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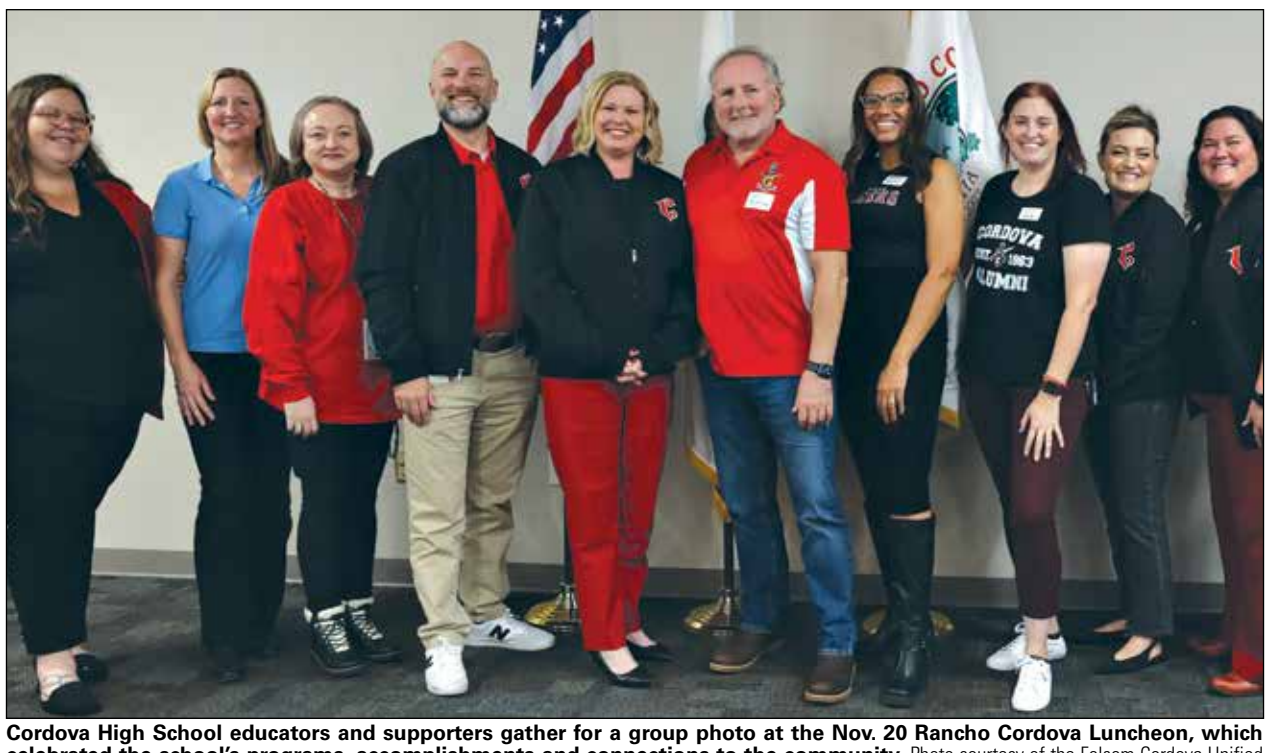
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Cordova High Students Take Spotlight at Rancho Cordova Luncheon



Cordova High School educators and supporters gather for a group photo at the Nov. 20 Rancho Cordova Luncheon, which celebrated the school's programs, accomplishments and connections to the community. Photo courtesy of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Cordova High School students shared their experiences in engineering, health care, agriculture and other programs during the Nov. 20 Rancho Cordova Luncheon, giving community members a closer look at what is happening inside the city's only comprehensive high school.

The luncheon, titled "Inside Lancer Nation," featured students and educators discussing academic achievements, career opportunities and the school's plans for the future.



Cordova High School Culinary Academy students serve lunch to attendees at the Nov. 20 Rancho Cordova Luncheon. Photo courtesy of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District

"When people think about Cordova High, they often think about our history, our traditions, our generations of families who have proudly called themselves Lancers," Principal Amy Strawn said. "And that history is something we celebrate."

