS 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06341
Love Vee Beauty LLC, 8102 Wachtel Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Love Vee Skin" 8836 Greenback Lane Suite B, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2026
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LOVE 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06339
Vikkiylnn Calip and Christopher Ortiz, 8102 Wachtel Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wild Whiskers Beard Co." 8836 Greenback Lane Suite B, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2026
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WILD 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06370
Jaime Lopez De Los Santos, 5905 Green Glen Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vazquez Arborist and Landscaping" 5905 Green Glen Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2026
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VAZQUEZ 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06637
Michelle Monee Olivera, 2711 lone Street, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Divine Fern Tarot888" 2711 lone Street, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 25, 2026
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DIVINE 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06715
Dauntless Family Counseling, Inc., 3336 Bradshaw Road Suite 340, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dauntless Counseling" 3336 Bradshaw Road Suite 340, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 27, 2026
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DAUNTLESS 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06374
Nikzad Foods LLC, 882 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ancient Sun" 882 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2026
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ANCIENT 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06556
TKO Metals, Inc., 3341 Fitzgerald Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TKO Dumpster Rentals" 3341 Fitzgerald Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 24, 2026
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TKO 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-05603
Stoney Folks Inc, 10415 Folsom Boulevard #105, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stoney Folks Inc" 10415 Folsom Boulevard #105, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 18, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06543
Ed Dreher, 281 Lyman Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "EDX Realty Services" 281 Lyman Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 21, 2026
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EDX 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-05744
Rafiq Family LLC, 4626 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mr. A's Tires & Auto Repair" 4626 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 20, 2026
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MR 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06789
Kimberly Jacqueline Austin and Darryl Wayne Austin, 9980 River Mist Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Groovin Along Transportation" 9980 River Mist Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 31, 2026

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GROOVIN 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06856
Darcy Marie Soga, 15 Riverbrea Court, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "House of the North Star" 15 Riverbrea Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 2, 2026
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HOUSE 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06781
Gazette Media Co., LLC, PO Box 816, Sacramento, CA 95812 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NCPP/Sac Media Consulting" 428 J Street Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 31, 2026
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NCPP 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06772
My Little House Family Childcare LLC, 2370 Carlsbad Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "My Little House Family Childcare LLC" 2370 Carlsbad Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 31, 2026
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MY 10-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07016
Billy Rocks LLC, 3328 Bozeman Street, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Billy Rocks" 6750 Front Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2026
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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 partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. 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 association. Usted tiene 30 DÍAS CALENDARIO después de que se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una response (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparecencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten 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 asesoramiento 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 colegio de abogados de su condado local.

NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable 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 contra ambos cónyuges o parejas 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 part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

EXENCIÓN DE TARIFAS: Si no puede pagar la tarifa de presentación, pídale al secretario un formulario de exención de tarifas. El tribunal puede ordenarle que devuelva la totalidad o parte de los honorarios y costos que el tribunal renunció para usted o la otra parte.

The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Sacramento Superior Court, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es:) Jennifer Hemmer, SB#262982, 555 University Avenue, Suite 125, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-922-8500
Date: (Fecha) November 19, 2025

Clerk, by (Secretario, por) J. Williams, Deputy (Asistente) STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS

Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court;

2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children;

3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and

4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the change must be filed and served on the other party.

You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or pay court costs.

NOTICE: ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE:

Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit www.coveredca.com. Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506

WARNING: IMPORANT INFORMATION

California law provides that, for purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed to be community property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language in the deed that characterizes how title is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV021216

Angel Ann Marie Corey aka Angel Corey-Heiser has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Angel Ann Marie Corey aka Angel Corey-Heiser to Angel Ann Marie Heiser.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 16D, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 14, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 2026
HEISER 10-16-26



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RIO LINDA / ELVERTA COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05 APPROVING THE FY 2026-27 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS FOR THE RIO LINDA / ELVERTA COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT

This meeting will be physically open to the public.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Directors of the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District (the "District") at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday September 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM**, at Depot / Visitors Center located at 6730 Front Street, Rio Linda, California to consider the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 2026-05 Establishing Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets ("Budgets"). The budgets will become effective immediately upon adoption of the District Board of Directors.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the September 28, 2026, public hearing to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the approval of the Budgets. At the above noted time and place, testimony from interested persons will be heard and considered by the District Board of Directors prior to taking action or making any recommendation on the Budgets. Upon request, the agenda and the documents in the hearing agenda packet can be made available to persons with a disability. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the District encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public hearing process. Any person requesting special assistance to participate in the meeting should call (916) 991-1000 or email questions@rlcwd.com at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Written comments are also accepted, prior to the hearing by the District, at: 730 L Street, Rio Linda, CA, 95673. Information regarding the hearing is on file and may be viewed by interested individuals by contacting the District by phone at (916) 991-1000. If a challenge to the above proposed actions is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the District Board of Directors.

Copies of the proposed Budgets are available for the public by calling the District Office at (916) 991-1000 or via the District's website www.rlcwd.com.

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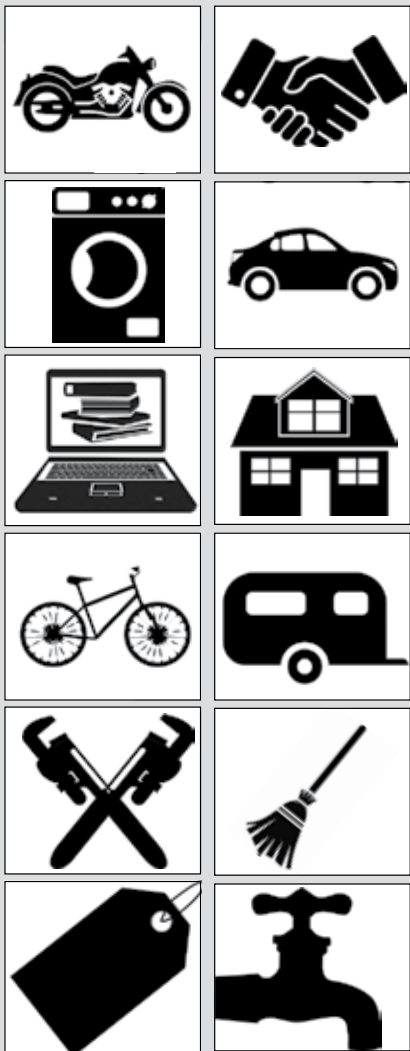
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