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You're the Tops, Carmichael!



To the victor, the sash. Carmichael Honorary Mayor Mike Rockenstein (in sash) wins re-election for a 2027 term. The result was announced last week during the Best of Carmichael gala. Rival is Lacey Martinez (in red). Flanking the candidates are Carmichael Chamber of Commerce Directors Brad Sanborn (left) Miranda Viani; Rosie Buck and emcee husband Jeff Buck.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Business and service professionals last week applauded 64 winners of the Best of Carmichael contest.

More than 350 revelers packed the La Sierra Center to wine, dine and cheer. Presented by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and the Carmichael Times, the annual competition raises funds for non-profits and chamber community programs.

The contest fielded 64 categories and 545 contenders. Online participation totaled more than 22,387 votes.

The Nov. 6 event festooned its venue with chandeliers, Sherlock Holmes lookalikes and costumed suspects in tradition with the mystery board game "Clue."

A climatic reveal declared Chamber President Rosie Buck – Mrs. Peacock – to be a knife-wielding culprit. Her victim was Carmichael Improvement District executive Samantha Beck. (No blood was spilled and Beck remains in good health.)

From auto-shops to sushi sellers; from churches to chiropractors; from youth to senior programs – the contest celebrated the varied enterprises that make a town tick.

As Carmichael marches on its stomach, food categories included burger, taco, kabob, pie and pizza merchants. To stay in shape from such indulgence, gyms and fitness enterprises were also lauded.

Glen Oaks swim and Tennis Club came in first for Youth Sports. Carmichael Presbyterian Church was praised as Best House of Worship. Carmichael Recreation and Park District romped off with wins in multiple categories, including Best Hidden Gem (Jensen Botanical Gardens).

A Best Bartender award was stirred – not shaken – when Jennifer Holman (Shenanigans) and Sara Ryan (River City Brewing) split the prize.

Jacks Urban Eats scarfed a Best New Business title. Best Concert Series Band (for the third time) was the Carmichael rock group Wasted Space.

The Best Non-Profit profited from a cash prize. The Kiwanis Club of Carmichael took home $1,200. This

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County Sandbag Locations Open

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Department of Water Resources (DWR) has opened three sandbag locations for residents in the unincorporated areas. County DWR continues its annual winter operation to help residents Be Aware and Be Prepared in the event of flooding in their neighborhoods.

Due to the growing concern of what El Nino may bring to the area, residents who believe their property will be in danger of potential flooding are encouraged to get sandbags now before rain falls.

As in previous years, three main locations are now open including Branch Center, 3847 Branch Center Rd.; Orangevale Community Center, 6826 Hazel Ave.; Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Station #116, 7995 Elwyn Ave.

Last year, 308 tons of sand were scooped up and placed into 23,000 bags by Sacramento County residents between the various sandbag locations. During a storm event, if the conditions worsen and flooding become a larger concern, the department can deliver sand to six more sandbag locations that are on standby around the unincorporated parts of the County.

Do you have old sandbags from last winter? Get rid of them and get new bags. The older ones have deteriorated due to sitting out in the summer sun and won't provide the best protection. Get new bags to make sure you are prepared this winter.

Before the rain falls, residents are also encouraged to clear storm drains of trash and debris to reduce the chance of street flooding. During the storm, residents living near creeks and streams can use the County ALERT system to monitor rising streams in the unincorporated areas.

County DWR supplies the sand and bags, paid for by stormwater utility fees, but residents will need to bring a shovel. There is a 20-bag limit per visit. Residents not living in the unincorporated

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Hands on for Crafty Christmas Spree

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - St. John the Evangelist School's blowout, "A Holiday Show of Hands," will ensure a crafty Christmas for thousands of shoppers on Dec. 4, 5 and 6.

Now in its 48th year, the market annually fills the entire Locust Avenue campus with up to 5,000 visitors. Proceeds benefit the Catholic school.

Entrepreneurism annually soars during the fundraiser, where more than 150 vendors offer

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Crafters Kim Whitt and Rosemarie Kelliher get festive at the St John the Evangelist Christmas fair. More than 150 vendors will offer wares at the Carmichael school campus during the weekend of Dec. 4, 5 and 6.

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A New Plaque Tells a Story

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - More than 60 years after his death, a hero's name has been added to the Patriots Park Wall of Honor in Fair Oaks.

During a Nov. 7 ceremony, the wall's newest plaque was dedicated to Army Warrant Officer Daniel E. Bishop, who was considered the first Carmichael man to die in the Vietnam War. A musician and graduate of San Juan High School, Dan was the youngest of five Bishop brothers raised on Grant Avenue by electrician James Bishop and his wife, Anna.

More than 30 community members, including Senator Roger Niello and representatives of other legislative offices attended the ceremony.



Relatives of monument Honoree Daniel Bishop are Josh Bishop (center), Leanne Stephenson (to his left) and Jenny Blakemore. The family members are flanked by the Sacramento Sheriff's Honor Guard. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

Senator Niello described the Wall of Honor as more than a monument. "Each name represents a son, a brother, a husband or a neighbor," he said. "This monument reminds us that heroes are not just in history books. They walk our streets. May we strive to lead lives worthy of their service."

The Wall of Honor's newest inductee died while piloting a helicopter on combat duty in Vietnam. Hit by ground fire, his craft crashed and exploded. Dan Bishop was one of nine crew members from downed helicopters that perished in the 1965 tragedy.

Also stationed in South Vietnam, Daniel's brother Ted Bishop was called to identify his 26-year-old sibling's body.



Daniel Bishop's portrait and medals are displayed during the Wall of Honor ceremony. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

"The family was impacted deeply by his death," recalled his niece, Micki Bishop Stoltz (now a Wilton resident). "Everybody loved him."

His community grieved. Soon after his loss, Carmichael Park District dedicated a band shell to the Warrant Officer's memory.

Another niece recalled her lost uncle. "He was always kidding," said Montana resident Carrie Bishop Craig. "He took us kids along on his dates. One of his girlfriends objected. So he dropped her back at her house and took us to a movie and ice cream instead."



The five Bishop brothers of Grant Avenue, Carmichael, circa 1963. Daniel (top left) and Ted wear Army uniform prior to their Vietnam service. Below are brothers Jim, Mac and Bill. All are now deceased. Photo courtesy of the Bishop family



Daniel Bishop and niece Micki hold trophies from a river fishing expedition, circa 1961. Photo courtesy of the Bishop family

Micki Bishop Stultz remembers her favorite uncle's letters from Vietnam. "They were full of pranks and jokes," she said. "He was cool and fun. When he died, it seemed like all the fun had gone from my life."

Micki recalled a school current events class that included war footage. "They showed a helicopter crash," she said. "I didn't think much, till they screened pictures of the crew. There was my uncle's face. I had to leave the room."

Dan Bishop had taken another helicopter pilot's duty on his final, fatal mission.

"At the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC, I met the officer he'd replaced on that flight," said Micki. "We corresponded for several years. He said he felt bad – that it should have been him in the helicopter. I told him Dan must have wanted to do the mission, or he would not have volunteered. It just his character to step forward."

"He was so humble," Micki continued. "Uncle Dan loved his family and his country. He would not have considered himself a hero. He was doing his job and his duty."

Family cousin Leeanne Stephenson attended the Bishop brothers' alma mater, San Juan High. "There was a memorial case dedicated to Uncle Danny in a hallway," she said. "It made me sad, but I was proud that people remembered him. All the men in my life had been in service. That was an inspiration. When I graduated, I went to work for the Airforce."

Daniel Bishop's family, noted Stephenson, appreciated Carmichael community's most recent honor for her kinsman. "Most of us grew up in this vicinity," she said. "We all value the effort put in to remembering Danny."

Fifteen more patriots are memorialized by the Patriots Park Wall of Honor.

They are:

Sheriff's Deputy Robert French; CHP Officer Ronald E. Davis; Army Specialist James E. Schlottman; Army Lieutenant Robert S. Byrnes; Airforce Captain Olin E. Gilbert Jnr; Army Sergeant Larry H. Morford; firefighter Dean W. Rhoades;

Navy pilot Lieutenant J. G. David A Warne; Marine and firefighter Sergeant Brian E. Dunlap; Sheriff's Deputies Kevin P. Blount and Joseph M. Kievernagel; Army Sergeant Ronald L. Coffelt; Army Specialist Raymond Nigel Spencer Jnr;

Sheriff's Deputy Danny Oliver; Sheriff's Corporal Bruce R. Verhoeven; Army Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Blount; Army W.O. Daniel E. Bishop.