Strawn, introduced by Folsom Cordova Unified School District

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Holiday Craft Faire Highlights Small Business



Vendors pose behind a display of handmade tea towels during the Holiday Craft Faire at Rancho Cordova City Hall.

Story by Ornella Rossi and photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Holiday shoppers filled Rancho Cordova City Hall on Nov. 19 as local makers, bakers and small-business owners set up shop for the wight annual Holiday Craft Faire.

Hosted by the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, the event brought more than 40 vendors together for an evening of holiday shopping, food, activities and community connections.

The free event featured handmade goods, clothing, baked treats and other products from local artisan and businesses. Attendees could also

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Rancho Cordova Tree Lighting Returns

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - One of Rancho Cordova's longest-running holiday traditions will return Nov. 29 as the 27th annual Cordova Community Christmas Tree Lighting brings snow, Santa, fireworks and family activities to Village Green Park.

The free event will run from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the park, 3141 Bridgeway Drive. The evening will culminate with a community countdown, tree lighting and fireworks beginning at 7 p.m.

The honor of lighting the tree will go to Carrie Johnson, executive director of the Community Food Hub and the 2026 Rancho Cordovan of the Year.

"This is one of our longest and most treasured community events," Cordova Community Council Executive Director Shelly Blanchard said at last year's event. "It is a chance to shake off the turkey hangover and kick off the holidays with neighbors and friends. We think it's beautiful and you will too."

Throughout the evening, families can visit Santa Claus, play in real snow brought into the park and take train and hay rides. The celebration will also feature a live Nativity, live music and other holiday activities.

Local businesses and community organizations will set up booths around the park with activities, treats and information for visitors. Food trucks will also be on site, with food and beverages available for purchase.

Train rides will be provided by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum.

Admission and activities are free, and no advance registration is required.

Free parking will be available around Village Green Park and at the nearby Lowe's parking lot. Because neighborhood street parking can fill quickly, attendees are encouraged to allow extra time and be considerate of surrounding residential areas.

The annual celebration is presented as a community kickoff to the holiday season, bringing residents, local organizations and businesses together the Sunday after Thanksgiving. ★

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Holiday Craft Faire Highlights Small Business



Amanda Diaz of Cakey Bakey brought an assortment of home-baked goods, including cookies, brownie, small loaves, Bundt cakes and granola.



A young attendee shows off a holiday craft during the eighth annual Holiday Craft Faire at Rancho Cordova City Hall.

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participate in free art activities, grab popcorn, meet Santa and enter a raffle featuring gift bags donated by participating vendors.

Cassandra Marcum, director of operations for the Area Chamber of Commerce said the event has grown significantly during her five years with the organization.

"The biggest thing s that we have so many more vendors than we used to have," Marcum said. "So much so that we that we had to evaluate how we were going to use the space to accommodate all."

The craft fair was originally created in response to a need among microbusinesses for opportunities to showcase their products directly to the public.

Marcum said this was particularly relevant in Rancho Cordova, where many businesses have 10 or fewer employees.

"Having a place for people to showcase what they do in a tangible way for the community to see it and building opportunities for business owners to make those connections. That's why the chamber believes in it," Marcum said.

For some vendors, the event also offered an introduction to the local market scene.

Rose Guerrero launched her pop-up women's clothing boutique this years and said she saw the craft fair as a way to become more involved in the community.

"I figured it a was a great way to get plugged into the community," Guerrero said.

Her boutique features women's clothing with what she described as a rustic or western-inspired style with a "little edge." Rather than operating a permanent storefront, Guerrero currently sells through pop-up events, social media and her website.



The free event featured handmade goods, clothing, baked treats and other products from local artisan and businesses.

Amanda Diaz of Cakey Bakey heard about the event from another vendor who had participated previously.

