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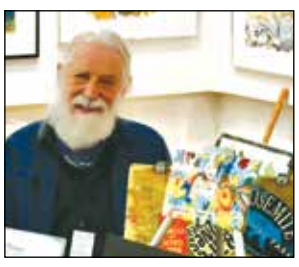
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'The Best Is Still Ahead'

Mayor celebrates growth, looks ahead in final State of the City



Rancho Cordova City Counci Mayor Garrett Gatewood (center) accompanied by his family as he delivered his final State of the City address Nov. 10.

Story by Ornella Rossi and photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - After nearly a decade on the Rancho Cordova City Council, Mayor Garrett Gatewood delivered his final State of the City address Nov. 10, reflecting on the city's growth while discussing several major projects expected to shape its future.

Speaking before residents, business leaders and community organizations at the Rancho Cordova Marriott, Gatewood highlighted plans for a downtown entertainment district, a new community center, investments in technology and infrastructure improvements throughout the city.



Cordova Community Council Executive Director Shelly Blenchard speaks at the 2026 Rancho Cordova State of the City.

"This is my final State of the City as a member of Rancho Cordova City Council," Gatewood said. "That's still a little strange to say out loud."

Gatewood, who joined the council in 2017, recalled entering public office with an understanding of the city as a business owner and community

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Blue Angels to Headline 2027 Airshow

California Capital Airshow returns March 20-21

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Get ready, Sacramento! The roar of jet engines, breathtaking aerial performances and the thrill of flight are returning to the skies over Mather Airport as the California Capital Airshow (CCA) announces its 2027 dates, March 20-21, headlined by the world-famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron.

Following an extraordinary 20th anniversary celebration that welcomed more than 100,000 spectators, the California Capital Airshow is keeping the momentum soaring with another action-packed weekend of world-class aviation entertainment, interactive experiences and family-friendly fun.

Known for their breathtaking formations, extraordinary precision and high-speed maneuvers, the Blue Angels are among the most celebrated military jet demonstration teams in the world. Their highly anticipated return to Sacramento promises to deliver an unforgettable display of skill, teamwork and the power of flight.



The world-famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels return for the 2027 California Capital Airshow March 20-21, 2027. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper

"After the incredible energy and excitement of our 20th anniversary celebration, we're ready to take that momentum into 2027," said Chief Executive Officer of the California Capital Airshow Darcy Brewer. "There's nothing quite like the sight and sound of the Blue Angels overhead, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome them back to Sacramento. We're already working to create another spectacular weekend that brings our community together, inspires the next generation, and reminds us all why we love aviation."

Presented in partnership with Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova, the 2027 Airshow will feature an exciting lineup of military and civilian performers,

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Honoring Dolores Huerta's Impact on Literacy and Youth

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As we honor Dolores Huerta's legacy, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) reflects on her lifelong commitment to education, civil rights, and youth empowerment. Huerta's impact was felt deeply at the 2025 Sacramento Latino Book & Family Festival where she championed literacy as a fundamental civil right.

"Dolores Huerta understood that education has the power to change lives," said Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline White. "She spent her life encouraging young people to believe in themselves, speak up for what matters and make a difference in their communities."

Before co-founding the United Farm Workers and inspiring generations with her famous call, "Sí, se puede," Dolores Huerta began her career as an educator. She earned her teaching credential from Delta College in Stockton and taught children of farmworkers. Seeing students arrive at school hungry and barefoot helped shape her conviction that improving their lives required addressing the economic injustices facing their families.

For Sacramento County Board of Education President Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Huerta's legacy is both personal and profound. As the daughter of farmworkers, she understands the impact Huerta had on generations of families seeking better opportunities for their children.

"I had the privilege of working with Dolores Huerta on a variety of issues," Corona Sabeniano said. "Dolores understood that education, opportunity and economic justice go hand in hand. Her loss is deeply personal, but the movement she helped build and the generations she inspired will carry her legacy forward."

At the 2025 book festival, Huerta connected with local educators and Valley High School Health Tech Academy students pursuing Community Health Worker certification, inspiring them to use their voices, engage in civics and serve their

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Winter Art Fest Returns for Two Weekends



Rancho Cordova Arts and the MACC will host the free annual festival Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 4-6 at the MACC. Photo by Rick Sloan

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Local artists will take over the Mills Station Arts & Culture Center for two weekends as Winter Art Fest returns with handmade work, holiday shopping and a special Sip-n-Shop event.

Rancho Cordova Arts and the MACC will host the free annual festival Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 4-6 at the MACC, 10191 Mills Station Road. The event will be open from noon to 5 p.m. each day.

Winter Art Fest brings together local artists offering jewelry, ceramics, fine art and other handmade pieces. Visitors will also have opportunities to meet participating artists and learn more about their work and creative processes.

The festival opens on Black Friday, Nov. 27, and continues through Sunday before returning the following weekend.

This year marks the 14th year of Rancho Cordova Arts' pre-holiday art celebration. Rancho Cordova Arts and the MACC have presented Winter Art Fest since 2017, following several years when the event was held as a pop-up gallery.

A special Sip-n-Shop Saturday is planned for Dec. 5. Guests 21 and older who make a donation can receive a glass of wine or beer, with proceeds benefiting Rancho Cordova Arts' "Art Supplies for Kids" program.

The Gyro Stop food truck will also be at the MACC from noon to 4 p.m. during the Dec. 5 event.

Organizers said the festival gives shoppers an opportunity to find one-of-a-kind holiday gifts while supporting local artists.

Winter Art Fest will also close out the MACC's 2026 visual arts season.

Admission and parking are free throughout both weekends. The MACC is also accessible by bus and light rail.

The Mills Station Arts & Culture Center serves as a local venue for visual arts in Rancho Cordova and hosts exhibitions, artist talks, workshops and community events throughout the year featuring local, regional and national artists.

Winter Art Fest runs from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 4-6 at the MACC, 10191 Mills Station Road in Rancho Cordova.

For more information, visit rcmacc.org or call 916-225-7800. ★

Students Honor Ruby Bridges' Legacy



Students, families, teachers and staff participated in schoolwide events as part of the annual observance recognizing the legacy of Ruby Bridges. Photo courtesy of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Students across the Folsom Cordova Unified School District took part in walks, classroom lessons and other activities honoring the legacy of Ruby Bridges and promoting kindness, fairness and inclusion.

Students, families, teachers and staff participated in schoolwide events as part of the annual observance recognizing Bridges, who was 6 years old when she made history in 1960 by attending an all-white elementary school in New Orleans.

The local activities were part of a nationwide movement commemorating Bridges and using her story to encourage students to consider issues of fairness, courage and welcoming others.

Schools across FCUSD marked the occasion in different ways. Some students participated in walks to school or community walks, while others completed classroom activities centered on Bridges' story.



The local activities were part of a nationwide movement commemorating Ruby Bridges. Photo courtesy of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Students and staff also wore purple, created messages and footprint-themed art projects, read books about Bridges and displayed banners and quotations throughout their campuses.

District office employees also participated in activities recognizing Bridges and learning more about her story.

The symbolic walks have become an annual way for schools across the country to connect Bridges' experience with lessons about inclusion and treating others fairly.

FCUSD officials said the activities were intended to give students an opportunity to learn about Bridges' role in history while discussing how they can help create welcoming school communities.

The district also credited school leaders, teachers, staff members, families and community partners with helping organize the activities at campuses throughout FCUSD.

Through the combination of classroom lessons and schoolwide events, students were encouraged to reflect on Bridges' experience and the impact a young student had during a significant period in American history. ★

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Before the Friday Night Lights, There Was the Rancho Bowl

By Mike Marando



YEAR	MILLS	MITCHELL
1967	13	12
1968	20	14
1969	6	6
1970	0	6
1971	8	6
1972	6	0
1973	30	0
1974	24	0
1975	0	0
1976	14	12
1977	14	6
1978	14	0

YEAR	MILLS	MITCHELL
1979	28	6
1980	40	0
1981	14	0
1982	14	20
1983	7	12
1984	6	16
1985	6	22
1986	0	6
1987	8	14
1988	7	0
1989	21	6
1990	41	0

Before Friday night lights at Cordova High, there were Thursday afternoons when Mills and Mitchell brought Rancho Cordova together. Courtesy photo

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - They called it the Rancho Bowl. Some called it the Coloma Classic or Little Big Game. Whatever the name, the stands were packed for the most celebrated rivalry in ninth-grade sports: the annual Mills-Mitchell football game.

Picture a late-October afternoon in Rancho Cordova. The air smells of cut grass and burning leaves, and the low sun turns everything gold. It's usually the last Thursday of the month, and sometimes it's Halloween itself. Parents leave work early. Little brothers and sisters hang on the fence. The whole town seems to gather at the 50-yard line, leaning forward.

Mills comes out first in Kelly green jerseys and California gold helmets. Mitchell follows in its classic blue and white, the bright white helmets catching the last of the light. These kids are 14 years old, but on this afternoon, they look 10 feet tall.

The coaching was first-rate. Joe Brown, Walt Phillips and Jack Ramsey paced the Mills sideline for many of those years. Harold Stephenson, Tom Doherty, Ken Bowles and Bob Everts were familiar figures for Mitchell. There were others, but those are the men I remember most.

Everyone in those stands knew they were watching more than a game exclusively involving ninth graders. They were getting a first look at tomorrow. Many of those boys went on to star for the Cordova Lancers through decades of dominance in the 1970s and 1980s. Before Friday nights under the lights at Cordova, there were Thursday afternoons in the fading gold of an autumn sun.

Kickoff came at 3:30 p.m., and by the final whistle the field had gone soft and gray. In the 1970 game, with the afternoon slipping away, Mitchell drew three straight roughing-the-passer flags, and you couldn't blame the kids — nobody could see anything anymore. If the fans couldn't see, how could the officials? The next season, kickoff moved to 3 p.m., buying back a little daylight.

Teams played only six games a season. They didn't need more, because this one often decided the league title.

The series ran from 1967 through 1992. Mills holds a 15-7-2 edge, not counting the 1991 and 1992 games, whose results are not known. Mills won the first two meetings, 13-12 and 20-14. Each side had its run: Mills won six straight from 1976 to 1981, and Mitchell answered with six of its own.

There were some beauts.

The 1969 clubs battled to a 6-6 tie. Mills quarterback Pat Burke later declared, "If we had Marty, we'd have won the Mitchell game." Maybe so, maybe not — that Marty Nelson would have made the extra point is pure conjecture — but athletes were barred from competing in two sports at the same time. Nelson, a star cross-country runner at the time, was therefore unavailable for football, kicking 40-yard field goals only on weekends at Cordova Gardens Elementary School.

Mitchell finally broke through in 1970. Tony Howard bolted on a 76-yard third period touchdown that was the winning difference in a 6-0 Marauder win – and winning the league championship orchestrated by quarterback Jerry Reiger. The relentless Mitchell defense held the Mustangs to less than 150 total yards as the sun slipped behind the trees, the game ending in near-darkness.

Ramsey's 1972 Mustangs, led by quarterback Scott Jenner and a relentless defense, forced 10 Mitchell fumbles and won 6-0. In 1974, Greg Chinn and Reggie Young led the Mustangs to a 24-0 win, and a league title.

Then came 1983. Mitchell trailed 7-6 late, facing fourth-and-4 at the Mills 47 with the ball on the right hash, when Everts reached into his bag of trick plays and pulled out the "Bloody Bucket." All but one Marauder lined up and shifted to the far side of the ball. Quarterback Andrew Rudolph scooped it up, fired a strike to Darnell Williams, and Williams raced into the end zone with the winning score behind a wall of blockers, completely catching the Mustangs off guard.

After 1992, both schools became middle schools and ninth graders moved to Cordova. It was a shortsighted decision that has had adverse ramifications ever since, and junior high school frosh football disappeared with it.