Anyone may visit Patriots Park, located at 6827 Palm Ave., Fair Oaks. The annual Wall of Honor ceremony occurs on the first Saturday of November. ★



Hands on for Crafty Christmas Spree

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wares. From funky sweaters to metal sculptures and glittering ornaments, most items are one-off and crafted by hand. A preview (5 to 9 p.m.) on Dec. 4 requires a $10 donation. A $5 donation is requested on Saturday; Sunday browsing is free.

Doors open at 9 a.m. on both weekend days and customers will be entered in a $100 gift card draw. Silent auctions will offer hundreds of items.

Santa and Mother Claus visit on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The fair's gourmet pavilion has this year been enlarged to include more food vendors.

"Dec. is a cold month, so hot toddies and Sister Margaret's famous Irish coffee will take the chill off," promises co-organizer Amy Swanson.

Swanson takes the reins from her late mother, Pat Holbus, who founded and ran the fair for 47 years. In the tradition of her passion for cooking, home-made meals will be available for sit-down or carry-out customers throughout the event. Boulevard Coffee will host an expresso bar.

St. John the Evangelist School is located at 5701 Locust Ave. Because fair traffic clogs surrounding streets, free shuttles will run from Carmichael Elks Lodge on Cypress Avenue to St John's Church.

"People come here from all over Sacramento, even from out of state," attested the late Pat Holbus. "Our market has become a Sacramento tradition. It's a weekend that says Christmas is here at last."

For information, call (916) 481-8845 x1. Or visit www.holidayshowofhands.com. ★

County Sandbag Locations Open

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areas of the County will need to check with their cities for sandbag information. The public can visit www.stormready.org for more information on locations and other flood related topics. ★

You're the Tops, Carmichael!



Carmichael Times staffer Susan Maxwell Skinner (center) is perennial winner for Best Photographer. Award presenters are Josh Gumacal (left), rep. Congressman Ami Bera; Vanessa Olmstead, rep. Senator Roger Niello, Kendra Johnson, rep. Supervisor Rich Desmond and Natalya Sachuk, rep. Assemblyman Josh Hoover.

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bonus was sponsored by Assemblyman Josh Hoover and San Juan School board candidate Morri Elliott.

The Favorite Teacher category offered another cash incentive; this year shared by Ashley Lippner (Carmichael Elementary) and Emily Andrews (Starr King Elementary). The educators each earned $400, sponsored by San Juan School Board candidate Roxanne Stellmacher.

Teacher Emily Andrews also took home a $1,000 door prize voucher, to spend at Aquamarine Jewelers. For complete Best of Carmichael results, visit www.BestofCarmichael.com.

Following a dinner catered by Momo's Smokehouse, a cake and auction sweetened fundraising by more than $2,200 for eight desserts.

A surprise announcement hailed a conclusion for the 2027 honorary mayoral race. Business consultant Mike Rockenstein will keep his bejeweled sash for another term.

Between Rockenstein and rival campaigner Lacey Martinez, the mayoral race realized more than $35,000. The incumbent's campaign will benefit First Tee of Sacramento, a golfing program for youth.

Though pipped for mayoral office, Lacey Martinez's Tangle Free Salon snipped Best Hair Service honors for the fourth time. Her campaign funds will assist the Special Education Advocacy PTA of San Juan Unified School District – a non-profit that supports families of disabled students.

"This was truly our greatest Best of Carmichael, yet" reported Carmichael President Rosie Buck. "We were thrilled by the number of winners who attended."

Next week's Carmichael Times will contain a photo spread featuring contest winners.

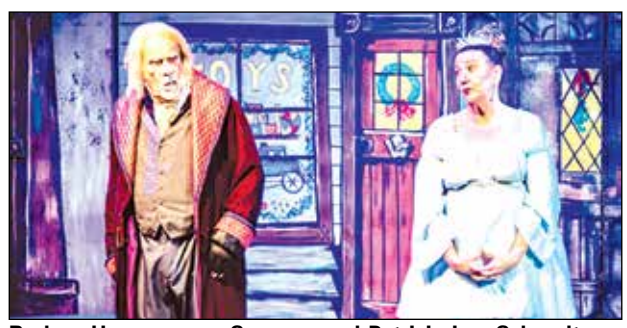
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Chautauqua Playhouse Presents Timeless Holiday Classic, 'Scrooge'



Rodger Hoopman as Scrooge and Warren Harrison as Bob Cratchit. Photo courtesy of Chautauqua Playhouse

Chautauqua Playhouse News Release



Rodger Hoopman as Scrooge and Patricia Lee Schmeltz as Christmas Past. Photo courtesy of Chautauqua Playhouse

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Chautauqua Playhouse invites audiences to celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with "Scrooge," a heartwarming theatrical adaptation of Charles Dickens' beloved classic, "A Christmas Carol." Directed by Warren Harrison, the production will once again feature Rodger Hoopman in the title role.

The story follows Ebenezer Scrooge, a bitter and miserly businessman whose life is forever changed after visits from the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Through these encounters, Scrooge discovers the value of kindness, generosity, friendship and redemption.

Filled with memorable characters, humor and emotional depth, Scrooge remains a cherished holiday tradition for families and theatergoers of all ages.

Scrooge! The Musical will be presented Dec. 5 through Dec. 24. Evening performances are scheduled for Dec. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances will be presented Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 24 at 2 p.m.

The cast includes Rodger Hoopman, Warren Harrison, Salina Donek, Patricia Lee Schmeltz, Scarlett Bronner, Gavyn Irving, Jerold McFatter, Vicki Fortini, David John Silva, Arthur Vassar, Tamara Sooter, Sherri Adams, Paula Ketchel, Annalee Del Rio, Kayden Stanleigh and Nora Peluso.

For tickets and additional information, visit www.cplayhouse.org or call 916-489-7529.

Chautauqua Playhouse is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven community theater dedicated to providing quality theatrical productions and performing arts education to the Sacramento region. ★

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Recruitment for the 2027-28 Sac County Civil Grand Jury Opens Soon

Sacramento County Grand Jury News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Civil Grand Jury is appointed to provide oversight of Sacramento County, its cities, public schools, including community colleges and special district agencies and operations. The Grand Jury also investigates complaints submitted by the public and issues reports of its findings. Past Grand Jury reports and government responses can be found online at https://sacgrandjury.org/reports.aspx.

The Civil Grand Jury is also authorized to hear criminal indictments as needed, and is tasked with visiting regional detention facilities, along with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Crime Lab and the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. Nineteen Sacramento County residents and 11 alternates will be selected from among qualified applicants. The one-year term for volunteer jurors runs from July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028.

"Serving on the Grand Jury has been a fantastic experience. It gives you, as a County resident, an opportunity to review and investigate your local government, school and special district operations, and then provide recommendations to improve their service to your community," Dave Comerchero, Foreperson, 2026-27 County of Sacramento Grand Jury.

To serve on the Grand Jury, you must be a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older, a resident of Sacramento County for at least one year and available for 20 to 30 hours a week. Applicants must also be able to speak, read and write the English language.

The application period opens Nov. 20 and the deadline to apply is Dec. 31 to be considered. The 2026-27 Grand Jury will be empaneled in June 2027. Grand Jurors receive a small stipend for their volunteer work.

For more information about the Sacramento County Grand Jury, applicant criteria and how to apply, visit https://sacgrandjury.org/apply.aspx. ★

CARMICHAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT EVENTS COMING UP IN CARMICHAEL!

WHO DO YOU WANT TO NOMINATE FOR 2027 PEOPLE OF THE YEAR?

Each year the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce honors those who have given back to our community and elevated the business landscape of Carmichael; awarding individuals, organizations, and businesses in several categories.

TUES NOV 17 — End-of-the year Business and Community Luncheon - A Thankful Feast featuring the Photos and Stories of Susan Skinner. Get your tickets today!

Wed Dec 2 — Carmichael's Gingerbread House Contest Ends.

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For more details and to learn more about the Carmichael Chamber, visit carmichaelchamber.com or contact execdir@carmichaelchamber.com

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Sacramento County Prepares for Strong El Niño Winter



During the Nov. 3 Board of Supervisors meeting, the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) presented its preparations for the upcoming storm season and what residents can do to prepare. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With a strong El Niño expected this winter, Sacramento County is preparing for heavy rainfall, flooding and severe winter storms.