Diaz brought an assortment of home-baked goods, including cookies, brownie, small loaves, Bundt cakes and granola.

She said community events can offer more than an opportunity to sell products during the holidays.

"I think it just gives everybody that sense of community, joy and happiness and just lets you forget about other things for a while," Diaz said.

For her, success at the fair was fairly simple.

"I just hope to walk away with being able to put my treats into other people's hands and make happiness with what I make," she said.

Attendees also had the option to purchase a $5 upgrade that included a beverage, appetizers and a raffle ticket. Raffle proceeds benefited the Chamber Ambassadors Program.

Marcum said the event serves both shoppes and businesses while offering residents another way to see what is being created and sold within their own community.

"Come see what your community looks like," she said. "The residents and the businesses alike." ★

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Cordova High School students gather for a group photo during the Nov. 20 Rancho Cordova Luncheon at City Hall. Photo courtesy of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District

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Superintendent Erik Swanson, told attendees that Cordova High is building on its history while preparing students for opportunities beyond graduation.

"We believe our responsibility extends beyond helping students earn a diploma and walking across the stage in that cap and gown," she said.

Cordova High serves nearly 2,000 students and offers 11 college and career pathways, International Baccalaureate programs and more than 30 student clubs.

Strawn reported that the Class of 2026 achieved the school's highest graduation rate in six years, with 151 students completing a career-related pathway before graduating.

The school is also one of 11 in California offering three secondary IB programs. Last May, 195 students participated in IB examinations, with approximately two-thirds scoring above a 4 on the seven-point scale.

"Our students are leaving Cordova High with more windows and doors of opportunity open," Strawn said.

Several students took the microphone to explain what those opportunities look like.

Donna Templeman, representing the school's patient care program, described learning CPR, taking vital signs and other skills used in health care.

Beyond preparing for a future career, she said the program has helped students build relationships.

"You also see a class that makes students feel more connected to one another," Templeman said.

Engineering student Austin Rose described opportunities to work with artificial intelligence, 3D printing and laser cutting, including projects involving SMUD and the city of Rancho Cordova.

He also shared some of the challenges of learning to work with new technology. The experience, he explained, taught him problem-solving skills that he was later able to share with classmates.



Cordova High School's drumline performs for attendees at the Nov. 20 Rancho Cordova Luncheon, bringing Lancer spirit to the "Inside Lancer Nation" presentation. Photo courtesy of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District



Cordova High School's principal, Amy Stawn, discusses the school's history, academic progress and career pathways during the Nov. 20 Rancho Cordova Luncheon, highlighting the achievements of current students and plans for the school's future. Photo courtesy of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Fellow engineering student Lana Powell discussed her participation in an invention team that earned an opportunity to present its work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"One of the most special and lucky opportunities I was able to get was invent teams, where me and a team of students got together and we created a device that we thought could help our community," Powell said.

She also credited the program's teacher with securing a $30,000 annual grant to expand invention education across the district.

Agriculture students Victoria Rubio and Jayden McCullar explained that their program offers considerably more than traditional farming education.

"We have completely strayed from only farming," said Rubio, describing opportunities involving animal science, floral design, public speaking and agricultural business.

Students also discussed participating in county fairs, raising livestock and gaining hands-on experience through supervised agricultural projects.

"It is an incredible opportunity, and it allows us to meet people in those direct industries," said Rubio.

10th grade students highlighted projects that allow them to explore personal interests while contributing to their communities.

William Stoffel described working with a local daycare to construct an awning that would protect outdoor toys and equipment from the weather.

Sophia Vang discussed developing a short film, including its storyboard, script and character designs, as part of her MYP personal project.

Students also spoke about the sense of community they have found at Cordova High.

Landon Nunn, who joined the engineering academy as a sophomore, described the relationships he has developed through the program.

"It's also like a tight-knit community in there," Nunn said. "I know everyone in the class, and it's always fun to go up to class every day. I always look forward to it."