But for 26 autumns, nothing in town mattered more.

Mike Marando is a 1973 graduate of Cordova High School; former sports writer for The Sacramento Union; sports editor for The Rancho Cordovan (The Green Sheet) and currently chairs the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame. ★

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Officers from the Rancho Cordova Police Department were one of the many attendees at the Rancho Cordova State of the City.



Diann Rogers, CEO and president of the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber introduced Rancho Cordova City Council, Mayor Garrett Gatewood at the 2026 Rancho Cordova State of the City.



Rancho Cordova City Council Mayor Garrett Gatewood delivered his final State of the City address Nov. 10.



Speaking before residents, business leaders and community organizations at the Rancho Cordova Marriott, Rancho Cordova City Council, Mayor Garrett Gatewood highlighted the years accomplishments.

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member but gaining a different perspective as an elected official.

"You see how long big things take," he said, describing the planning and discussions that precede major developments.

He pointed to Rancho Cordova's population growth as one indication of how much the city has changed. In 2016, approximately 72,000 people lived in Rancho Cordova. Today, that number has reached 87,554.

During that period, the city permitted more than 5,396 homes, while annual revenue increased from $50.1 million in fiscal year 2015-16 to $84.6 million. In the past fiscal year alone, Rancho Cordova permitted more than 7.2 million square feet of development valued at approximately $409 million.

The city is also home to more than 3,500 businesses and approximately 73,000 jobs.

"At the beginning of this year, I told you Rancho Cordova was becoming the new epicenter for opportunity, community, and innovation," Gatewood said. "I talked about big dreams. I said big dreams only matter if they're followed up by big action."

Among the projects Gatewood discussed was Downtown DOVA, a proposed entertainment district centered on a 7,500-seat multipurpose arena, with plans for hotels, restaurants, retail businesses, a movie theater and public gathering spaces.

The City Council approved agreements allowing the project to advance earlier this month following public discussions about its financing and potential effects on surrounding neighborhoods.

"We are talking about a whole new destination for Rancho Cordova," Gatewood said.

Another project involves the former VSP buildings, identified as the future home of the Rancho Cordova Center for Arts, Lifelong Learning and Innovation.

Plans under consideration include a library, black box theater, maker space, arts programs, nonprofit offices and space for large community events.

"For years, we have dreamed about a true place to gather that feels like Rancho Cordova," Gatewood said.

While Downtown DOVA would serve as an entertainment destination, the proposed community center would provide additional opportunities for local residents to participate in educational, cultural and recreational activities.

Gatewood also discussed Rancho Cordova's efforts to attract technology companies and prepare residents for jobs in emerging industries.

Through the AiR Rancho Cordova AI & Robotics Ecosystem, the city is working with companies including NVIDIA, Rancho Cordova-based Solidigm, FarmGPU and HMCI. The initiative is supported by a $5 million city investment approved in September 2025.

In May, the organizations signed a regional agreement establishing AI Nucleus: K–Career, an effort to connect schools, colleges and employers to workforce opportunities in artificial intelligence, robotics and semiconductor technology.

The city has also announced plans for a regional digital twin, a virtual model of Rancho Cordova that could be used to evaluate development concepts and simulate potential changes before they are implemented.

"I want us in the room, in the conversations, shaping what comes next," Gatewood said. "And I want the opportunity that comes with that to reach all my citizens that live here."

Along with economic development, Gatewood emphasized the city's financial position and ongoing infrastructure work.

He noted nearly $10 million for the second phase of street rehabilitation in Countryside, $4.5 million for Sunrise Boulevard improvements, $1.6 million for Maplefield Road and more than $1 million for sidewalk projects.

Additional work planned for 2027 includes improvements in Lincoln Village and along Folsom Boulevard, as well as the Zinfandel pedestrian overcrossing project.

"At a time when cities around the region are having difficult conversations like deficits and cuts, Rancho Cordova gets to have a different conversation," Gatewood said.

The mayor also recognized programs supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs, including the Minority Business Assistance Recovery Kickstart program, known as MBARK, which has helped 117 entrepreneurs through 11 cohorts.

Beyond economic development, Gatewood highlighted the work of local organizations responding to community needs.

The Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub, which grew out of the former Rancho Cordova Food Locker, now serves more than 1,500 families each week. Gatewood recognized the organization for its assistance to families facing food insecurity, including during disruptions to federal food assistance benefits.

"What I love about Food Hub is the dignity behind it," Gatewood said. "People can walk up, choose the food for their families, and be treated with respect."

He also discussed Mather Veterans Village, a housing development serving veterans who have experienced homelessness.

The project broke ground on its fourth phase in April, which will provide 70 additional permanent supportive housing units. The five-phase development is planned to include 277 units, with an estimated 5,000 veterans expected to receive support over the campus's lifetime.

"That is what Rancho Cordova can do when we stay focused on something that matters," Gatewood said.

Investments in local schools were also part of the address. Gatewood highlighted the $44 million modernization and expansion of Cordova High School, the first major project funded through the $144 million Measure S bond approved by voters in 2024.

He also mentioned improvements at Cordova Villa Elementary School and plans for additional middle and high school facilities within Elk Grove Unified School District.

"A building a student walks into every morning sends a message about what we expect for their future," Gatewood said.

As the address concluded, Gatewood reflected on his years in public office and what serving as Rancho Cordova's first Black mayor has meant to him.

He spoke about his family's experiences in the city, the relationships he developed during his time on the council and the importance of encouraging younger residents to take part in their community.

"If a young person in this room can see me standing up here, and maybe they think, 'I can do that someday,' that means something," Gatewood said. "And hopefully, they dream even bigger than I do."

City Manager Micah Runner, speaking after the address, acknowledged that the city still faces considerable work in carrying out its plans.

"We have a lot of work to do to implement all of the things," Runner said. "Some of them will work. Some of them may not work, but I think that's something that you gotta try."

Gatewood ended the evening by asking attendees to take part in a demonstration using flashlights distributed at the beginning of the event.

With the room darkened, he called on residents who had lived in Rancho Cordova for decades, business owners, workers, volunteers, teachers and families raising the next generation to turn on their lights.

As attendees pointed their flashlights toward the ceiling, dozens of beams illuminated the room.

"Look around. Every light has a story," Gatewood said. "And together, this shows what makes Rancho Cordova shine."

The demonstration brought the address back to Gatewood's message that the city's future would be shaped by the people who live and work there.

"Because we are the ones that build what comes next," he said. "So let's keep the light shining, Rancho Cordova, because the sky isn't the limit. It's just the beginning." ★



Blue Angels to Headline 2027 Airshow

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captivating ground displays and immersive experiences that bring aviation to life. From heart-pounding aerial demonstrations to opportunities for young aviation enthusiasts to explore aircraft, meet pilots, and discover careers in aviation and aerospace, the California Capital Airshow offers something for every generation.

And this is just the beginning. Additional performers, special attractions and event details will be announced in the months ahead.

Fans eager to experience the Blue Angels and everything the 2027 California Capital Airshow has in store are encouraged to save the date for March 20-21, 2027, and sign up to become an AIR SHOW INSIDER® at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.

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About the California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow 501(c)3 plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people. CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers, and discount tickets, visit www.californiacapitalairshow.com ★



Cordova High Legends Honored with Keys to the City

Public safety leaders recognized for decades of service at State of the City



Rancho Cordova Vice Mayor Linda Budge presents Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper with a key to the city at the Rancho Cordova State of the City Nov. 10.



Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper (left), retired Sacramento Police Chief Kathy Lester (center) and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Chief Adam House, represented by Interim Fire Chief Adam Mitchell (right), were recognized for their careers in public service.



Retired Sacramento Police Chief Kathy Lester addressed attendees at the Rancho Cordova State of the City after being honored with a key to the city by Vice Mayor Linda Budge.

Story by Ornella Rossi and photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Three Cordova High School alumni who went on to lead some of the Sacramento region's largest public safety agencies were honored with Keys to the City during Rancho Cordova's annual State of the City event Nov. 10.

Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper, retired Sacramento Police Chief Kathy Lester and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Chief Adam House were recognized for their careers in public service and their ties to the community where they grew up.

The presentation took place at the Rancho Cordova Marriott ahead of Mayor Garrett Gatewood's State of the City address.

"Three leaders, three distinguished careers, three different paths to the top," said Shelly Blanchard of the Cordova Community Council, which organized the event in coordination with the city and the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce. "And one hometown that can proudly say, they came from here."

Vice Mayor Linda Budge presented the honors, recognizing the three recipients for their contributions to law enforcement, firefighting and public safety.

Cooper, a 1982 Cordova High graduate, spent 30 years with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, rising to the rank of captain before entering local government. He served 15 years on the Elk Grove City Council, including as the city's founding mayor, before being elected to the California State Assembly in 2014.

In 2022, Cooper returned to the Sheriff's Office after being elected Sacramento County's 37th sheriff.

During the presentation, Cooper reflected on his childhood in Rancho Cordova, where his family settled in 1965. He recalled spending summers at the community pool, riding along the bike trails, participating in local sports and swimming in the American River.

"One of the best things we ever did was incorporate," Cooper said. "It was tremendous to have a local voice and a say-so in what goes on in the city."

He also credited the families, community organizations and opportunities available to young people for making Rancho Cordova a special place to grow up.

"I love Rancho Cordova. I've always loved it. It's my hometown. It's really my home," Cooper said.

Lester, who retired earlier this year after a 32-year career with the Sacramento Police Department, became the department's 36th chief and the first woman to hold the position.

She began her career as a 911 dispatcher in 1994 before working her way through the department's ranks. As chief, she oversaw efforts involving violent crime reduction, technology improvements and community partnerships.

Rather than focusing solely on her professional accomplishments, Lester used her remarks to share memories of growing up in Rancho Cordova.

She recalled spending summers at the Cordova pool, attending local schools and holding several jobs in the community, including working for Cordova Parks and Recreation.

"When you grew up here, you don't really appreciate it," Lester said. "I spent a lot of time going, I am never coming back to Rancho Cordova. I am out of here."

Despite those childhood plans, she eventually purchased her first home just minutes from where she grew up.

Lester credited the community with teaching her the values that carried into her career in law enforcement.

"We know our values. We fight for what we believe in. We believe in community, and we believe in helping others," she said. "I was able to take that and make a career out of it."

House, a 1987 Cordova High graduate, was also honored for his nearly four decades of service in firefighting and emergency response.

He joined Metro Fire in 2000, advancing through the ranks as firefighter, captain, battalion chief and assistant chief before becoming the district's seventh fire chief in August 2023.

Throughout his career, House helped establish Metro Fire's Special Operations Division, supported firefighter training and recruitment, and participated in emergency response efforts during major disasters throughout California.

House was unable to attend the ceremony because of health-related circumstances. Interim Fire Chief Adam Mitchell accepted the award on his behalf.

"Chief House sincerely regrets not being able to attend tonight and is grateful to the City of Rancho Cordova, the Community Council, and the Chamber for this special recognition," Mitchell said on House's behalf.

Mitchell explained that the recognition carried particular significance because House's connection to Rancho Cordova began long before his firefighting career.

House is expected to retire at the end of the year, making the recognition one of the final honors of his career as fire chief.

Blanchard emphasized that although the three honorees pursued different careers, they shared a commitment to serving their communities and a common beginning in Rancho Cordova.

Their accomplishments, she said, also serve as an example for younger generations growing up in the city.

"A hometown is not a limit to what a person can achieve. It is a launching point for what is possible," Blanchard said. "A community's greatest legacy is not measured only in its buildings, its businesses, or institutions. It is measured by the people it raises and the differences those people make in the world." ★

Crocker Holiday Artisan Market Returns with Works by Over 100 Regional Artists

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - More than 100 regional artists will welcome visitors to the 20th annual Crocker Holiday Artisan Market, a three-day art and fine craft market on Thanksgiving weekend to benefit the artists, the Crocker Art Museum and the Creative Arts League of Sacramento (CALS) community arts outreach.