During the Nov. 3 Board of Supervisors meeting, the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) presented its preparations for the upcoming storm season and what residents can do to prepare.

The presentation featured information from weather experts at the National Weather Service (NWS) Sacramento office and Sacramento County OES, explaining what El Niño could mean for the region, how weather patterns are monitored and how residents can stay informed and safe.

While El Niño increases the likelihood of a wet winter, it does not guarantee one. County officials encourage residents to prepare for winter weather regardless of the forecast, since even one major storm can cause flooding and other impacts.

Understanding El Niño and what it could mean for Sacramento County

We talked to the National Weather Service (NWS) about what to expect and why forecasters are predicting the potential for heavy rainfall and flooding this year.

NWS Meteorologist Courtney Carpenter explains that understanding this year's forecast starts with understanding the natural weather pattern.

"El Niño is the warm phase of a climate pattern called El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), which occurs in the tropical Pacific Ocean. Normally, strong winds along the Equator push warm ocean water west toward Asia. During El Niño, those winds weaken, allowing warmer water to shift east toward the Americas. This releases heat and moisture into the atmosphere and can change the position of the jet stream, which helps steer weather systems across North America. El Niño is not a storm or an atmospheric river. It is a climate pattern that can influence weather conditions around the world," said Carpenter.

She explained why this year's El Niño is expected to be stronger and potentially wetter than usual.

"This year's event is on track to be very strong and potentially record-breaking, with ocean temperatures in the tropical Pacific several degrees warmer than average. Warmer ocean temperatures can contribute more heat and moisture to the atmosphere, increasing the potential for heavier rainfall and stronger storm systems along the West Coast," said Carpenter.

NWS uses weather models, satellite imagery, radar and thousands of observations to monitor conditions and forecast winter storms.

This information helps forecasters issue alerts for hazardous weather, including flooding, high winds, fog and thunderstorms. NWS also works closely with local emergency management agencies, including Sacramento County OES, to help communities prepare for and respond to hazardous weather.

How Sacramento County is Preparing

The County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) works closely with NWS and local agencies to prepare for potential flooding and other winter weather emergencies.

Chief of Emergency Services, Mary Jo Flynn explained how the County prepares and what residents can do to keep themselves and their families safe.

"Our office brings together representatives from cities, special districts and nonprofit organizations to discuss potential emergency scenarios and the resources and services each can provide. This helps everyone understand what resources are available and how to access them during an emergency," said Flynn.

Residents can take several steps to prepare for winter weather. Register for emergency alerts or update your information at Ready.SacCounty.gov. You can also follow updates from Sacramento County OES, the Department of Water Resources at StormReady.org, the National Weather Service Sacramento office and local radio and television news.

"It's also important to check in with family members and neighbors and discuss how you can share information and help one another if flooding, downed trees or power outages occur," said Flynn.

With more than 20 years of experience in emergency services, Flynn said preparation can make a significant difference.

"Knowing what to expect and having a plan for how to respond are just as important as having supplies available in case you lose power or need to evacuate. People genuinely try to help one another during emergencies. Neighbors, nonprofits and faith-based organizations all play an important role. There are many ways to volunteer, but one of the most effective is to sign up in advance with an organization such as the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps," said Flynn.

Residents should also have a plan for contacting and reuniting with family and friends, consider obtaining flood insurance and making copies of important documents to keep in a waterproof location.

Learn more about Preparing for El Niño

While no one can predict exactly how El Niño will affect Sacramento County this winter, residents can take steps now to prepare for potential storms and flooding.

Watch the County's El Niño presentation to learn more about the climate pattern, potential impacts on the region and how to prepare for the upcoming winter storm season: agendanet.saccounty.gov/BoardofSupervisors/ Meetings ViewMeeting ?id=10243& doctype=1 ★

Sites Reservoir Clears Major Milestone

Decision advances landmark project to strengthen California's water supply and resilience

Sites Reservoir News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a unanimous decision Nov. 4, the State Water Resources Control Board approved the water right decision and permit for the Sites Reservoir Project, marking a major milestone that clears a path for the project to move forward after decades of planning.

The decision reflects a careful balance that preserves the project's viability and ability to deliver the statewide benefits Californians have long envisioned from Sites Reservoir.



The State Water Resources Control Board has approved the water right decision and permit for the Sites Reservoir Project, marking a major milestone that clears a path for the project to move forward after decades of planning. Photo courtesy of Governor of California

"This is an important day for Sites Reservoir and for California," said Fritz Durst, chair of the Sites Project Authority Board of Directors. "Sites has been decades in the making, and today we are closer than ever to making it a reality. Sites is a 21st century solution for 21st century problems. With this decision, we're ready to move forward and turn years of planning into action."

The State Board's decision follows an extensive public water right proceeding and decades of planning and collaboration among the Authority, its local, state and federal partners, and participating water agencies across California. The decision and permit provide greater clarity around the conditions under which Sites Reservoir will operate, including its ability to divert and store water when Sacramento River flows are high.

That certainty provides the critical foundation the Authority and participating agencies need to make significant, long-term funding commitments to the Project. With the water right decision and permit in place, the Authority is positioned to advance the Sites Reservoir Project toward construction.

"Our focus has always been on developing a Sites Reservoir Project that is affordable, permittable and buildable," said Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority. "Reaching this point has taken sustained collaboration with our partners across California. The water right decision puts us in a strong position to move the Project toward construction."

Sites Reservoir is an innovative, off-stream water storage project designed to capture water when Sacramento River flows are high and store it for drier periods. The Project would provide more reliable water supplies for communities, farms and businesses while creating dedicated storage for the environment and benefits for fish, migratory birds and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Sites Reservoir is a 1.5 million acre-foot, off-stream reservoir proposed north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would improve California's water reliability and resiliency in drier years for farms, families, fish, and fowl. The Project is backed by a broad coalition of cities, counties, water agencies, and irrigation districts across California, as well as the State of California through the Water Storage Investment Program and the federal government under the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. Additional information can be found at www.sitesproject.org or on Facebook, Instagram, and X at @SitesProject. ★

California Contractors Board Takes 73 Enforcement Actions

Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) recently completed a combined 39 separate stings and sweeps resulting in 73 enforcement actions across the state, part of a coordinated, multi-state initiative organized by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA). California was one of 15 states that participated in the effort to crack down on unlicensed activity and protect consumers.

CSLB partnered with local law enforcement to conduct enforcement operations, known as stings and sweeps, to combat unlicensed activity and address compliance. Unlicensed individuals often seek to take advantage of consumers by offering services without the legally required licenses or workers' compensation insurance, leaving homeowners responsible for any accidents or damages that occur.

"Unlicensed activity often crosses state lines and NASCLA's coordinated effort sends a unified message about the consequences and risks of unlicensed activity," said CSLB Registrar David Fogt. "CSLB will continue to advance consumer protection and we are grateful for our partners who share in our mission to protect consumers."

CSLB conducted stings, which are undercover operations, in three counties. During the three undercover stings, investigators contacted suspected unlicensed individuals through advertisements. The individuals arrived at designated locations to bid on various projects ranging from $1,100 to $35,000 for various construction projects. As a result, 25 misdemeanor Notices to Appear in criminal court citations for unlicensed contracting and illegal advertising were issued, 10 administrative citations were filed, and six individuals will be referred to district attorney's offices for review and possible prosecution for contracting without a license.

California laws prohibit unlicensed contractors from bidding and/or contracting on any project that requires a building permit or where employee labor is used, or when the project is valued at $1,000 or more in combined labor and material costs.

CSLB conducted sweep operations in 18 counties. These operations included 182 site visits, 11 cases referred to local district attorneys, 13 licensee citations, six non-licensee citations, and two Letters of Admonishment. Separately, CSLB also issued 11 stop work orders and 20 advisory notices.

Individuals that received citations were provided with information to encourage licensure and compliance.

For more information about CSLB or to report suspected unlicensed activity, visit www.cslb.ca.gov or call 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

No Win but Progress

By V.G. Harris

It has been said the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. It's just possible that the Sacramento Kings took that first step against the Miami Heat on Sunday night.

As the Heat ultimately bested the Kings by the score of 114-108, one might ask how a person can say you took a positive step when you just walked away with a defeat.