Student Noah Morales said participation in student government, theater and the culinary program has created opportunities he might not otherwise have had.

"I've gotten so many certificates to help me," Morales said.

Strawn also highlighted recent athletic achievements, including a school cross-country record and postseason appearances in several sports.

Looking ahead, she discussed construction of a new student services building funded through Measure S, intended to improve services for students and families.

She encouraged community members to attend school events, support student programs and become involved even if they do not have children enrolled at Cordova High.

The luncheon, co-hosted by the Cordova Community Council and Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce, was sponsored by SMUD. Cordova High's Culinary Academy prepared and served lunch, the school drumline performed, and JROTC students presented the colors.

"Our greatest legacy is the young people that leave us and then go make a difference," Strawn said. ★

CRPD Celebrates Community Impact at 'Our Year of Impact' Event



District Staff pose with representatives from the Organization of Year, UCP of Sacramento & Northern California. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation & Park District



Community Impact Award Winner, Brooks Baldinger, poses with his children and certificates of recognition. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation & Park District

By Haley O'Neill, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Recreation & Park District (District) celebrated the impact of its volunteers and community partners on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the District's 'Our Year of Impact' event. More than 100 community members gathered alongside District staff and members of the Board of Directors to recognize and celebrate the generosity of volunteers throughout the District.

During the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, the District was supported by 190 regular volunteers who donated nearly 9,000 hours of their time to strengthen our community. This included 90 volunteers at the Mather Sports Center, 45 volunteers at the Cordova Golf Course and 55 volunteers at the Neil Orchard Senior Activities Center, along with many others who generously gave their time to support special events and volunteer projects.

From coaching youth sports leagues and supporting the senior center to caring for the barn, welcoming guests at special events and assisting at the golf course, District volunteers make our parks and facilities feel alive, help our programs thrive and keep our community connected.

The District was honored to recognize five outstanding award recipients for their meaningful contributions and the lasting, positive impact they make in our community each day. The Community Impact Award was presented to Brooks Baldinger, the Stewardship Award to Joe Davis, Organization of the Year to UCP of Sacramento & Northern California, Volunteer Project of the Year to Solidigm and the W.H. Williamson Park Improvements and the Volunteer of the Year award to Tony Strasburg.

For more information about volunteering with the District, visit cordovarpd.gov/248/Volunteer-Opportunities. ★

A New Chapter for Young Readers

Kiwanis Club and City celebrate third Book Buddies Club vending machine



Getting ready to cut the ribbon for the new book vending machine at Rancho Cordova Elementary are, from left, from left, YK Chalamcherla, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova board member and FCUSD board vice president; Javier Vazquez, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova; Muriel Brounstein, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova; Larry Ladd, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova; Ashley Stroke, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova immediate past president and Kiwanis Division 44 lieutenant governor; Grace Dent, Rancho Cordova Elementary librarian; Nora Stroke, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova president; and Deborah Barrell, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova board member.

Story by Ashley Stroke and photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - There's something exciting about choosing a new book, especially when it comes from a vending machine! On Nov. 9, students and staff at Rancho Cordova Elementary School celebrated the unveiling of a new Book Buddies Club vending machine, made possible through a partnership between the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova and the City of Rancho Cordova's Community Enhancement and Investment Fund (CEIF).

The celebration began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by student council members, followed by a land acknowledgment recognizing the Nisenan and Miwok peoples. Principal Anna Chitwood and school staff welcomed the new addition, recognizing the community partners who helped bring the project to life. Following a countdown, school librarian Grace Dent and Ashley Stroke, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova and Kiwanis Division 44 Lieutenant Governor, officially unveiled the machine with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The excitement continued as the school held its first token raffle, giving a group of lucky students the opportunity to select their very own books. The students were thrilled to browse the selections and watch their chosen books drop into the vending machine's collection bin. Their excitement was matched by their gratitude, as they shared how happy they were to have a book vending machine at their school. It was a wonderful reminder of just how much something as simple as choosing a book of their own can mean to a child.