As in previous years, this beloved community tradition will be centrally located at the Scottish Rite Center in East Sacramento. This is truly a community effort with local and regional artists, dozens of volunteers including CALS and Crocker members and Sacramento Scout Troop 1 (which was started in 1916 and is reportedly the oldest, continuous Boy Scout Unit west of the Mississippi River)!

There will be a number of service-minded high school students and local musicians volunteering this year as the market welcomes more than 4,000 visitors. It is an opportunity to shop for one-of-a-kind, artful gifts while enjoying a world of creative delights.

In addition to providing a venue for participating artists to sell their work, this all-volunteer market helps fund Crocker's phenomenal exhibitions and educational programs and support a variety of essential community programs offered by event partner, Creative Arts League of Sacramento. CALS arts outreach programs include: Crocker Art Museum; Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center; Mills Station Arts & Culture Center (which facilitates our donation for art supplies to schools in Folsom Cordova Unified School District); Scout Troop1; and Women's Wisdom Project.

At noon on Friday, Nov. 27, the market doors will open at the Scottish Rite Center, and visitors will enter to find nearly every inch of the building covered in sparkling decorations, as the delightful volunteer musicians and performers treat them to the sights and sounds of the holidays.

At each artist's display, visitors can browse selections of fine and functional art works including glass, fiber and textiles, wood, ceramics, paper, photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry and even artisan chocolates, all offered at a variety of price points. Each of the participating artists will be available to greet visitors, answer questions and share details of their artistic journeys and processes.

"These original and varied works of art have been juried into this event to provide a unique one-stop shopping experience for everyone on your list… including yourself!" said Connie Spickelmier, Crocker Holiday Artisan Market co-chair. "This event will include 24 dynamic new artists along with our favorite returning artists who enjoy sharing their work, the process and their inspiration."

Additional activities will include live musical performances including singers, harp, flute and classical guitar; free candid photo ops with Victorian Santa and Ms. Claus; free face-painting, balloons and general merriment with Pixie Tribe Entertainment Elves; "Passport to Treasure," an art giveaway treasure hunt with stamping stations located throughout the venue for an opportunity to win from dozens of art prizes donated by the artists.

Culinary delights will be available to enjoy at "Bennett's Casual Fare at the Market "pop-up.

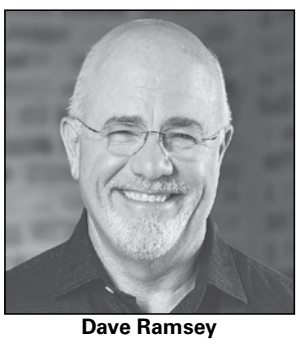
The market will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

The Scottish Rite Center (in East Sacramento) is located at 6151 H St., Sacramento. Parking is free.

Tickets are available online at www.crockerholidayartisanmarket.com and at the door.

Friday tickets are $20 and are good for all three days. Saturday tickets are $15 and get you in on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday tickets are $10. Kids 12 and under are free all three days.

For more information, visit www.crockerart.org, www.creativeartsleague.com and www.crockerholidayartisanmarket.com. ★


Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Contentment, Gratitude and Priorities

Dear Dave,

My husband loves his job, works a regular schedule and he makes over $180,000 a year. I love my work as a part-time substitute teacher in our local school system. We are debt-free, except for our home, and we've already invested and saved enough money to where we'll have a very comfortable retirement in a few years. My husband asked me the other day how I'd feel about finding a full-time job, so we can build more wealth. I don't really want to do this, but I wondered about your thoughts on our situation.

– Mira

Dear Mira,

You two have a responsibility to take care of each other and your own household, first and foremost. You didn't give me many numbers to go on, but from what you've told me it sounds like you're doing a really good job of that. Congratulations!

But to be honest, I'm not a big fan of the idea of you taking on a full-time job *only* to build more wealth—especially if you guys are in great shape financially, and you love what you're already doing. Sure, having a bunch of wealth allows you to do things you wouldn't otherwise be able to do. It can also help ensure a good, stable quality of life and put you in a position to be extremely generous. But if you have to surrender the joy in life to do it, all in the name of simply increasing your amount of wealth to an even higher level, I don't like that idea.

I want you to think about something. Contentment has nothing to do with how many hours you work, or how many zeroes are in your bank account. Contentment has to do with your state of being. It's connected to your happiness, your sense of gratitude and your priorities. The idea that contentment is on the same spectrum as ambition? I disagree with that notion wholeheartedly.

People should do something with their lives that they feel called to do and enjoy. Now, if your kids are going hungry, and your bills aren't getting paid, you need to put your head down and do what it takes to get on the right path. But in my mind, you guys are in a great place!

– 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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SacRT Awarded State Funding for Transit Improvements

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release



The $87.6 million project represents a major investment in cleaner transportation, improved transit service and infrastructure modernization. Photo courtesy of SacRT

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has been selected to receive approximately $57.7 million in state funding through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 8 awards to advance its Northern Sacramento and Yolo I-80 Intercity Zero Emission and Transformative Project.

The $87.6 million project represents a major investment in cleaner transportation, improved transit service and infrastructure modernization. The funding will support the purchase of 21 zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell buses, upgrades to SacRT's McClellan Bus Maintenance Facility, construction of a hydrogen fueling station and additional transit improvements designed to enhance the rider experience. The remaining $29.8 million will come from other state and regional funding sources, including Senate Bill 125 Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program, California Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project, SACOG State Transportation Improvement Program, California Energy Commission EnergIIZE Transit Set-Aside and Sacramento Metropolitan Air District Low Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Program.

The 21 hydrogen fuel cell buses will support expanded zero-emission service on three key corridors, bus routes 30, 81 and 138. The Causeway Connection (Route 138), which connects UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento with UC Davis in Davis. As well as bus routes 30 (J Street) and 81 (Florin Road) provide access to employment, educational and medical destinations throughout the region.

These improvements will strengthen regional connections to Sacramento Valley Station, California's third-busiest train station and the region's busiest station, providing important connections to Capitol Corridor, Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) and Caltrain services.

The project includes several additional improvements designed to make bus service more reliable, accessible and comfortable. Cloud-based transit signal priority will be deployed at 30 intersections along bus routes 30 and 81 to help buses move more efficiently through traffic and reduce delays.

To improve connections between transportation modes, 10 BikeLink smart bike parking stations will be installed at UC Davis and four at SacRT's University/65th Street Station. Two heat-resilient bus shelters will also be installed at UC Davis Medical Center along bus routes 137 and 138, providing passengers with greater comfort and protection during extreme heat.

A major component of the project is transforming SacRT's 14-acre McClellan Bus Maintenance Facility (BMF-2) into a state-of-the-art zero-emission bus operations and maintenance hub. The project includes a hydrogen fueling station with potential public access.

The hydrogen fueling station will include a 25,000-gallon liquid hydrogen storage system with the capacity to fuel up to 100 hydrogen fuel cell buses. These investments will provide the infrastructure needed to support the long-term expansion of SacRT's zero-emission fleet and strengthen operational reliability throughout the northern service area.

The project also includes a workforce development partnership with American River College to train, place and retain individuals from underrepresented communities in careers supporting zero-emission vehicle operations and maintenance. The Center for Transportation and the Environment will provide technical assistance and project implementation support.

"This significant investment is an important step forward in modernizing public transportation and creating a cleaner, more efficient transit system for our region," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "With the support of the State of California, we can continue investing in zero-emission technology, improving service frequency and reliability, and building the infrastructure and workforce needed to support the future of public transportation."

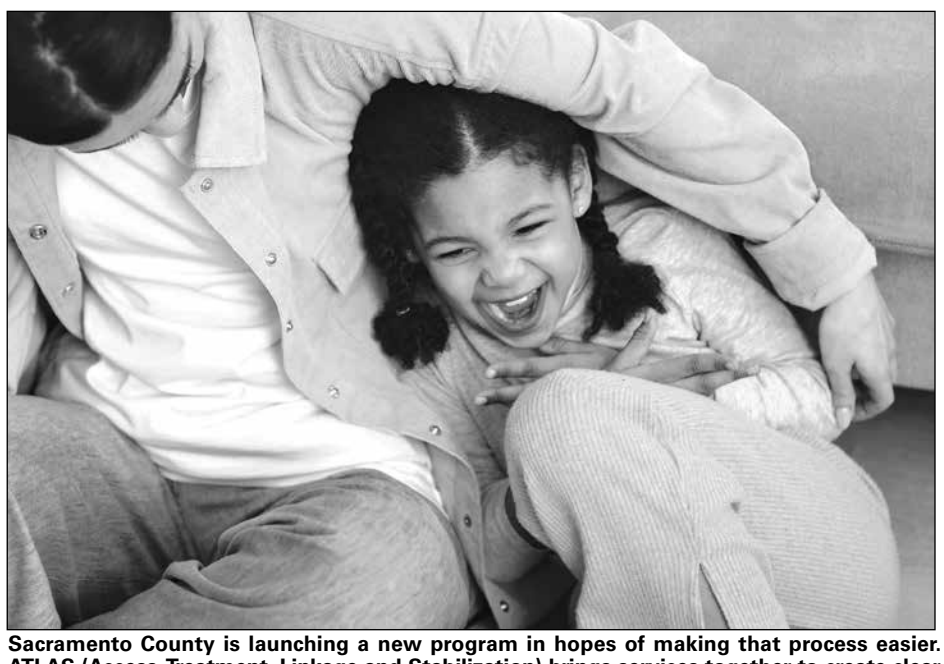
"This award represents an exciting opportunity to make meaningful improvements for SacRT riders and the communities we serve," said SacRT Board Chair and Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen. "From more frequent bus service and improved regional connections to investments in zero-emission technology and modernized facilities, this project reflects our commitment to building a more accessible, reliable and sustainable transit system."

The improvements are projected to increase ridership by approximately 1.8 million passenger trips and deliver substantial environmental benefits. Benefits include reducing greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 116,037 metric tons, displacing more than 91.4 million passenger vehicle miles traveled, reducing fossil fuel consumption by approximately 10.1 million gallons and preventing an estimated 43,677 pounds of nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions and 7,477 pounds of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions.

These investments create an integrated transportation strategy that improves transit performance, expands access to sustainable transportation options and advances California's climate and clean air goals. Project completion is expected by 2030. ★

Sacramento County Mapping a Clearer Path to Behavioral Health Support for Youth and Families

Sacramento County News Release



Sacramento County is launching a new program in hopes of making that process easier. ATLAS (Access, Treatment, Linkage and Stabilization) brings services together to create clear direction and help families find the support they need before challenges become a crisis. Photo designed by Magnific

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - When a child is experiencing behavioral health challenges, parents, caregivers and loved ones may find themselves trapped in a maze as they navigate different systems, programs and providers OR buried under a pile of information unsure of where to start. That's why Sacramento County is launching a new program in hopes of making that process easier. ATLAS (Access, Treatment, Linkage and Stabilization) brings services together to create clear direction and help families find the support they need before challenges become a crisis.

ATLAS connects five children's behavioral health service components under one coordinated system. Rather than requiring families to figure out which program to contact, ATLAS is designed to create a clearer path from early support and outreach to mental health treatment and stabilization services, including support for children and youth experiencing co-occurring mental health and substance use concerns.

"Families shouldn't have to know how the behavioral health system works to get their child the help they need," said Jessica Stockton, Sacramento County Behavioral Health Program planner. "ATLAS brings services together so we can better connect families with the right support, make it easier to navigate available resources and help children get care earlier."