While 1st round draft choice Darius Acuff Jr. chalked up a 32-point 10 assist night, the Sacramento Kings overcame a 16-point deficit in the 2nd half to tie the score at 95 points apiece with 6 minutes remaining in the game.

No, the Kings did not close it out, and that remains an element yet to be learned. But suffice it to say, Sacramento kept their faithful fans engaged, and for more than a second gave the Golden One fans a reason to get excited.

Without debate, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Bam Adebayo are genuine NBA superstars and combined with a talented defensive minded point guard in former King Davion Mitchell, the Miami Heat had the horses to close out a very competitive game.

There would be no resting of the regulars for Miami in this contest, as the Kings gave an earnest effort, and even with Domantas Sabonis sitting this one out, Sacramento let Miami know they had a game on their hands.

The longest tenured current coach of an NBA team, Eric Spoelstra had to bear down in the final 6 minutes to put this game in the victory column.

For the Kings, what this game represents is a small step forward, but one that sends a message of confidence to a team in sore need.

Prior to Sunday's game came the news that the Kings had traded former first round draft choice Nique Clifford to the Oklahoma City Thunder for 2 second round draft choices.

The trade brought to an end the 2-year experiment of trying to make a point guard out of a player that was clearly suited as either an off guard or a small forward.

With the acquisition of Darius Acuff Jr., and his noteworthy start to the season, the handwriting was on the wall. Although I have been at odds with most of the trades the Kings have made in recent years, this admittedly makes sense, and although the draft picks aren't until 2028 and 2030, it remains possible that Sacramento can ultimately come away with a positive result.

Truth be told, with Malik Monk returning from injury, the Kings were faced with a logjam that was going to relegate Clifford to be bench, and instead Sacramento chose to make a move that may very well benefit both Clifford and the Kings.

Meanwhile, Zach Lavine and De'Andre Hunter chipped in 15 and 14 points respectively, but without question young Darius Acuff was the offensive star of the show.

What is encouraging for Kings fans is the progression of Darius game in the first 10 games of the season. He is learning his craft, and what stands out for me is watching his level of comfort on the floor.

Defense is a bit of a moving target, but I would not label Acuff as a poor defender. He is not Davion Mitchell and probably never will be, but if anyone questions whether he is the Kings point guard of the future, just buy a ticket and see for yourself.

Currently coach Christie is ratcheting down on his substitutions, going 11 deep Christie left Alex Karaban on the bench, and I'm convinced that has to change.

Once again, fans scratch their heads as assessment of talent is the order of the day, and that assessment was on display all night as Sacramento watched former King Davion Mitchell in action.

There are few point guards in the NBA that have the defensive ability to shut down the competition as does Davion Mitchell, and he is the poster child when it comes to defense.

If you go to my website thekingskorner.com I have a spot for fans to see the players that have gotten away in recent years, and I'm hopeful I don't have to add any more names to the list.

Wins begin with competitive games, and that's what we're starting to see!

All the best! ★

California's Congressional Gerrymander Worked. What Happens After the Next Census?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year, after Texas Republicans reconfigured their congressional districts to grab five more seats, California's Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom, and its Legislature countered with a gerrymander to shift five seats their way.

Both partisan maneuvers, and those in a few other states, were designed to either bolster or erase the paper-thin GOP majority in the House.

On Tuesday the Texas two-step failed spectacularly. Democrats won four of the five targeted districts there, while California's counterplay succeeded even more spectacularly as five Republican congress members from here were wiped out.

The GOP held just eight of the state's 52 congressional seats going into the election, plus one Republican-turned-independent. Their ranks now shrink to a miniscule four, even though a quarter of the state's voters are Republicans.

It's a testament not only to the determination of Newsom and Democratic legislators to affect the national power struggle over Congress, but also to the professional competence of Paul Mitchell, the Sacramento-based political guru Democrats recruited to draw the new, gerrymandered redistricting maps.

The plan, which was pushed through the Legislature and onto a special election ballot as Proposition 50 last year, didn't go exactly as envisioned, but the result was exactly what Newsom and Co. intended. And it burnishes Newsom's status as a partisan warrior for his almost certain bid for the Democratic Party's presidential candidacy in 2028.

As it turns out neither the failed Texas gerrymander nor California's successful one played decisive roles in the "blue tsunami" that swept Democrats into solid majorities in both houses of Congress.

California now has five new members of Congress, most likely for at least six years. But what then?

The gerrymandered maps of 52 congressional districts will legally be in effect through the 2030 election, after which the state, under current law, will revert to the prior districts drawn by an independent commission for the 2032 elections and beyond.

However, it's not that simple. Political ambition and demography will likely combine to create a dilemma for the state's dominant Democrats.

The five new members will presumably want to keep their seats after 2030. But that year's census will confirm that California has had scant population growth since the 2020 census, or even a slight decline.

The size of each state's congressional delegation hinges on its population trend over the previous decade. California's stagnant population will almost certainly result in a loss of three to five of the nation's 435 congressional seats.

If redistricting reverts to the independent commission, as current law says it will, it probably would pare down — or even erase — the extra five gerrymandered seats, even if there is no overall decline in the delegation.

With a likely decline, a fair commission plan would probably end the careers of more than five Democratic members and return a few to the GOP.

Democrats will still dominate levers of control after 2030. And their leaders must decide whether to allow the commission to do its work or abolish it via another ballot measure in the 2028 or 2030 election.

Party leaders have never liked commission redistricting, a process forced upon them by a pair of initiative ballot measures in 2008 and 2010 championed by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Abolishing the commission system would return the drafting of new maps to the Legislature, thus allowing Democratic leaders (and possibly Paul Mitchell again) to redraw districts that maximize their party's share of seats.

That's what they did, or at last tried to do, after the 1980, 1990 and 2000 censuses, and what they probably would prefer to do after the 2030 count.

We shouldn't be surprised if gerrymandering becomes permanent.

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

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By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

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The Unauthorized War

President Donald Trump says that the Iran war will end "soon," a promise he's been making most of this year. Eventually, he will be right, but it hasn't happened in time for the midterm elections, and his party is bearing the brunt.

If Republicans get thumped, all the polling suggests that prices will be one of the main reasons, with the Iran war's contribution to higher costs looming large. According to a recent New York Times/Siena poll, 65% disapprove of President Trump's handling of the war in Iran, and almost 75% disapprove of his handling of gas prices, two closely intertwined issues.

Given the political risk, it's remarkable how stalwart Trump has been in prosecuting the war, the brief interlude of the misbegotten Memorandum of Understanding aside. "The quickest way of ending a war," George Orwell said, "is to lose it," and Trump has been loath to accept a strategic defeat as the way out of the conflict.

That doesn't mitigate the potential political damage. If the Iran war had been as short as initially advertised, or if it had dragged on with no appreciable cost back home, most people presumably wouldn't have cared very much, even if they weren't on board. It's the combination of a relatively drawn-out war causing elevated prices that's a killer, and it adds insult to injury that Trump has handled the matter with such high-handedness.

He didn't ask Congress to authorize the war, and barely made a public case beforehand, while giving the impression throughout that the entire enterprise depends on his whim.

It's often remarked that Trump's obsession with naming things after himself, or building things in Washington, is hurting him because it makes him seem out of touch and interested only in his own priorities. But none of this directly harms anyone -- unless they, say, hold a season pass to the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center.

The Iran war, in contrast, has imposed an economic cost on nearly everyone in the country. President Trump has an idiosyncratic view of representative government. The common understanding of our system is that we elect representatives who debate and vote on important public matters, before standing for election again and finding out if their constituents still want them.

Trump's populist understanding is different -- he's the people's representative. It makes sense that Trump, who has a highly personalized view of government and of his movement, has a highly personal view of himself as the tribune of the people. This tends to render the other representatives an unnecessary encumbrance, and indeed this is how Trump has largely treated Congress in his second term.

So it shouldn't be a surprise that it evidently didn't occur to him to ask Congress to authorize the Iran war. There have been comparisons made between Trump's war and George W. Bush's in Iraq, but this is a stark difference. Bush went to Congress, and by the time lawmakers authorized the war, it was a matter of national consensus (although one that fell apart).

Trump hasn't gone to Congress on his tariffs, either, but he made it abundantly clear in the 2024 campaign that he intended to drastically increase duties. Compared with that, the Iran war was a bolt from the blue.