A student points to the book she wants with the help of the Rancho Cordova Elementary School Librarian Grace Dent.



Rancho Cordova Elementary School Librarian Grace Dent shows a student how to use the keypad to release his chosen book.

Unlike traditional vending machines filled with snacks, the Book Buddies Club machine is stocked with books that students can choose and take home to keep. From picture books to popular chapter books, graphic novels, and nonfiction, the selection offers something for a wide range of ages and interests.

Instead of money, the machine operates using special gold tokens that students can earn through a variety of school activities and achievements. At Rancho Cordova Elementary, students can earn tokens through monthly attendance challenges, writing book reviews for the school's Critic's Corner, redeeming Ride on Rams tickets, and demonstrating positive behavior. Teachers and school staff can also recognize students for being respectful, responsible, kind, and safe.

The new machine is part of the Kiwanis Club's Book Buddies Club program, which aims to encourage a love of reading, improve access to books, and help children build their own home libraries. The goal is simple: make reading fun, rewarding, and accessible.

And the benefits don't stop when students take their books home. Each book distributed through the program includes a special sticker with a QR code connecting children and families to free, printable family literacy resources and at-home STEM activities available on the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova's website. These resources encourage families to read, learn, and explore together beyond the classroom.

Since launching in 2020, the Book Buddies Club program has distributed more than 20,000 books to local children through community events, school partnerships, and book vending machines. What started as an effort to get more books into children's hands has grown into one of the club's signature service projects.

The installation at Rancho Cordova Elementary is another step in expanding the program throughout the community, joining existing book vending machines at the Rancho Cordova Youth Center and White Rock Elementary School.

The continued growth of Book Buddies Club has been made possible through strong community partnerships, including support from the City of Rancho Cordova's CEIF program. Together, the City and the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova are helping bring books and literacy opportunities directly to local children.

For the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova, Book Buddies Club is about more than distributing books. It's about giving children the opportunity to discover new interests, explore their imaginations, and develop a love of reading that can last a lifetime. By allowing students to choose books that genuinely excite them, the program helps make reading something to look forward to rather than simply another school assignment.

With another vending machine stocked and ready for young readers, the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova looks forward to continuing its efforts to put more books into the hands and homes of local children, one book and one child at a time.

To learn more about the Book Buddies Club program and access free family literacy and STEM resources, visit the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova's website at https://www.kiwanisclubofranchocordova.com

Ashley Stroke is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova.★



10th Annual Holly Jolly Christmas Choir Returns

Summerset Residents Take the Stage

Summerset Senior Living News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - At most holiday events, seniors are the audience. At Summerset Senior Living, they're the show.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2:30 p.m., residents will perform the 10th annual Holly Jolly Christmas Choir, a resident-led concert of classic Christmas carols, at Summerset Senior Living, 2341 Vehicle Drive. The public is invited to come listen, sing along and stay for hot cocoa and cookies afterward. Admission is free.

The tradition started ten years ago with a simple idea.

"I wanted to bring Christmas carolers into our community," said Esther Kagramanyan, activity director at Summerset. "Then I thought, how much more fun would it be if we did the performing ourselves? So that's what we did, and we've been singing every year since."

Instead of booking outside entertainment, residents take over the program. They make their own songbooks, learn the songs together and rehearse ahead of time to get their melodies in sync. Volunteers accompany the choir on the guitar.

"Our residents bring so much joy to this performance," Esther said. "Having neighbors, families and friends in the audience makes it even better."