The five core components in ATLAS include:

Children's Outpatient Specialty Mental Health Services: Provides behavioral health assessments, counseling and other specialty mental health treatment, including support for youth with co-occurring mental health and substance use concerns.

Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS): Provides individualized behavioral support to help children and youth develop skills and address challenging behaviors.

Outreach and Engagement: Connects with children, youth and families to help them understand available services and get connected to care.

Early Intervention: Provides early support and helps connect children, youth and families to appropriate behavioral health services and resources when concerns first emerge, before needs become more serious.

Flexible Stabilization Supports: Offers support to help children and families maintain stability and overcome barriers to care, including those related to homelessness and housing instability.

ATLAS will bring these services together through 10 selected community-based providers sited throughout the county. This will help children and families access appropriate services and receive continued support as their needs change. The County estimates ATLAS will serve approximately 9,200 children and youth through June 2027.

ATLAS will also focus on improving access in communities with greater identified needs. The County used multiple data sources to identify ZIP codes where additional attention and coordinated services can make a difference. This approach helps bring support closer to the families who may benefit most while allowing the County to monitor referrals, provider capacity and service use as the program gets underway.

Families may be connected to ATLAS through schools, community-based organizations, other behavioral health providers, child welfare and probation partners, community outreach activities or Sacramento County behavioral health access points. Families may also be able to refer themselves.

To learn more about ATLAS and find out whether the services may be right for your family, visit the Sacramento County Behavioral Health website. ★

Statewide Testing Confirms High Safety Levels in California Produce



Nearly 97% of fresh fruits and vegetables tested in California either contained no pesticide residues or had levels below federal limits set to protect human health. Photo designed by Magnific

California Department of Pesticide Regulation

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Nearly 97% of fresh fruits and vegetables tested in California either contained no pesticide residues or had levels below federal limits set to protect human health, according to the latest annual pesticide residue monitoring report released today by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), underscoring the state's continued commitment to ensuring a safe food supply.

In 2024, DPR collected and tested 3,032 produce samples for more than 500 types of pesticides and breakdown products.

The results consisted of 1,195 (39.4%) - Zero residues detected; 1,740 (57.4%) - Residues within the legal pesticide residue tolerances set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and 97 (3.2%) - Illegal residues detected.

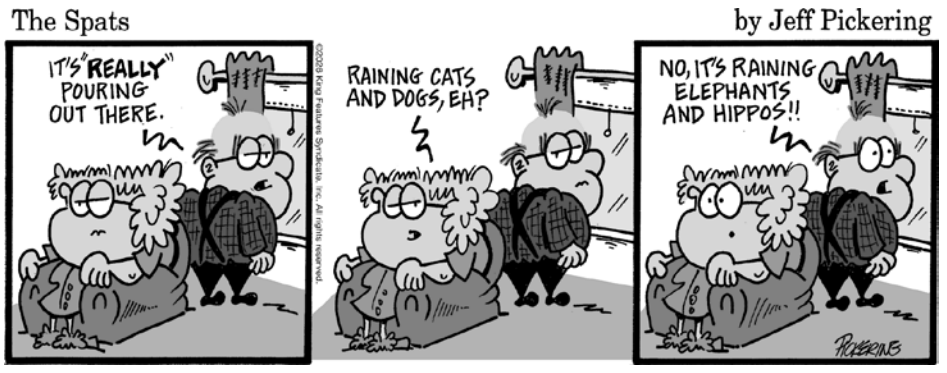
These findings reflect consistent trends over the past decade, with the vast majority of residue levels within safe limits.

"Californians should feel confident in eating the fruits and vegetables both grown and sold in the state," DPR Director Karen Morrison said. "Our rigorous requirements, statewide monitoring program and follow-up enforcement on violators keep the food families eat safe."

For the full report, please visit our website. ★

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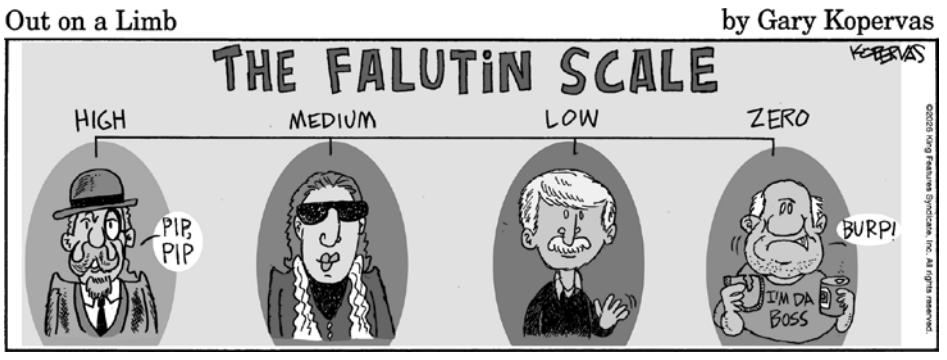
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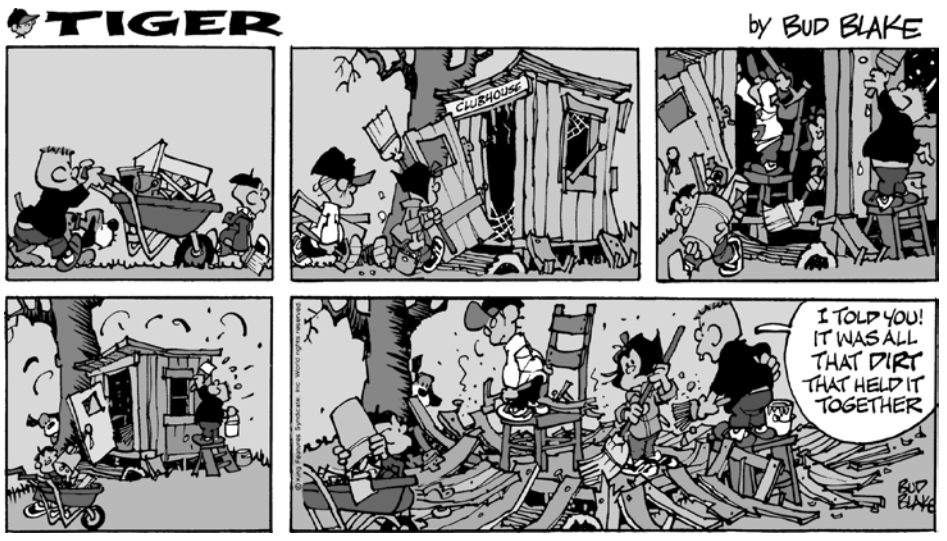
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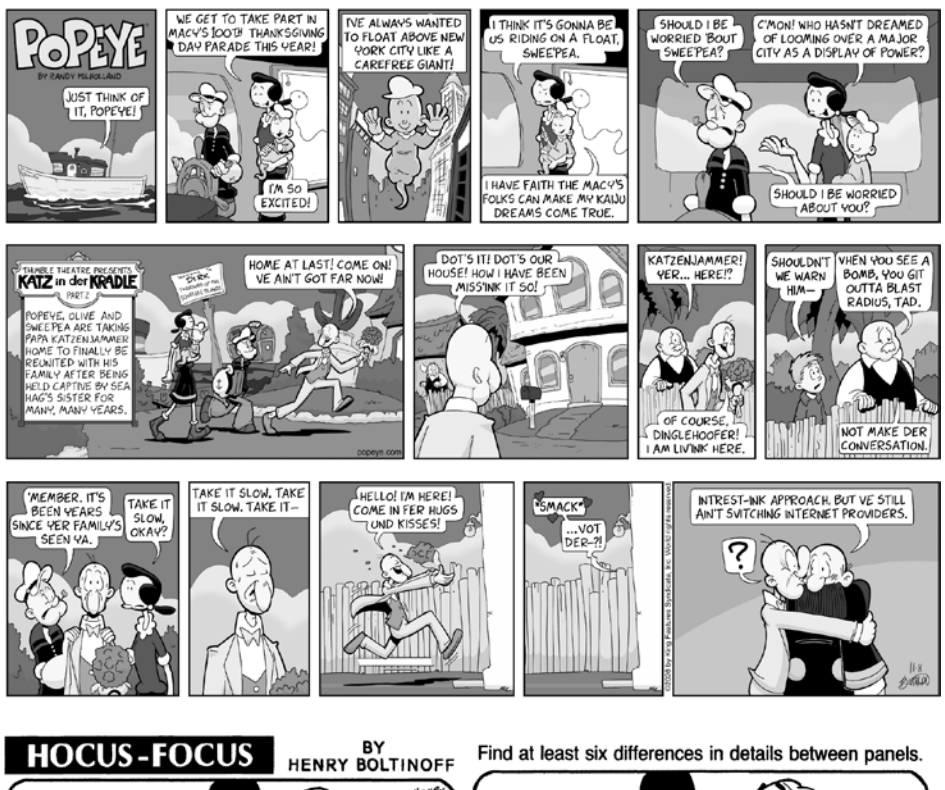


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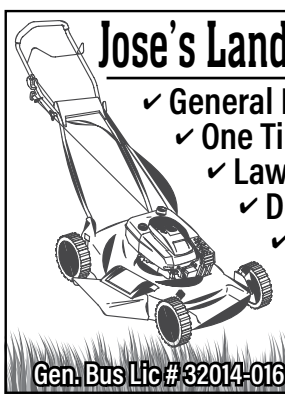
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Three Things

By V.G. Harris

Do the Sacramento Kings fans want to see a winning team? Of course they do, but most think that this season is already a lost one. That is not true and if the Kings can cure three things expect a turnaround.

Number one: A change in leadership and culture has to happen as soon as possible. The offense is old and predicable and opposing teams are taking advantage of it every night. The players are putting forth a diligent effort, but the mission is not one everyone understands, and that is essential to having a winning team.

Number two: The 3-point shot is a miscarriage of justice on both ends of the court. On offense the Kings don't get nearly enough open looks and as a result don't shoot as many 3's as the competition on a nightly basis. On the defensive end the Kings simply don't know how to guard the 3-point line and the combination of these two glaring faults is a recipe for disaster.

Number three: Sacramento must develop a culture of winning, or they are in jeopardy of mishandling Darius Acuff Jr.'s rookie season. Yes, Darius is doing well in most respects, but when asked by reporters about the difference between college and NBA ball, Darius replied it was the losing. He has been used to a culture of winning from the time he was in high school, and for the first time he's faced with something he doesn't know how to fix.

Coach Christie has had a preseason and a dozen games to find a combination of FIVE players that can work as a team and compliment each other, and all the Sacramento fans see are different lineups every night. Combine that with lack of a culture or a collective effort in how to plant the flag, and it's no wonder the Kings have managed one win to date.

It's obvious to everyone in the arena that something has to change, and in witnessing last nights contest against the mighty Oklahoma City Thunder, it was hard to watch a normally controlled Domantas Sabonis losing his composure and nearly getting a technical foul for language. I can't remember a time that I've seen Domantas so upset, and it's a direct result of the constant losing.

Many pundits and fans alike have said the Kings don't have the horses, but there is more than enough talent on this team to get the job done.

Do they need to add more talent? Of course they do, and I have no doubt that GM Scott Perry will do exactly that.

In the meantime, is it possible for the organization to not broadcast to the entire world what they are trying to do. By now the NBA has clearly got the message that due to expensive contracts the Kings would like to move both Domantas Sabonis and Zach Lavine. Stop it!

Successful trades happen when you play your cards close to the vest, and that is not something that the Kings are good at doing.

How about celebrating the virtues of Domantas and Zach and picturing them for the leaders and all-stars that they are. Both are playing well and are legitimate leaders on this team.

Zach was out in Sunday's game against the Thunder due to an illness, but his 3-point shooting has been an asset, and he is expected back soon.