There have been ongoing efforts to cushion the conflict from public accountability. Republicans have tried to argue that it isn't really "a war," and Trump has said that a renewal of a major bombing campaign will only occur after the election, an effort to keep the war from being front and center during voting.

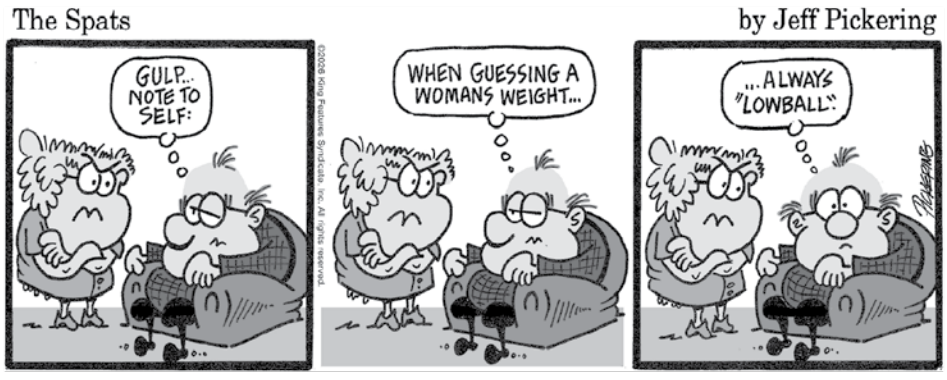
Now, although the war hasn't gone as planned, we need to wait to see how it turns out to make an ultimate judgment -- if Trump manages to crack the regime, it will indeed be a legacy-defining achievement. The problem for now, though, is that you can't expect great patience from the public when it wasn't asked or even informed beforehand.

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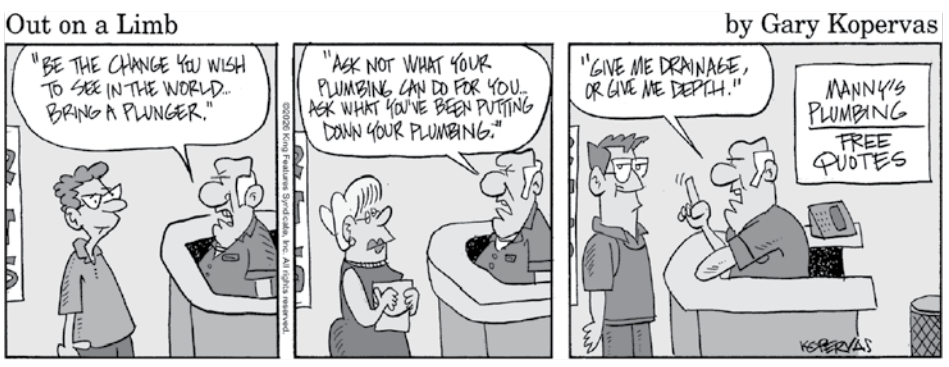
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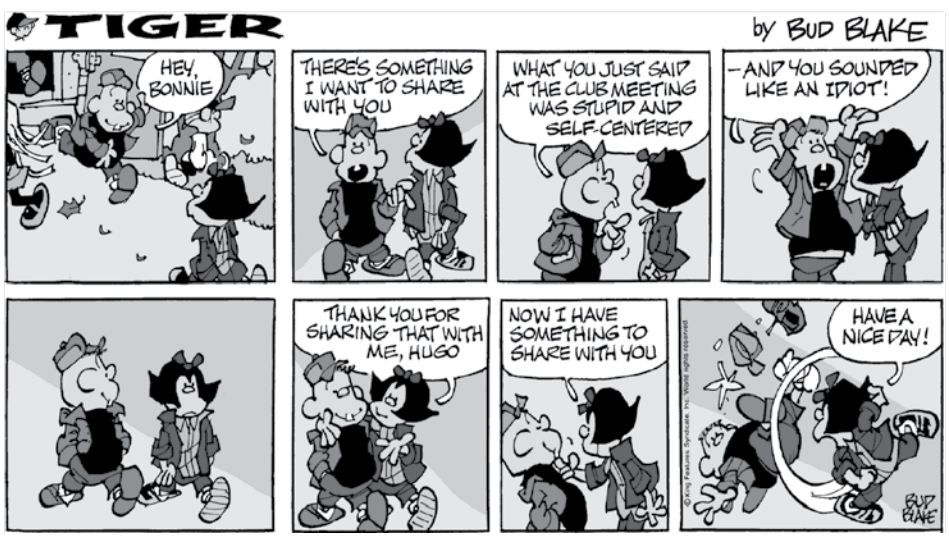
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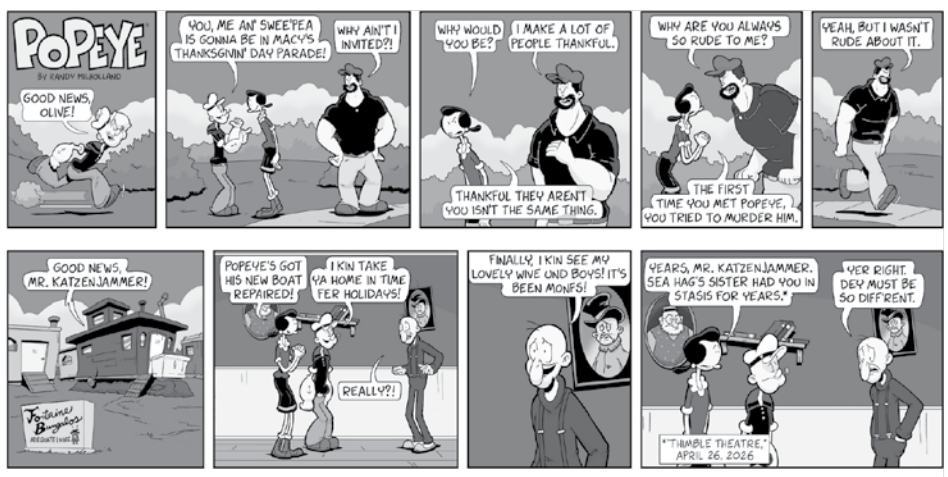


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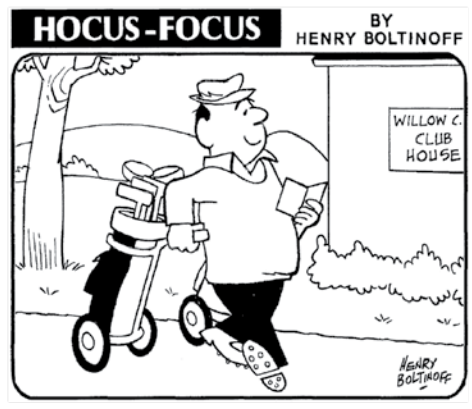


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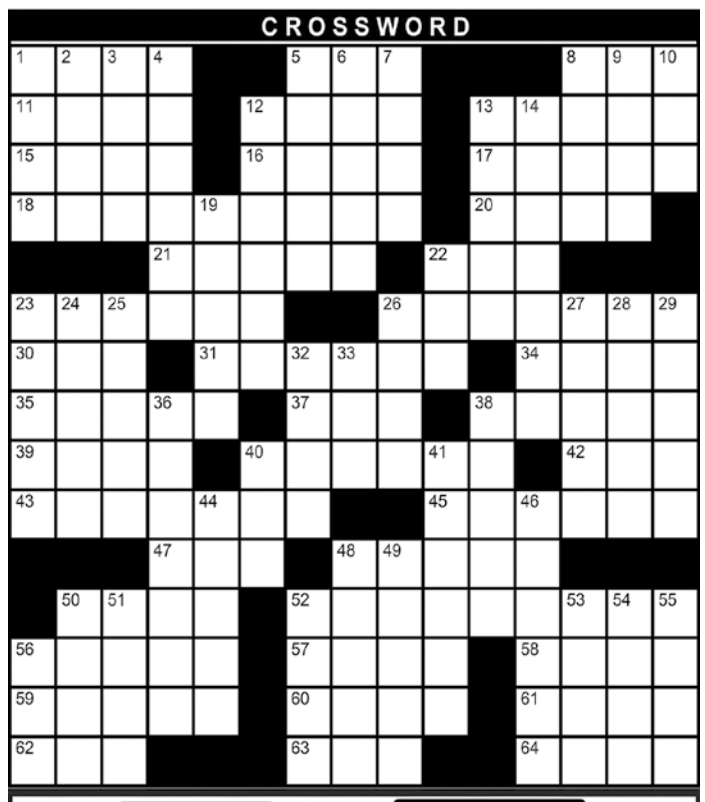
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6. Broadcast breaks
9. Electrical current unit, pl.
13. Mineral veins
14. Neighbor of Ger.
15. Gem state
16. 1960s abstractionism
17. "I" mania
18. *The only First Lady to issue official Thanksgiving Day proclamation
19. *First department store to host Thanksgiving parade
21. *Keeping turkey juicy
23. Use one's eyes
24. Same as island
25. Chasing game
28. 4th planet from sun
30. Milk-related
35. 1952 Olympic site
37. *Brad who starred in a Friends Thanksgiving episode
39. Remus Lupin's nickname
40. Continent
41. Most common vowel in English language
43. Try
44. Ascetic holy Hindu
46. Fail to mention
47. Ditty
48. Interruptions
50. "Do ____ others..."
52. P in m.p.g.
53. Partiality
55. Pie ____ ____ mode
57. *Gizzard, heart, liver, neck
61. *Soaking turkey
65. Heart chambers
66. Polite form of address
68. Outspoken
69. Behave like a coquette
70. "But I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight..."
71. Allergic reaction to bee sting
72. Bloodsucking hopper
73. "Ideas worth spreading" talk
74. Counseled

DOWN
1. Heidi's shoe
2. Kachina doll maker
3. *"The Thanksgiving Song" performer
4. Some Slavs
5. Put on a pedestal
6. Gorillas and orangutans
7. *National ____ Show
8. Pigsty dwellers
9. Mine passage
10. Neither mini nor midi
11. What phonics and cacophony have in common
12. Playlist item
15. Trouser measurement
20. Bounds' partners
22. Opposite of nothing
24. Isthmi, sing.
25. *Charlie Brown's meal: ____, popcorn, pretzels, jelly beans
26. Allegro ____, in music
27. Move like on ice
29. Organized crime-related ____ Act, acr.
31. Selling price minus profit
32. Add (2 words)
33. Absurd
34. *____ Monday after Thanksgiving
36. Hawaiian island
38. "The Parent Trap" child
42. Rose oil
45. Cheerful
49. Dog command
51. Dickens' Twist
54. Opposite of liability
56. Positive electrode
57. Gamecock's spur
58. It will
59. French hors d'oeuvre staple
60. Turkish money
61. Raised
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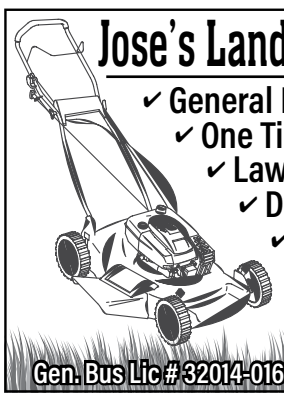
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Bradford Todd Andrews and Winifred Clare Andrews, 4100 Wayside Lane #110, Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River Garden Apartments" 4100 Wayside Lane #110, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2026
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RIVER 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07837
Bradford Todd Andrews and Winifred Clare Andrews, 4100 Wayside Lane #110, Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wayside Properties" 4100 Wayside Lane #110, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2026
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WAYSIDE 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07938
Gurbani Inc., 9354 Lost Springs Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Quality Tune Up Shops #51" 10801 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
Publish: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
QUALITY 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07702
Carmichael Disc Center LLC, 5150 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 104, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Carmichael Spinal Care" 5150 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 104, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 5, 2026
Publish: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
SPINAL 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07653
Reliable Residential Improvement Inc, 7300 Auburn Boulevard Suite A, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Reliable Home Improvement Inc" 7300 Auburn Boulevard Suite A, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 1, 2026
Publish: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
RELIABLE 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07722
Mara Fonseca Perez, 2728 Bridgeford Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bella Fiesta Events" 2728 Bridgeford Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 5, 2026
Publish: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 2026
BELLA 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07904
Andree R. Vadenais, 5040 Jackson Street #16, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Apostille Courier Service/Ca Apostille Courier Service" 5040 Jackson Street #16, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 13, 2026
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CALIFORNIA 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07755
Carvana, LLC, 300 E Rio Salado Parkway Bldg 1, Tempe, AZ 85281 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ADESA Brasher's/Carvana" 6336 Blacktop Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2026
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ADESA 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07579
Jenna Gonzalez, 8871 N. Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Night Sleep/Golden Night Adventure Club" 8871 N. Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 29, 2026
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GOLDEN 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07956
Erin Helpio, 1401 21st Street #12552, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Moon River Care" 1401 21st Street #12552, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
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MOON 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07984
AR Apparel LLC (CA), 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Lab by ARA" 11480 Sunrise Gold Circle Suite 5, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2026
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LAB 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07973
Summit Elevation LLC, 5960 Wave Street, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TankFlo Services" 5960 Wave Street, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2026
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TANKFLO 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07954
Carl Tomaselli, 4417 Hackberry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tom's Marketing/California Phone Marketing" 4417 Hackberry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
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TOMS 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07981
Daniel Behrens, 7800 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Behr Gold Coins & Jewelry" 7800 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2026
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BEHR 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07828
Buds Buffet LLC (CA), 1016 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tenth Street Halal Burgers & Wings" 1016 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2026
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TENTH 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07783
Tapp Family LLC, 3949 Mirecourt Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tapp Into Care SLS" 11344 Coloma Road Suite 660, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2026
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TAPP 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07078
Keeley Construction Group, Inc., 500 S. Ewing Avenue Suite G, St. Louis, MO 63103 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Milling Services Inc." 500 S. Ewing Avenue Suite G, St. Louis, MO 63103. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2026
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MILLING 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08014
101 Autos LLC, 7000 Franklin Boulevard Suite 750, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "101 Autos" 7000 Franklin Boulevard Suite 750, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2026
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AUTOS 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08044
Felixia Marcosa Anselmo Barias, 12408 Pawcatuck Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tala Ascended/Felixia Thrives" 12408 Pawcatuck Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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TALA 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07923
Anastasiia Paterikina, 5800 Jameson Court, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Olive Art Studio" 5800 Jameson Court, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 13, 2026
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OLIVE 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08054
Muna Tjoelker, 2130 Gunn Road, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Studio Artless" 2130 Gunn Road, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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STUDIO 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07083
Derek Schmidt, 5928 Winterham Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Derek's Handyman Services" 5928 Winterham Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2026
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DEREKS 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08065
Grace Cleaning Co, 7537 Linden Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grace Cleaning Co/Cleaning Grace" 7537 Linden Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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GRACE 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08073
All Griffin Security Services, 2725 Fulton Avenue D, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Steel Hawk Security Services" 2725 Fulton Avenue D, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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STEEL 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08042
Amy Dorene Norton, 7435 Fairway Two Avenue #16, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Notary Services by Amy" 7435 Fairway Two Avenue #16, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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NOTARY 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07959
Abel Babalai, 6389 Aspen Ranch Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "One Life Painting" 6389 Aspen Ranch Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
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ONE 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08128
Phet Pompanya, 2130 Bernard Way, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Applied Design" 2130 Bernard Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2026
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APPLIED 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07786
Chanise Hendrix, 3380 Soda Way, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Heal Boldly" 3380 Soda Way, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2026
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HEAL 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07963
Joven Care Home, Inc, 3812 Bainbridge Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Joven Care Home 2" 7361 Verdugo Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 14, 2026
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JOVEN 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08168
Nick Peinado, 250 McAdoo Drive 522, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "That Guy Window Washing" 250 McAdoo Drive 522, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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THAT 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08113
Mesrop Avdalyan, 7730 Antelope Run Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Most Auto" 7730 Antelope Run Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 20, 2026
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MOST 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08180
Torchylo Pro Exteriors Inc, 7532 Greenback Lane Unit 115, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Torchylo Pro Decking" 7532 Greenback Lane Unit 115, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2026
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TORCHYLO 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08086
Yoong Tseng, 4531 Orange Grove Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Valley Meter Co." 4531 Orange Grove Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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VALLEY 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08139
Alex James Potts, 4729 Cottage Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ACP Vending/Go For A While" 4729 Cottage Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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ACP 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08234
Raymond Amaro, 4704 Keema Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rays Heating and Air" 4704 Keema Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2026
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RAYS 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07775
Shamal Sultani, 4128 El Camino Avenue Suite 11, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Heart of Asia Foods" 4128 El Camino Avenue Suite 11, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2026
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HEART 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08164
Claighton Byrn, 5705 Glencoe Court, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Edge and Ember" 5705 Glencoe Court, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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EDGE 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07129
Griffin & Reed a Medical Corporation, 651 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Griffin & Reed Eye Care" 651 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2026
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GRIFFIN 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08214
Howard Seth Henderson, 122 Village Circle, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Henderson's Landscape Services" 122 Village Circle, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2026
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HENDERSON'S 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08213
Pars Enterprises LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pars Auto Market/ Pars Marketing" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2026
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PARS 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08166
Dumitru Fediuc, 6151 Shadow Lane, Apt 184, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lucky Trucky" 6151 Shadow Lane, Apt 184, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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LUCKY 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08167
Ecaterina Fediuc, 6151 Shadow Lane, Apt 184, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kafe Kali" 6151 Shadow Lane, Apt 184, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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KAFE 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08031
SRA Benefits Consulting, LLC, 4700 Six Forks Road, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27609 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sentinel Insurance Agency" 4700 Six Forks Road, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27609. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2026
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SENTINEL 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08258
Ali Fardparsa, 1173 Grey Fox Court, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Function Auto Tech/ Function Auto" 2528 El Sutton Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 26, 2026
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FUNCTION 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08251
Ronald Antonio Calonje, 6100 Orsi Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "IT 911 Computer Service" 6100 Orsi Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 26, 2026
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IT 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08081
Lockwood-Moore, Inc., 1610 Meadow Wood Lane, Reno, NV 89502 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sierra Data Works/Managed AI Services" 11367 Trade Center Drive #120, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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SIERRA 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08141
Brahim Mahmoudi, 9750 Gerber Road, Apt 5140, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "IBRAM Tax Services" 9750 Gerber Road, Apt 5140, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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IBRAM 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08230
Diane Monday Stevens, 8101 Cottonwood Lane, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DMS Real Estate Services" 8101 Cottonwood Lane, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2026
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DMS 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07170
Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Friends of the Sylan Oaks Library" 6700 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2026
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FRIENDS 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08076
Swarysa LLC, 4050 Red Blush Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SwaryQ/Bidvale" 4050 Red Blush Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 19, 2026
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SWARYQ 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08272
Jazba Care LLC (CA), 9031 Tuolumne Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "HMC1/HMC2/ HMC3/HMC4/HMC5" 9031 Tuolumne Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 26, 2026
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HMC 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08318
House on the Hill Construction LLC, 5525 Kingswood Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Roof Rejuvenate Sacramento" 5525 Kingswood Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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ROOF 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08317
Kristin Jade Letawsky, PO Box 103 Herald, CA 95638 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trinity Press Co." 1114 Amador Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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TRINITY 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08265
Michael Charekian, 7895 Highland Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fillworks" 7895 Highland Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 26, 2026
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FILLWORKS 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08021
Crystal Coronel, 2924 Gwendolyn Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Divine Healing Shop/ My Brain Said No" 2924 Gwendolyn Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2026
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DIVINE 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08362
TH and L Inc, 2908 Muttonbird Way, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Main Street Bagel Cafe" 1580 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 29, 2026
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MAIN 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08279
Raluca Solovyev, 8583 Almond Bluff Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blossom Senior Living" 8583 Almond Bluff Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2026
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BLOSSOM 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08354
Muy Ly Taing, 8842 Winding Way, Apt 301, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Donut Stop" 4325 Hazel Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 29, 2026
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DONUT 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08328
Kiryl Valeryevich Basiuk, 5680 Oak Hill Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "House Rules Golf" 5680 Oak Hill Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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HOUSE 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07762
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the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Moon Meadow Studio" 11814 Dionysus Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2026
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MOON 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08241
J. D. Moody, DDS, a Professional Corporation, 629 Davis Drive, Suite 300, Morrisville, NC 27560 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Affordable Dentures & Implants – Sacramento, Dental Office of J. D. Moody, DDS, a Professional Corporation" 6035 Florin Road, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2026
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AFFORDABLE 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08320
Ana Lavinia Perona, 2140 Bircher Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Adventurous Care" 1010 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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ADVENTUROUS 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08432
Annie's Mimosa Inc., 155 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA 95667 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Annies Mimosas" 1750 Prairie City Road #150, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 2, 2026
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ANNIES 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08434
QCARES, 6147 22nd Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tullia Place ICF-DDN" 8533 Tullia Place, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 2, 2026
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TULLIA 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08189
Zoe Marie LaBelle, 4096 Bridge Street, Suite 7, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Urnaturalnails" 4096 Bridge Street, Suite 7, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2026
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URNATURALNAILS 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08239
Ahlam N. Al-Rawi, 6144 Hilltree Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sinnara" 6144 Hilltree Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2026
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SINNARA 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08374
Nazifa Bayat, 3114 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sanam Boutique & Tailoring" 3114 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 29, 2026
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SANAM 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07331
Ricardo Peralta Rivera, 7647 Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RP Roofing" 7647 Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento September 22, 2026
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ROOFING 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08153
Valeria Magallon Mata, 22 Kyburz Court, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fresh & Clean by Valeria" 22 Kyburz Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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FRESH 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08482
Paul V. Scholl, 2508 Garfield Avenue, Suite A, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Del Norte Triplicate/The Triplicate/Triplicate.com" 2508 Garfield Avenue, Suite A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08405
Kiefer Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 13308, Sacramento, CA 95851, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kiefer Land Holdings, LLC" 3500 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08158
Jaffe Designs Corporation, 7692 Chappelle Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Spirit Songs Sound Alchemy/Spirit Songs/Sound Alchemy/Blue Heron QI Gong" 8421 Auburn Boulevard Suite 248, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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SPIRIT 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08420
Jaffe Designs Corporation, 7692 Chappelle Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Heron Holistic Renewal/Blue Heron Renewal" 8421 Auburn Boulevard Suite 248, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2026
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BLUE 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08159
Nicholas Constantine Patterson, 3948 Riley Anton Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "FlashPoint Tactical" 3948 Riley Anton Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07888
Blakeston Ventures LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "McKenna James Jewelry" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2026
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MCKENNA 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07764
Javier Perez Avila, 2142 Catherwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brush & Roll Painting" 2142 Catherwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2026
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BRUSH 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08481
Vitalii Vladymtsev, 6166 James Aly, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "VV Modern Dream Homes" 6166 James Aly, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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VV 12-4-26