Sunday's game saw Nique Clifford on the floor but not in a Sacramento Kings uniform. Traded to the Thunder just days ago for two second round draft choices, the Kings brought an end to a project that never took off.

Sadly, the 24th pick in the 2025 draft never gave the Sacramento Kings what they were looking for, and I give Scott Perry recognition for finally realizing that and making room for players with a future on this team.

Maxime Renauld will be back from injury soon, but with the acquisition of seven-foot Mason Plumlee, it is likely his playing time will be impacted. Like Nique Clifford, Renauld has had a tepid impact overall, and his future lies in all probability in a back up role, whether on the Kings roster or elsewhere.

Pay attention Kings fans to the three things the Kings need to accomplish and post your thoughts on my website at thekingskorner.com.

All the best! ★

By Emptying Death Row, Newsom Broke a Promise and Disregarded the Will of Voters



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom's decision to commute the death sentences of 548 inmates just weeks before he leaves office is the latest episode in California's 70-year-long political, legal and philosophical debate over capital punishment.

It also adds complexity, because Newsom's unilateral efforts to stop executions violate promises he made while running for governor to honor voters' support of the death penalty.

While Newsom's actions might bolster his standing among center-left Democratic voters in a potential presidential campaign, a Pew Research Center poll in August found 68% of Americans see the death penalty as justified for those who commit murder. That's 6 percentage points higher than the support in a 2021 poll.

A little history: California adopted capital punishment about when it became a state in 1850, but initially executions were done by counties. The state took over in 1893, and since then 514 people have been put to death, according to state records.

Serious efforts to abolish California's death penalty date from the 1950s, when Caryl Chessman, dubbed the "Red Light Bandit," faced execution for a series of robberies and sexual assaults — but no murders — in the 1940s and became a symbol for death penalty opponents.

Chessman's fate finally landed with Democratic Gov. Pat Brown, who personally opposed capital punishment. In 1960, on the eve of Chessman's execution, Brown's 21-year-old son, Jerry, pleaded for a reprieve and urged him to seek legislative repeal. The elder Brown agreed but the Legislature balked, and Chessman was executed on May 2, 1960.

During the 1970s, California's death penalty underwent a dizzying series of legal and political moves — sometimes in effect, sometimes not, depending on the latest decree from the state Supreme Court, action by the Legislature or ballot measure.

Voters had the last word in a 1978 pro-death-penalty ballot measure. However, Jerry Brown, who had become governor, appointed several members of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Rose Bird, who consistently rejected death sentences. Voters ousted Bird and two other justices in 1986.

Executions resumed in the 1990s, and there have been 13 since. The last was triple murderer Clarence Ray Allen in 2006.

In 2012 and again in 2016, voters rejected ballot measures to repeal the death penalty while passing a 2016 measure aimed at speeding up capital punishment appeals.

Enter Newsom, who was elected lieutenant governor in 2010 and obviously wanted to become governor. In 2016, when asked about the death penalty by the Modesto Bee, Newsom said he would "be accountable to the will of the voters" if elected governor.

"I would not get my personal opinions in the way of the public's right to make a determination of where they want to take us," he said.

While campaigning in 2018, Newsom said he didn't "want to get ahead of the will of the voters" and wanted to "give the voters a chance to reconsider."

However, shortly after inauguration in 2019, Newsom issued a moratorium on executions but ducked questions about asking voters to repeal capital punishment, which would have been the honorable way to proceed. Instead he waited until the final weeks of his governorship to commute death sentences, subject to state Supreme Court ratification of some cases.

"I take this action because I firmly believe that state-sanctioned killing is incompatible with California's values, undermines the foundation of our legal system, and diminishes each of us," Newsom said in an open letter. "I know we cannot execute people in our imperfect legal system and remain true to our core values, first among them justice and human decency."

Newsom insists he respects voters, "but the constitution also gave every governor clemency authority, and that power exists for moments when law as applied cannot be squared with justice. For me, this is that moment."

The authority he cites was aimed at righting perceived injustices on a case-by-case basis.

Newsom's blanket clemency distorts that process, thumbs his nose at California voters and dishonors victims of horrendous crimes and their grieving families.

We'll learn whether it also impacts his presumed presidential ambitions.

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

I Got an Overpayment Notice from Social Security; What Should I Do?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I received a letter from Social Security saying they overpaid me $12,703 in SS benefits. The letter said "We reduce Social Security benefits if you receive a government pension. We reduce benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your pension. Your benefit is less than two-thirds of the pension. For this reason, we cannot pay you."

FYI, I do receive a pension based on work not covered by Social Security taxes. My problem is that I don't fully understand this. This could be correct, but it doesn't seem right to come back wanting money I didn't ask for. I appreciate your time in getting back and letting me know if there is anything else I could be doing, or if they are entitled to go ahead and get the SS payments back. Thanks. ***Signed: Confused about Owing Social Security***

Dear Confused: From what you have shared, it appears that Social Security has determined that you were subject to a rule called the "Government Pension Offset" (GPO). FYI, the GPO was a provision which reduced Social Security spousal and/or survivor benefits for anyone who had a "non-covered" government pension (that is, a pension earned without contributing to Social Security). It's likely that SS paid you full benefits, but that the GPO should have reduced (or eliminated) the benefits they paid, had they known about your "uncovered" government pension. And that is likely the source of the $12,300 overpayment notice you received.

However, the GPO rule was repealed in January 2025 and no longer applies. In other words, those who have a "non-covered" government pension (a pension earned without contributing to SS) are now no longer subjected to reduced benefits under the GPO. The repeal legislation also provided for retroactivity back to January 2024, so the notice you received from Social Security was probably referring to SS benefits you received prior to 2024. If that is the case, then the notice you received is likely accurate and would need to be repaid. However, if the notice is referring to spousal or survivor benefits you received after December 2023, then it would be in error.

The best way to find out would be for you to file an appeal to Social Security, e.g., a "Request for Reconsideration" (form SSA-561), which will cause an independent review within Social Security to see if you are, indeed, required to repay those SS benefits, or whether you should pay something less (or nothing at all). Just remember that when you actually received the SS benefits in question is the key factor – if you had a non-covered government pension while receiving SS spouse or survivor benefits before 2024, then the overpayment notice you received is likely valid. If not, an appeal as I described above should resolve the issue for you.

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Britain owes no one an apology

When is the Muslim world going to apologize for its slave raids in Central and Eastern Europe that made off with millions of captives? Not any time soon, we can assume, since no one is asking it to apologize, and presumably no one ever will.

The same isn't true in the U.K., where there is a hot debate over whether the country should apologize for its participation in the trans-Atlantic slave trade in what would be a stark expression of double standards and Western guilt.

Prime Minister Andy Burnham, whose contemporary Labour Party has a taste for self-abasement, wants to have "difficult conversations" over such an apology, and says that it's "the patriotic thing to do." He is "offering a structured dialogue with those affected by the trans-Atlantic slave trade," never mind that Britain abolished the trade more than two centuries ago.

It's perverse for the U.K. -- pressured by Caribbean countries within the Commonwealth -- to consider a formal apology, given that slavery was a universal phenomenon and Britain had an honored role in snuffing it out.

The ancient Egyptians embraced slavery, and so did the Greeks and Romans. Often, enslavement was the price of military defeat in the ancient world. After the fall of the Roman Empire in the West, the Byzantines, the Vikings and Central Asian societies all relied on slave labor.

They weren't alone; the institution spanned every type of society. Historian Stewart Gordon notes that Ethiopia's legal code in the mid-13th century "recognized slaves as central to the economy and defined the acquisition and holding of slaves as the natural order of things." In the 16th century, he writes, Ethiopia "was a full slave society."

The trans-Atlantic slave trade couldn't have operated without the participation of West African rulers, who took slavery for granted before European slavers showed up and continued the practice after they left.

Something that's almost never mentioned in the debate over accountability for slavery is that North African slave traders enslaved enormous numbers of white Europeans between the 16th and 18th centuries.

Also inconvenient to an anti-Western narrative is that, as James Walvin writes in his "A Short History of Slavery," "Islamic societies were characterized by the widespread and generally unchallenged use of slavery. Indeed, slavery was commonplace throughout Arabia well before the rise of Islam. But as Islam spread between the eighth and 15th centuries, and especially to black Africa, it extended and confirmed the commonplace use of slavery and slave trading."

As part of the so-called Arab slave trade, more than a million slaves were taken from East Africa in the 19th century, and the flow continued apace into the 20th century. According to Gordon, "Perhaps the last large-scale movement of East African slaves to the Middle East was in the 1920s."

As for Britain, beginning in earnest in the 17th century, it became a central cog in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, an industrial-scale enterprise of stomach-turning cruelty. Its ships transported millions of slaves, while the plantation economies of its Caribbean possessions depended on slave labor.

Then, in an extraordinary triumph of morality over unjust profit-making, William Wilberforce and his fellow abolitionists convinced British society to abolish the slave trade and eventually slavery itself. If the institution of slavery was very old, the influence of this Christian-driven attitude to human rights was new. The British went further than simply turning their back on slavery, and used their navy to suppress the slave trade and their diplomatic sway to push other countries to give up the trade as well.

At considerable cost to itself in terms of military effort and financial resources (it paid off Spain, for instance), the U.K. did much more than its share to make abolition the international norm, on top of its other outsized contributions to the creation of the modern world. Rather than contemplating a groveling apology, the attitude of the U.K. should be: "A simple 'thank you' will suffice."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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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

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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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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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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
April Looney, 11814 Dionysus Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under 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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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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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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DEL NORTE 12-4-26

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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KIEFER 12-4-26

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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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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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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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

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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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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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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

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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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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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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

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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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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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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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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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Nima Namdarian, 8245 Silverside Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Good Fungi Co." 8245 Silverside Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2026
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Rocio Kelly, 3373 Sierra Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lil Dinocorn Creations" 3373 Sierra Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2026
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LIL 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08475
D&S Fasteners Inc, 700 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Supply Fasteners" 9451 Jackson Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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Positive Connections Worldwide, LLC, 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Positive Connections Worldwide, LLC" 41 Payne River Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07239
Nasser NA Bakir, 711 University Avenue, Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bakir Transportation" 711 University Avenue, Rocklin Apt 823, CA 95765. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 17, 2026
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BAKIR 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07905
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FILATOVA 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07036
Sacramento Food Center Inc., 400 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Food Center" 400 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2026
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SACRAMENTO 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08643
Svetlana Katkanov, 11425 Sabalo Way, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sugar Locker" 11425 Sabalo Way, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2026
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SUGAR 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08495
LMN Consulting, Inc., 430 5th Street #65187, West Des Moines, IA 50265 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Element Consulting Group" 430 5th Street #65187, West Des Moines, IA 50265. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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ELEMENT 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08466
FF Ranch LLC, PO Box 443, Arbuckle, CA 95912 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Horseshoe Barn" 1223 Blumenfeld Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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HORSESHOE 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08672
Kaitlin Lee, 745 Arcade Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kay's Breads" 745 Arcade Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2026
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KAYS 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08487
V&R Solution LLC, 8067 Weeping Willow Lane, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "V&R Precision Cleaners" 8067 Weeping Willow Lane, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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PRECISION 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08492
Aulani Herrera, 3311 Long Beach Court Apt 25, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aulani's Cleaning Services" 3311 Long Beach Court Apt 25, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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AULANIS 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08470
Grace & Mercy of Jesus LLC (CA), 8341 Raffia Court, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mira Falls" 8341 Raffia Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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MIRA 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07271
Restore Group, LLC, 2110 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Spare Hours" 2110 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 18, 2026
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SPARE 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08583
Happybury LLC, 7921 Kingswood Drive Suite 210-C, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Happybury/ Happybury ABA Therapy" 7921 Kingswood Drive Suite 210-C, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2026
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HAPPYBURY 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07868
James M. Gardener, 246 Cadillac Drive #121, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Family Solutions Law Group/ Family Solutions" 333 University Avenue Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2026
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FAMILY 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07902
Ernest Metsiev, 4701 Large Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vow Luxury Rentals" 4701 Large Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 13, 2026
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VOW 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07773
Axa Digital Assets LLC, 9358 Dartford Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crypto Spill" 9358 Dartford Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2026
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CRYPTO 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08547
Benjamin Veloz Rojas, 730 E Street Apt 204 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Benjoy" 730 E Street Apt 204. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2026
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BENJOY 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08721
Rajbir Kaur, 1889 Spaletta Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kaursstitch & Boutique" 1889 Spaletta Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2026
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KAURSSTITCH 12-11-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08736
Illusion Space Inc, 9721 Folsom Boulevard Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Illution KTV" 9721 Folsom Boulevard Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2026
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ILLUTION 12-11-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

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
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
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
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
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
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
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
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
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
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
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
Publish: Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 2026
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
Publish: Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 2026
VAN-DEN-I 12-4-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV021947
Mary Catherine Jenkins has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mary Catherine Jenkins to Mary Catherine Sherrill.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 3, 2027, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 16C, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 5, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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JENKINS 12-11-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV026126
Minela Mesanovic has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Minela Mesanovic to Minela Atic.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 21, 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 30, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
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MESANOVIC 12-11-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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.
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: Esther Ralich, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-985-3466
Publish: November 13, 20, 27, 2026
VASILE 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.
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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

City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Wednesday, December 9, 2026,** at **5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Planning Commission of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova,** to consider the following:

RIO DEL ORO SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT – PROJECT NO. PLND-0526-0161:

REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting to modify the Rio Del Oro Specific Plan (RDOSP) to include an additional land use zone, Flex Industrial (FI), which would include a list of allowed uses as well as applicable development standards. The amendment also includes rezoning eight (8) parcels designated as Business Park (BP) and Light Industrial (LI) to this new Flex Industrial (FI) zone. The Applicant has also completed an Addendum to the 2010 RDOSP Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to identify any potential impacts as a result of the proposed specific plan amendments.

OWNER/APPLICANT:

Alta Vista LLC.
340 Palladio Parkway, Ste. 521
Folsom, CA 95630

Vance Jones
3741 Douglas Boulevard, Ste 150
Roseville, CA 95661

LOCATION/APN: The RDOSP area is generally located south of White Rock Road, east of Sunrise Boulevard, north of Douglas Road, and west of Grantline Road. The project would amend the overall plan, therefore all parcels within the specific plan would be included. APN's include: 072-0370-043, -046 through -048, -102, -107 through -132; 072-3880-001 through -002, -008 through -009, -011 through -013, -016 through -018; 072-3900-001 through -108; 072-3910-001 through -065; 072-3920-001 through -088; 072-4070-001 through -003, -005 through -008, -011, -013 through -022; 072-4270-001 through -079; 072-4370-001 through -137; 072-4500-001 through -045.
CURRENT ZONING: Multiple land use zones within the Rio Del Oro Specific Plan (RDOSP)
ENVIRONMENTAL: The Applicant has prepared an Addendum to the 2010 Rio Del Oro Specific Plan (EIR/EIS) (SCH No. #2003122057) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, this Addendum to the RDO Specific Plan EIR/EIS has been prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq); Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15000-15387 of the California Code of Regulations
PROJECT PLANNER: Nick Sosa, Senior Planner

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the Planning Commission Clerk prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the City of Rancho Cordova Planning Division at (916) 851-8750.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Commission Clerk at (916) 851-8759. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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VIN# 5TFHY5F11HX639693
SAC 11-20-26

LIEN SALE 11/30/26 10AM AT 3225 FITZGERALD RD, RANCHO CORDOVA
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Popp Talk

With Mary Jane Popp

Thanksgiving Fact or Fiction

Let's take a look at some of the stories we hear about the Pilgrims, like who they were and how they lived. First of all, they didn't call themselves Pilgrims. They called themselves "Saints" and "First Comers." Of the 102 people on the Mayflower, only 50 were so-called Pilgrims. The others were members of the Church of England who had signed on simply as laborers, soldiers, or those who were looking to gain property in the "New World."

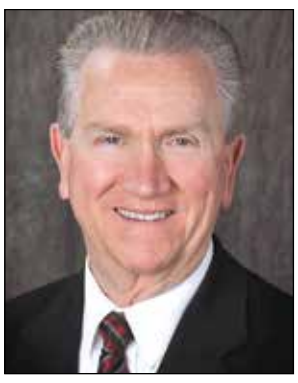
MYTH In pictures and pageants we see them in black and white clothing with buckled shoes and top hats. **FACT**. They didn't wear buckled shoes. The myth that they dressed like this stems from the popular clothing style of the day in England. They didn't wear buckled hats either. They simply wore much cheaper leather laces to tie up their shoes and hold up their pants. They also didn't wear only black and white. Their common garb was quite colorful. They only wore black and gray on Sundays. The rest of the time they wore heavily dyed clothing in many colors that could be achieved with natural dyes. Here's an example, a Pilgrim by the name of Brewster left his clothing in his will to someone. Here's what he left… "one blew cloth suit, green drawers, a violet clothe coat, black silk stockings, sky blew garters, red grosgrain suit, red waistcoat, tawny colored suit with silver buttons." Seems pretty bright to me.

Then came the meal both Pilgrims and Native Americans ate. Turkey and all the fixins' right? **MYTH**. Yes, wild turkey was on the menu but what about mashed potatoes? **FACT**. Dream on. At the time that first Thanksgiving happened, most Europeans had never even seen a potato. Same goes for the Native Americans. Corn was likely on the menu, but mushy, turned into a thick porridge that you can slurp down with a spoon. **MYTH**. It was all turkey and corn. **FACT**. Turkey, venison, lots of lobsters and other seafood even eels and mussels, and all the vegetables that they had planted from onions, beans, spinach, lettuce and other greens was on the menu. **MYTH**. Had to have pumpkin pies. **FACT**. Pilgrims liked pumpkins. But they hollowed them out, filled them with milk and honey to make a custard, and then roasted the orange orbs in hot ashes. No pies! They were out of luck because you need butter and wheat flour. They didn't have much of either.

MYTH. They loved cranberry sauce. **FACT**. By fall of 1621, Pilgrims were essentially out of sugar. So, no cranberry sauce. It was a new little berry to them. Native Americans made dyes out of cranberries. **MYTH**. It was called Thanksgiving. **FACT**. That first get together was in fact a harvest festival celebrated in October not November. They were just grateful to be alive as half of their company died during the first bleak winter.

Let's face it, we have so much to be thankful for…family and friends, good eats and lots of football. ★

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND BLESSINGS TO ALL!



And Another Thing

A Look Back at History and Life Today

By Bob McGarvey

Many things happen in our lives, and I noticed that on Nov. 15, 2026, the Sacramento Bee showed some events that happened on this dateIt showed the date and stated, "1864: American Civil War: Union army general William Tecumseh Sherman began his March to the Sea, inflicting significant damage to property and infrastructure using scorched-earth tactics on his way from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia." This happened during the American Civil War, and as I mentioned, it happened on this date. All of us have experienced events that have become part of our own history. One event that affected all of us was the Cuban Missile Crisis, which happened during the Cold War.

The Cuban Missile Crisis took place from Oct. 16 to Oct. 28, 1962, lasting 13 days. I know how I was hit when that happened because I was stationed at the Shenault AFB which was out of Lake Charles, Louisiana, I know all of the planes on the base were sent away because we were very close to Cuba. We had to wait until we were told what to do by President Kennedy. As I said earlier, it was something that made everyone frightened. The people on that date were frightened because of what might happen with a nuclear war. Everyone was very relieved when the nuclear missiles were sent back to the USSR. As I said the Sacramento Bee was reporting events of the day, and some dates are really historical.

Many people are asking about the fuel prices that are dropping due to easing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, falling crude oil prices, and seasonal autumn shifts that lower costs. It is easier back east and here in California. Crude Oil ended at $87.04 when the prices on Friday ended. Everyone is hoping that our lives will get back to our usual life very soon. Many of our lives are different right now because of the war with Iran. The national average for regular gasoline dropped below $4 per gallon this week for the first time since July according to AAA. There has even been a drop in gasoline prices in California to lower than $5 per gallon.

Here in Rancho Cordova, we are able to keep our lives closer to what it was before the Iran War. I think the people in Rancho Cordova are working together to help each other. There are many people who work very hard to help each other like the Cordova Food Hub. Those are people who volunteer at school, City projects, and are helping Veterans get off of the street. Look at the Mather Veterans Village. It shows how it is possible to get Veterans off of the street and get a roof over their heads. As I said in earlier articles, they are only a couple of blocks from the VA Hospital.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★


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'Dad, I Want to Play Lacrosse'

Where Winning Goes Beyond the Scoreboard

By Jason Harper, Director, Rancho Cordova Athletic Association

Part II

For four generations, springtime at the Harper house meant baseball. Sunflower seeds, ballgames on television, the crack of a bat, and August afternoons watching every Little League World Series game we could find. It was Norman Rockwell meets "The Sandlot." And with a college baseball career that gets better as my memory gets worse, I fully intended to pass that love down to my son.

Then, just before his 10-year-old Little League tryouts, he dropped the bomb. "Dad, I want to play lacrosse." BOOM! Mike Tyson once said, "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth." Apparently, every Little League dad has a plan until his son says he wants to play lacrosse. I saw stars. My bell was rung.

After regaining my footing, I asked the obvious question. "What IS lacrosse?" He answered, "It's like hockey, Dad. But with running." I protested, "But son, you hate running. And you've never even played hockey!" I was desperately trying to talk him off the ledge. Then came the second punch. This one landed harder. "Dad, you said…" Oh, those three dreaded words. "You said you don't care what I play, as long as I play something." Checkmate. My 10-year-old had taken my own words and locked me into an MMA armbar.

"But… lacrosse?"

That evening, I searched everything I could find. Rules, highlights, coaching videos. Apparently, LAX wasn't just an airport. Somewhere between learning what cradling meant and figuring out why everyone was swinging sticks, something changed. My disappointment gave way to joy. Not because I understood lacrosse. I didn't. But because my little boy had discovered something he loved. And though I knew it might disappoint his baseball-loving dad, he'd found the courage to tell me.

Comparison is the thief of joy.

I had been comparing his happiness to mine and nearly missed the beautiful thing happening right in front of me. So, I asked him to teach me. Soon, he was walking around with his stick, cradling a ball. The rhythmic thump, thump, thump against the backyard wall became our new soundtrack. We found gear, some of it used. His equipment bag looked big enough to carry him. Then came game day. He learned defense and eventually became one heck of a little goalie. The drives to games became his strategy sessions. The rides home became his play-by-play breakdowns. He was passionate. He had purpose. He didn't need to play baseball. He just needed to play. And I needed to let him.

A few months ago, at our RCAA meeting, we welcomed the newest addition to Rancho Cordova youth sports: The Rancho Cordova Aviators Lacrosse! And suddenly, that little boy with the oversized equipment bag came rushing back to me.



The Rancho Cordova Aviators Lacrosse is the newest addition to Rancho Cordova youth sports. Courtesy photo

Lacrosse is often called the fastest game on two feet.

Imagine soccer's flow, basketball's strategy, and a stick and ball.

Girls emphasize speed, space, and skill with limited contact.

Boys learn age-appropriate checking as they advance.

Our youngest athletes simply run, learn, laugh and play.

And here's the beautiful part. Nobody needs experience. The Aviators are offering FREE introductory clinics for boys and girls, 6U through 14U. Bring water, athletic clothes, and curiosity. Loaner sticks and headgear are available while supplies last. Register at RCLacrosse.org or email info@rclacrosse.org for clinic details.