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Best Auto C. LLC, 6000 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Best Care Auto" 6000 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 2, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08242
Carvana, LLC, 300 East Rio Salado Parkway, Building 1, Tempe, AZ 85281 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ADESA Brasher's/Carvana" 745 West Elkhorn Boulevard, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2026
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ADESA 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08243
Carvana, LLC, 300 East Rio Salado Parkway, Building 1, Tempe, AZ 85281 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ADESA Brasher's/Carvana" 6233 Blacktop Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 23, 2026
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ADESA 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08467
Ianis Razhevskyi, 1850 Club Center Drive, Apt 1211, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ultimate Pro Carpet Care" 1850 Club Center Drive, Apt 1211, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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ULTIMATE 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08520
Keith Clements, 4021 Boulogne Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KIRU Gate Press" 4021 Boulogne Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2026
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KIRU 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08505
Aleksandr Lamakin, 4830 Watt Avenue Apt 11, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Proxi and Data" 4830 Watt Avenue Apt 11, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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PROXI 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-05922
Golden State Clutch Works, 2101 Arden Way #A Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clutch Mart" 2101 Arden Way #A Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 27, 2026
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CLUTCH 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08404
Juan F. Hernandez, 8916 Twin Falls Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Juan's Janitorial" 8916 Twin Falls Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2026
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JUANS 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08332
Drink Motxo, Inc, 9306 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Motxo" 9306 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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MOTXO 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08333
Las Jaras Wines LLC, 21650 Oxnard Street 12th, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Waves Wine" 579 1st Street, Sonoma, CA 95476. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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WAVES 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08334
Calimocho LLC, P.O. Box #491832 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Little Sun" 11421 Waterford Street, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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LITTLE 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08335
Winery Exchange, Inc, 4 Hamilton Landing Suite 11, Novato, CA 94949 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sunweaver" 4 Hamilton Landing Suite 11, Novato, CA 94949. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2026
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SUNWEAVER 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08596
Civaro Media, LLC, 30 N Gould Street #25150, Sheridan, WY 82801 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Smooth Jazz" 1401 21st Street #10977, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2026
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SACRAMENTO 12-4-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08584
Nara Mataafa, 6001 Verner Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Impact Flare Consulting" 6001 Verner Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08488
Ranis IT Solutions Inc, 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 255, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TeamLogic IT # 60528" 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 255, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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TEAMLOGIC 12-4-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV012780
Shalinee Sherrill has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shalinee Sherrill to Shalinee Hunter Wedding.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 28, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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SHERRILL 11-13-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV019535
Jean Willis Ato has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jean Willis Ato FKA Jean Willis Insley FKA Jean Willis Cichino to Jean Willis Ato.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 1, 2027, 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: August 3, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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ATO 11-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV024679
Mary Kathleen Kent aka Mary Karhleen Meers has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mary Kathleen Kent aka Mary Kathleen Meers to Kathy Kent.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 14, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street. Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 15, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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KENT 11-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV022793
Elizabeth S. Stein has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Martha Newman Parish to Martha E. Newman.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street. Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 19, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
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PARISH 11-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV024166
Andrew Michael Kao has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Andrew Michael Kao to Andrew Michael Haduca.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 7, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street. Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 12, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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KAO 11-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV026119
Chris Cheng has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ming Yuen Cheng to Chris Ming Yuen Cheng.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 3, 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: October 30, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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CHENG 11-27-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV026023
Megan Elizabeth McCue has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Megan Elizabeth McCue to Elizabeth Megan Kuhle.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 28, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 26, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
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MCCUE 12-4-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV025398
Lyubov Van-Den-I has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lyubov Van-Den-I to Lubov Vandeni.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 13, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 22, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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VAN-DEN-I 12-4-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHELE KOEHLER
CASE NO. 26PR002886
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Michele Koehler.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Elaine B. Livingston, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Elaine B. Livingston be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 2, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Theresa Carter Geoffroy, 9401 E. Stockton Boulevard, Suite 145, Elk Grove, CA 95624; 916-572-1998
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WARREN 11-27-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VENIAMIN VASILE
CASE NO. 26PR002955
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Veniamin Vasile.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Eliza Vasile, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Eliza Vasile be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 126; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
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The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: John R. Quiring, 9296 Madison Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662; 916-794-6279
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KOEHLER 11-13-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KELVIN WARREN, ALSO KNOWN AS KELVIN OTIS WARREN
CASE NO. 26PR002988
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Kelvin Warren, also known as Kelvin Otis Warren.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Brenda Givens-Warren, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Brenda Givens-Warren be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
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The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Esther Ralich, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-985-3466
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VASILE 11-27-26