One last thing, from one parent to another.

Somewhere in Rancho Cordova, there's a little boy who hasn't found his baseball diamond. A little girl who hasn't discovered her soccer field. A child who hasn't yet experienced the wonderful feeling of belonging to a team. Maybe their place is on a lacrosse field. Maybe their Norman Rockwell moment isn't a father teaching his son to swing a bat. Maybe it's a father standing in the backyard, completely clueless, while his 10-year-old teaches him something new.

Years later, I don't remember the scores. I don't even remember the wins. But I remember that little boy, swallowed by his equipment bag, turning around before his first game to see if Dad was watching.

I was.

And I'd give anything to stand on that sideline and watch him one more time. The years are long, but the days are short!

Parents, don't miss the moment because it doesn't look like the one you imagined. Give them a stick. Give them a chance. Give them the freedom to find their own joy. Because someday, the cleats will be outgrown, the uniforms packed away, and the backyard will grow quiet.

But the memories?

Those are yours forever.

And that, Rancho Cordova, is a whole different kind of home run.

www.RCLaCrosse.org ★

Assemblyman Hoover Names Warren Searls Veteran of the Year

Assemblyman Josh Hoover News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman Josh Hoover (R-Folsom) announced he has named Warren Searls as the 2026 Veteran of the Year for California's 7th Assembly District.

A lifelong aviation enthusiast, Warren's story embodies dedication, service, and a commitment to inspiring future generations. Passionate about flying since the age of 12, Warren earned a degree in civil engineering before joining the United States Air Force with the goal of becoming a military pilot. His exceptional aptitude quickly set him apart, finishing first in his Air Force pilot training class, third in academics and first overall, earning three trophies for his performance.

During his military career, Warren served at assignments in Laredo, Texas; McClellan and Mather Air Force Bases in California; and Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. He advanced to instructor pilot in just eight months, developing the technical expertise and leadership skills that would shape his future contributions to aviation and education.

After completing his military service, Warren returned to California and built a successful career as a civil engineer. Following retirement, he began volunteering at the Aerospace Museum of California, where he discovered the Museum's flight simulators and an opportunity to share his passion for aviation. Since then, Warren has contributed nearly 18,500 volunteer hours to the Museum, equivalent to almost nine years of full-time service.

For nearly two decades, Warren has served as Director of the Museum's Flight Zone, helping develop it into an interactive aviation experience where children, students, and families can take the controls of flight simulators and learn the fundamentals of flying. Through thousands of hours of instruction and mentorship, he has introduced countless visitors to aviation while encouraging young people to explore educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"Warren represents the very best of our community and the enduring spirit of service that defines our nation's veterans. From his distinguished military career to his extraordinary commitment to inspiring the next generation, Warren has made a lasting impact on countless lives," Assemblyman Hoover said. "It is an honor to recognize his service to our country and our community. Please join me in congratulating Warren Searls as our 2026 Veteran of the Year for his remarkable dedication to duty, service and country." ★

Giles Named Offensive Player of the Year

Five Hornets Listed on Men's Soccer Honor Roll

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State senior Zac Giles was named The Big West Offensive Player of the Year and earned a spot on the first team while four other Hornet players were named to the league's postseason honor roll as voted on by the head coaches and announced on Nov. 6.

Giles becomes the first-ever Sacramento State men's soccer student-athlete to be named the top offensive player in The Big West and joins Midfielder of the Year Paul Geyer (2017) and Freshman of the Year Benji Kikanovic (2018) as major award winners in the league since the Hornets joined the conference in 2012.

The Lincoln, Calif., native is also the first Sacramento State player to be named player of the year in any conference since Ernesto Carranza took home the award in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation in 2009.

In also earning a spot in the all-conference first team, Giles became only the seventh Hornet to earn that honor in the program's Big West era, joining Donovan Sessoms (2024), Austin Wehner (2022), Cylus Sandoval (2017), Geyer (2017), Chimdum Mez (2014) and Matt Linenberger (2012).

Joining Giles on the honor roll is junior midfielder Hiroshi Yang on the second team, Sean Battistessa and Nick Strangio on the honorable mention team, and newcomer Adrian Alvarenga on the league's all-rookie team. The group represents the most All-Big West honorees for the program since Sacramento State placed five on the all-conference team and had three more on what was then known as the all-freshman team.

Enjoying a storybook senior season, Giles finished with 11 goals and five assists for 27 points, putting 39 of his school single-season record 72 shots on goal. A three-time Big West Offensive Player of the Week and two-time National Team of the Week selection by Top Drawer Soccer, Giles finished the regular season atop The Big West in shots, shots per match (4.24), shots on goal, shots on goal per match (2.29), goals, points, and points per match (1.59), while finishing tied for fifth in assists.



Sacramento State senior Zac Giles was named The Big West Offensive Player of the Year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State

He set a school Division I era single-match record with four goals in a 5-1 win at CSUN on Oct. 24 for his first career hat trick, while his eight points in that contest were tied for the most in a single match in school history. Giles wrapped up the year ranked tied for eighth on the single-season list in goals and tied for seventh in points while adding school single-season records in points per match (1.59) and shots.

Yang finished third on the team with 12 points thanks to four goals and four assists, ranking second on the team with 39 shots and 17 on goal. He netted his first goal of the season — and the first for the team in 2026 — in the season-opening win over UC Davis, then added a brace against UC Riverside (Sept. 23) and the team's opener against Cal State Bakersfield (Oct. 3).

Two of his assists came in a 4-2 victory over Pacific and added helpers against UC San Diego (Oct. 14) and CSUN (Oct. 24). One of his two goals in the win over the Highlanders was selected as the No. 9 play of the day in ESPN SportsCenter Top 10 plays.

Battistessa finished second on the team with 14 points on six goals and two assists, staring 16 of the team's 17 matches. The Fair Oaks, Calif., native also scored in the regular season opener against UC Davis and added a three-point performance in a win over UC San Diego (Oct. 14). He also scored against San Jose State (Sept. 6), Pacific (Sept. 17), UC Santa Barbara (Sept. 30) and Cal State Bakersfield (Oct. 3).

Strangio was a mainstay on the back line for the Hornets in 15 starts while adding a pair of goals against Saint Mary's and CSUN, while Alvarenga joined him in his rookie season, collecting a pair of assists in the process against UC Santa Barbara and Gonzaga.

All four all-conference honors were the first of their respective careers, while Alvarenga gave the Hornets a representative on the league's all-rookie team for the third consecutive season and became the 17th Hornet freshman to be recognized overall. ★

Memo Rodriguez and Lee Desmond Named to USL Championship All-League Teams

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Nov. 10, USL Championship announced the 2026 All-League Teams. Republic FC was represented twice among the top players from the season, with midfielder Memo Rodriguez earning a spot on the All-League First Team and defender Lee Desmond named to the All-League Second Team.

"Memo and Lee have been invaluable to our success this year – both on and off the pitch – and we're incredibly proud to see them deservedly recognized as All-League players," said Republic FC President and General Manager Tim Holt. "Both play an important role in setting the standard for our club, and their leadership remains key as we continue our postseason push."

Rodriguez led the league's midfielder corps with 16 goal contributions and played a key role in Sacramento's stellar form in the second half of the campaign. After suffering an injury early in the season, he worked his way back into form and scored his first goal for Republic FC on July 25. A week later, he recorded three assists in a 5-0 win over Sporting Club Jacksonville.



Midfielder Memo Rodriguez earned a spot on the All-League First Team and defender Lee Desmond was named to the All-League Second Team on Nov. 10. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

In Week 30, Memo led the Indomitable Club past New Mexico United with a two-goal, one-assist performance that earned him Player of the Week honors. He then went on to play a massive part in Republic FC's 13-game undefeated streak to close out the regular season, posting nine goal contributions in the final six matches. He earned recognition consistently throughout the year as a six-time Team of the Week honoree and finalist for October Player of the Month.

Team Captain Desmond has earned his first selection to the All-League Second Team after posting his best single-season performance since joining Republic FC in 2022. The 31-year-old centerback was on the pitch for all but 45 minutes of the regular season and led the team with 150 clearances and 159 duels won, while maintaining an 84% passing accuracy. With Desmond anchoring the backline, Sacramento posted double-digit clean sheets for the fifth consecutive year and conceded just 28 goals to lead the Western Conference. He also contributed on the other end of the pitch with two goals, including one in his monumental 400th career appearance on Aug. 1. ★

Kamaria Charlo Named Hawk of the Week

Consumnes River College News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Cosumnes River College women's basketball student-athlete Kamaria Charlo has been named the CRC Athletics Hawk of the Week following an impressive two-game stretch that helped the Hawks extend their season-opening winning streak to 4-0.

Charlo delivered a standout offensive performance throughout the week, totaling 42 points, six rebounds, five assists and seven steals across wins over Feather River College and College of San Mateo.

In the Hawks' 60-44 home victory over Feather River on November 5, Charlo finished with 11 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals, contributing on both ends of the floor as Cosumnes River earned the win at Clark Court.

She followed that performance with a career-best offensive showing against College of San Mateo on November 7, pouring in 31 points to help the Hawks secure a convincing 79-53 road victory. Charlo shot 12-of-23 from the field, including an impressive 6-of-12 from beyond the arc, while adding four steals and two assists.



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Her six three-pointers and 31-point performance highlighted a dominant road effort as the Hawks closed out the week with consecutive victories, remaining undefeated at 4-0 to open the season. ★

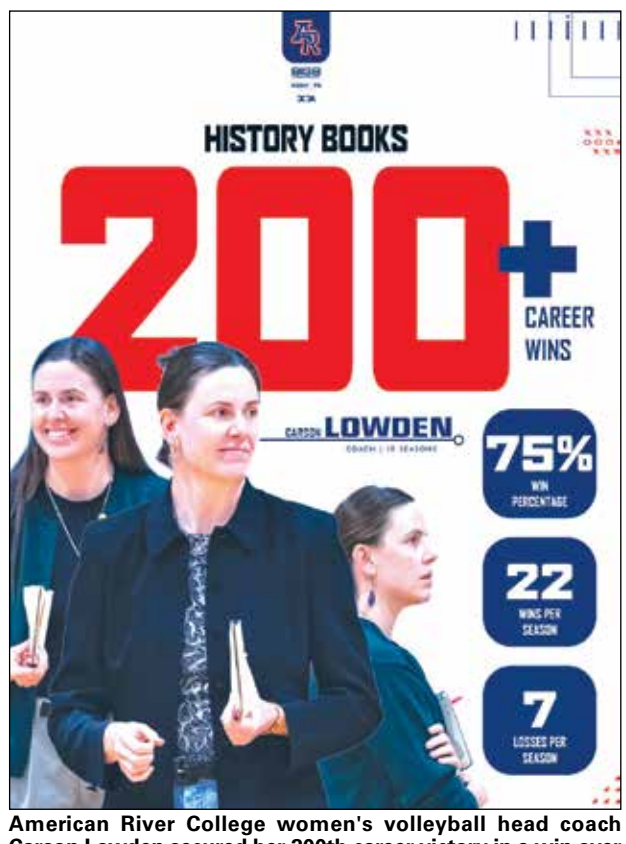
Lowden Secures Historic 200th Career Win as Beavers Dominate

American River College News Release

PLESANT HILL, CA (MPG) - American River College women's volleyball head coach Carson Lowden secured her 200th career victory in spectacular fashion, leading the Beavers to a commanding 3-0 sweep on the road against Diablo Valley College.

The historic milestone underscores Lowden's elite tenure at American River College, where she has built the Beavers into a perennial powerhouse. Her squad left no room for doubt on the Vikings' home court, executing a flawless game plan to earn the sweep in straight sets.

The Beavers asserted their dominance from the opening serve, controlling the tempo and keeping Diablo Valley out of system. ARC took the first set 25-17 before putting on a masterclass in the second and third frames, capturing them 25-10 and 25-9 respectively. ★



American River College women's volleyball head coach Carson Lowden secured her 200th career victory in a win over Diablo Valley. Photo courtesy of American River College

Mother Lode Art Exhibition Marks 60 Years at the MACC



Linda Blust received Best of Show for "Reach for the Sky," a textile and mixed-media sculpture. Photo by Rick Sloan



The 60th annual Mother Lode exhibition includes work selected from hundreds of submissions, giving visitors a chance to see a broad range of pieces. Photo by Rick Sloan

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - More than 400 entries were narrowed to just over 100 works for the 60th annual Mother Lode Art Exhibition, now on display at the Mills Station Arts & Culture Center in Rancho Cordova.

Artists and guests gathered at the MACC on Nov. 6 for the exhibition reception, where award winners were recognized and visitors had an opportunity to view work by local, regional and national artists.

Presented by the Placerville Arts Association, the annual juried exhibition features work across a variety of mediums and styles.

Local artist Debra Kreck-Harnish served as this year's juror and judge, selecting the works accepted into the exhibition as well as the award recipients.

The exhibition presented Awards of Excellence, Merit and Achievement, along with special Placerville Arts Association and memorial awards.

Linda Blust received Best of Show for "Reach for the Sky," a textile and mixed-media sculpture. Ken Mahar received an Award of Merit for his photograph "Let's Explore," which was captured in Coimbra, Portugal. Rebecca Wallerstein also received recognition from the Placerville Arts Association for her paintings "Alpina" and "Aether."

This year's show included a special award recognizing the exhibition's 60th anniversary.

The Mother Lode Art Exhibition has become a long-standing program of the Placerville Arts Association, which promotes the work of artists and provides opportunities for the public to experience visual art. The MACC has hosted the national exhibition for the past four years.

The exhibition remains open through Nov. 21 at the MACC, 10191 Mills Station Road.

Gallery hours during the exhibition are 2 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

The MACC, directed and curated by Cheryl Gleason of the Cordova Community Council, hosts rotating exhibitions, workshops and other arts programming throughout the year.

The 60th annual Mother Lode exhibition includes work selected from hundreds of submissions, giving visitors a chance to see a broad range of pieces before the show closes. ★

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Informing, Empowering & Engaging Readers With Their Community



Becoming Local Problem Solvers: Curiosity, Compassion and Collaboration

By Patsy McGavock

Over the past few weeks, we've explored politics as people and policy, and finding common ground without surrendering our principles. We've learned from legislators in California's Problem Solvers Caucus. What they described were human skills, not legislative ones. How do we put those skills to work here, where we live? How do we find the courage to begin?

Two weeks after a defining midterm election, some may feel finally heard. Others may wonder whether their voices still matter. We are experiencing this moment differently. But we are still neighbors.

Let's step back to June. A German visitor attending the World Cup reportedly observed, "If you want to hate America, read the news. If you want to love it — drive through it." Initially concerned for his safety, he came to love America through the hospitality of its people.

Perhaps that's part of our challenge. Political labels can make strangers of neighbors. Better understanding one another can challenge our assumptions. As Assemblywoman Anamarie Ávila Farías described it, we live in "50 shades of blue" — or red. Our experiences, values and ideas don't fit neatly into opposing camps.

Nothing shuts down a conversation faster than defensiveness and fear. We can enter a discussion prepared to protect ourselves from an adversary or prepared to understand someone whose concerns differ from our own.

Consider an exercise. Participants stand in a circle. Each chooses an adversary, trying to keep a defender between them. The room becomes a scramble as everyone moves away from someone else.

Now reverse the assignment. Each chooses someone to protect, staying between them and a perceived threat. Suddenly, everyone moves toward the center. (Try it at home. It's immediate and remarkable.)

In the public square, how do we meet on common ground? Expect collaboration and assume goodwill, and you will bring collaboration and goodwill. Defend it.

I've been considering three essential tools:

Curiosity helps us discover what matters. Compassion helps us recognize why it matters to others. Collaboration helps bring people, ideas and resources together to do something about it.

Our strongest disagreements may become part of the solution, revealing aspects we might otherwise overlook. We can discover shared concerns, identify non-negotiables, then bring different perspectives, knowledge and resources together to develop solutions.

We can be the local expression of the cross-partisan collaboration we've been learning about.

It begins with listening.

You can't meet a need you don't understand. Listening isn't simply about understanding the problem. It's about understanding the person.

Ask first. Listen. Understand. And in understanding, find a purpose bigger than either of you.

Our differences don't disappear, but they become smaller beside what we're trying to accomplish together. That tempers our listening with humility. We collaborate better. Listen better. Consider more possibilities. And we develop a more complete solution.

We don't have to start from scratch.

Matt Hedges, chief of staff to Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez, shared an observation: "The core of the community is full of people who truly want to help. Overflowing." People who care, organizations doing good work and networks of relationships.

The challenge, he explained, is connecting them.

Think of that potential we could set in motion!

We've discussed our community hubs with wheels already turning: chambers, community councils, service clubs and libraries. Places to learn, find partners and discover who's working on the concerns we've noticed.

Connecting people is a beginning. Shared purpose helps us keep moving.

Sheri Merrick, executive director of the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce, offered encouragement in a conversation last year: "If you're doing it for the right reason, you will always be moving forward. You'll be doing it for the reasons that make your heart happy."

That sense of purpose can sustain us when progress is slow, or our first ideas don't work.

Writing this column often takes me beyond my comfort zone, including interviewing legislators. Yet I've discovered a natural progression: Each conversation deepens my understanding and introduces me to another person who may be part of a solution. I've discovered those people are closer than we imagine.

Next time, we'll explore how these connections can help us become effective advocates, bringing neighbors, nonprofits and government together to address the needs of our communities, and perhaps our nation.

Patsy is a volunteer community writer informing, empowering and engaging readers with their community. Connect with Patsy at PatsyMcGaovck. JustServe@gmail.com. ★

Honoring Dolores Huerta's Impact on Literacyand Youth

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communities. She also celebrated the power of books and reading to spark imagination and open doors to endless possibilities.

"Meeting Dolores Huerta and seeing her interact with our students was an unforgettable experience," said Vanessa D. Caigoy, vice president of the Sacramento County Board of Education. "Her life reminded us that true education extends beyond the classroom into civic action and community service."

SCOE remains committed to advancing civic learning, youth leadership and literacy across Sacramento County. ★

Water Reliability Depends on More Than Water Supply

By Robert P. Wichert, Director, Sacramento Suburban Water District

Groundwater is one of California's most important water resources, and for many regions, it provides the only reliable source of drinking water.

Through regional collaboration and innovative planning, the Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) implemented sustainable groundwater management practices years before the state mandated it under the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

This long-term stewardship is especially important because groundwater remains the foundation of SSWD's water supply. Today, the District operates more than 80 wells throughout our service area. Keeping those wells running reliably requires continual maintenance, repair and, as infrastructure ages, more significant rehabilitation. As with most technical fields, maintaining groundwater infrastructure requires specialized expertise that cannot be easily or quickly replaced. California requires well drilling contractors to have at least four years of experience and pass state licensing examinations. The work itself can include drilling, casing, cementing, cleaning, repairing and rehabilitating wells and their pumping systems.

Our state has seen what can happen when demand for those skills increases. During the state's severe drought a decade ago, the Contractors State License Board expedited licensing for well-drilling and pump contractors to help meet increased demand for their services. The state also encouraged other qualified contractors to pursue well-drilling licenses to help expand capacity.

For water agencies, access to this unique expertise matters. When specialized contractors are difficult to secure, routine maintenance can be delayed and unexpected equipment failures can leave important water sources offline longer than anticipated. SSWD experienced this challenge firsthand when we became increasingly concerned about our ability to secure specialized well contractors when we needed them. A prolonged outage at one well is manageable. Multiple wells awaiting specialized repairs can begin to affect the flexibility and reliability that water systems depend on.

Although often overlooked, access to specialized expertise is a water reliability issue.

In 2023, SSWD entered into an exclusive five-year agreement with Kirby's Pump & Mechanical, a groundwater well contractor, to ensure we had prompt, reliable access to the expertise needed to maintain and repair our wells. Over the following three years, that arrangement gave us an opportunity to see the value of having specialized expertise consistently available when we needed it. It also prompted us to think differently about how we could address our workforce needs over the longer term.

This year, that thinking led SSWD to purchase KPM and bring its specialized expertise in-house.

It was an unconventional step, and not one that will make sense for every water agency. Before moving forward, our Board commissioned an independent cost-benefit analysis to determine whether the approach made financial and operational sense. The analysis projected that the purchase could pay for itself in less than three and a half years and save approximately $7 million over 10 years.

But the larger lesson isn't about one acquisition.

California spends considerable time planning for the physical infrastructure and water supplies we will need in the decades ahead. We should bring that same long-term thinking to the people and specialized skills required to operate and maintain those systems.

That means asking practical questions. Do we have the expertise needed to maintain critical facilities? Where are we vulnerable to shortages in specialized skills or contractor availability? Could a lack of specialized expertise leave infrastructure unavailable when we need it most? And are there different ways to secure those capabilities before a problem becomes an emergency?

The answers will look different for every agency. But for SSWD, bringing a specialized contractor into our workforce ensures a resilient water delivery system backed by the skills needed to keep our infrastructure working long into the future.

Robert P. Wichert represents Division 3 on the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board of Directors and lives in Citrus Heights. ★

Lancers Senior Headed to State Meet



Cordova senior David Insco runs away from the competition at Willow Hills Reservoir Community Park in Folsom on Saturday, Nov. 14. Photo courtesy of head coach Charlie Gonzalez



Cordova senior David Insco finished in fifth place at the recent CIF Sac Joaquin Section Division II Section Finals. Photo courtesy of head coach Charlie Gonzalez

By James Darnell



Cordova senior David Insco will be representing Big Red at the upcoming State championship meet in Fresno. Photo courtesy of head coach Charlie Gonzalez



The Cordova boys cross country team finished in eighth place during the recent CIF Sac Joaquin Section Division II Section Finals. Photo courtesy of head coach Charlie Gonzalez

FOLSOM, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Lancers cross country program will have representation during the upcoming 2026 CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) State Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 28 at Woodward Park in Fresno as senior David Insco qualified individually following an impressive performance this past weekend.

Insco finished in fifth place overall during the CIF Sac Joaquin Section Division II Section Finals on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Willow Hills Reservoir Community Park in Folsom. Insco finished the 5,000-meter race with a time of 16:08.9 and is the only Lancers runner who will participate in the State meet.

The Lancers boys team finished 8th overall during the Section Finals 5,000 meters narrowly missing out on the demanded top four finish to qualify for State. On the girls' side, sophomore Mia Joyce was the lone participant for the Lady Lancers during the Section Finals after qualifying individually, and she finished the girls 5,000-meter race with a time of 21:24.4, good for 39th place.

For Insco and the entire Lancers cross country program, being able to compete at the State meet is a huge accomplishment all on its own.

"It was a very special moment because it meant all his hard work paid off," Lancers head coach Charlie Gonzalez said of Insco's achievement. "His success has brought a lot of attention to our cross country program and has changed the perception of athletics here in Rancho Cordova. It is a big deal for us."

Now with the biggest challenge of the season ahead, Gonzalez believes strongly in the senior standout and thinks Insco has as good a chance as anyone to finish at the front of the line.

"I think he has another strong performance in him," Gonzalez said. "I hope he goes out there and believes he belongs with the best runners in the state. I know he's excited and he wants to compete. He's a competitor who wants to see what he's capable of, and there's no better place to show it than at the State meet."★

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