The Lantern Project Welcomes Guests to the California State Railroad Museum

The installation marks the first phase of a multi-year lobby renovation.



The project artfully utilizes modern LED lighting effects with historic artifacts to create a unique illuminated display that is rooted in railroad history. Photo courtesy of the California State Railroad Museum

California State Railroad Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are proud to announce the completion of the Lantern Project – part of a multi-phased, multi-year renovation effort – that now lights up the lobby of the California State Railroad Museum. With support provided by California State Parks, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, and valued donors, the project includes 204 historic lanterns that create a visually exciting "open storage" display, offering visitors an amazing look at a portion of the museum's impressive collection of more than 500 lanterns. The creative use format allows visitors to view a substantial portion of the Museum's lantern collection.

The project artfully utilizes modern LED lighting effects with historic artifacts to create a unique illuminated display that is rooted in railroad history. As background, railroad workers relied on lanterns to communicate, inspect equipment, and work after dark. Each lantern in the display has a story to tell about the people who used them. Ornate presentation lanterns honored conductors for service milestones or retirement, sometimes featuring names and decorative details on their globes. Inspectors used lanterns with reflective surfaces to provide more directional light. Colorful and eye-catching signal lanterns helped railroad workers communicate with one another and keep them safe. Over time, lantern designs evolved alongside changes in fuel and advances in glassmaking.

To bring the Lantern Project display to completion, a team of dedicated museum staff worked closely with Bekonix to design and custom print 204 individual flames. Each 3D-printed flame was then wired to light up, the result of which is an activated display.

Once the full multi-phased lobby renovation project is complete, guests will enjoy a completely refreshed, redesigned, and reinterpreted space. On average, the California State Railroad Museum welcomes nearly 300,000 visitors during a typical year.

The California State Railroad Museum, 111 I Street in Old Sacramento, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., regular admission to the California State Railroad Museum is $12 for adults, $6 for youth (ages 6 to 17), and are free for children five and under. For more information about the California State Railroad Museum and Foundation, visit https://www.californiarailroad.museum/.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, popularly known as State Parks, and the programs supported by its Office of Historic Preservation and divisions of Boating and Waterways and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation provides for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. Learn more at parks.ca.gov.

About the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation, and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. For more information, visit www.californiarailroad.museum. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Bad Things Happen When You Don't Save Money!

Dear Dave,

How important is saving money when you're young and have a good income? If you're just saving it, you're not really doing anything with it, right? So, what good is money if you don't actually use it for something?

– Garrett

Dear Garrett,

I'm going to shoot straight with you. It worries me that you seem to think that you're not doing anything with your money when you save it. Saving money is one of the most important things you can do with your money, because when you save you're planning for the future *and* the unexpected.

Retirement may seem long way off right now, but think for a second how it would feel to have worked your entire life only to end up broke by the time you're 65. If that thought doesn't scare you, it should. Have you ever seen someone that age, or even older, sweeping floors in a fast food restaurant? Wrangling carts in the rain outside a shopping center? In most cases, it's not because they love the job and meeting people. They're doing it because they have to in order to make ends meet. Why? Because they did not plan for the future and *save some money.*

Let's talk about a few other things. How will you get by if you're laid off, or fired, from your job if you haven't saved any money? What if your air conditioning unit goes out and needs to be replaced? Long story short, bad things happen when people are foolish enough not to save money.

Do you get my point, Garrett? Saving is doing something with your money. It's one of the most important things you can ever do with your money!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



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Don't Import Europe's Drug Delays

By Nicole Sheahan

There's never a good time or place to be diagnosed with cancer. But some times and places are worse than others.

Right now, cancer patients in Europe face record-setting wait times when seeking cutting-edge treatment. Once European regulators approve a new oncology drug, it takes 655 days, on average, for Europe's government-run insurance systems to finally start offering it to patients.

That nearly 22-month delay can make the difference between life and death. And it's precisely why our leaders in Washington ought to think twice before seeking to import Europe's drug-pricing tactics.

Those statistics come from a sobering new study from the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations, which examined 168 new medicines approved by continental regulators from 2021 through 2024. It found that the average time for a medicine to become available in the European Union has climbed to 597 days, up from 504 days in the organization's 2019 survey.

And European cancer patients face longer delays than patients with any other type of disease.

By contrast, American cancer patients enjoy almost immediate access to new medicines. Once the FDA approves a drug, public insurance programs like Medicare and Medicaid cover it virtually immediately. And most private insurers do so too.

Patients should not have to wait nearly two years for access to lifesaving drugs. And yet, all too often, they do – because European health systems use these delays as a pressure tactic to compel biotech companies to offer steep price discounts.

Members of both parties have recently proposed capping the U.S. price of medicines at the lower prices paid in other developed countries.

They mean well – they want to make drugs more affordable. But they often don't realize that European nations pay lower prices due to rationing tactics and other artificial price controls.

Importing those tactics here would deter companies from pursuing medical research, which is extraordinarily expensive and risky. Developing a new drug costs more than $2 billion, on average – largely due to the sky-high failure rate. Only about 5% of experimental cancer drugs that enter clinical trials ultimately win regulatory approval.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has concluded that tying U.S. drug prices to the much lower prices paid in Europe would dampen pharmaceutical R&D more than any other pricing approach it examined.

For the colon cancer patients I represent, that is not an accounting exercise. The drugs that exist today were only discovered because scientists had the funding to pursue risky, improbable research years ago.

Our leaders can and should find ways to make medicines more affordable, of course. In particular, they can focus on insurance reforms that lower patients' out-of-pocket costs, so that Americans facing cancer or other serious diagnoses don't face a financial crisis at the same time they're dealing with a medical one.

But European patients are quite literally dying due to a lack of access to new therapies. For American policymakers, those wait times ought to serve as a warning, not an example to emulate. ★

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