About Summerset Senior Living

Summerset Senior Living in Rancho Cordova offers independent, assisted living and memory care, in a warm, active community where residents stay engaged through music, activities and events like the Holly Jolly Christmas Choir. To learn more or schedule a visit, call 916-330-1300 or visit www.summersetseniorliving.com. ★

Rancho Cordova Native Named Rhodes Scholar



Charles Sander presents his research, exploring the intersection of neuroscience, medicine, economics, and data science. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova



Charles Sander (center) alongside his parents, Rancho Cordova City Council Member David Sander and dermatologist Dr. Margaret Parsons, in San Francisco just after final interview for Rhodes Scholar. Photo courtesy of Jesuit High School



Charles Sander was the 2023 Jesuit High School valedictorian. Photo courtesy of Jesuit High School

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - From classrooms and playing fields in Rancho Cordova to research laboratories at Notre Dame and Stanford, Charles D. Sander's academic path will next take him to the University of Oxford.

Sander, a Rancho Cordova native and 2023 Jesuit High School valedictorian, has been selected as one of 32 Americans in the 2027 class of Rhodes Scholars.

The Rhodes Scholarship is a fully funded postgraduate award allowing recipients to study at the University of Oxford in England. Established in 1902, it is among the oldest international scholarship programs and considers academic achievement along with character, leadership, service and commitment to others.

Competition for the U.S. scholarships is extensive. More than 3,000 students began the process for the 2027 class, 1,006 received endorsements from their colleges or universities and 238 were selected as finalists. Thirty-two Americans were ultimately chosen.

For Sander, the recognition also carries deep ties to Rancho Cordova.

He attended St. John Vianney Catholic School and grew up participating in baseball, basketball and track through Rancho Cordova programs. He also volunteered with the Cordova Community Council before attending Jesuit High School in Carmichael.

Sander credited those early experiences, along with his family and education, for helping shape his path.

"I am filled with immense gratitude for my St. John Vianney Catholic school education in Rancho Cordova, and Jesuit High School that prepared me to thrive at Notre Dame," Sander said in a statement released by the city.

He also thanked his baseball, soccer, taekwondo and track coaches and local community leaders for teaching him perseverance, setting high expectations and emphasizing community service.

Those local ties extend to his family. Sander is the son of Rancho Cordova City Council Member David Sander and dermatologist Dr. Margaret Parsons. David Sander, who holds a doctorate in molecular and cellular biology, has served on the City Council since Rancho Cordova incorporated in 2003 and currently represents District 1.

For his father, the Rhodes announcement was still difficult to process.

"We are sort of living in shock about this," David Sander said. He credited Jesuit with challenging his son "to pursue excellence in every aspect of his life, academically, athletically, socially and spiritually."

Charles Sander built on that foundation at Jesuit, where he graduated as valedictorian, participated in student leadership, served as head cheerleader and competed in varsity track and field in the throwing events.

He is now a senior at the University of Notre Dame, pursuing three majors — honors biological sciences, honors economics, and honors applied and computational mathematics and statistics. His research crosses several fields, including neuroscience, medicine, economics and data science.

Sander has studied Alzheimer's disease during two summers at Stanford University in the laboratory of Nobel laureate Thomas Südhof. At Notre Dame, his work has also examined brain cancer, psychiatric disorders, brain imaging and the use of computational methods to better understand disease.

His work outside the laboratory has included student government, science and health policy research, Notre Dame's Biology Club and Scientia, the university's undergraduate science research journal.

The Rhodes Scholarship follows another major academic honor. Sander was named a 2026 Goldwater Scholar, an award recognizing undergraduate students with strong potential for research careers in science, mathematics and engineering.

At Oxford, Sander plans to pursue graduate study in statistical science and psychiatry research. Notre Dame said he ultimately intends to pursue an M.D.-Ph.D. and a career researching psychiatric disease.

Despite a resume increasingly centered on national and international academic work, Sander pointed back to the community where it began.

"I hope that my future at Oxford will help me add to our scientific knowledge, alleviate human suffering, build a more compassionate world as I continue to serve as a man for others," he said.

Sander is scheduled to begin his studies at Oxford in October 2027.

Editor's note: This article was compiled primarily from information provided by Jesuit High School Sacramento and the City of Rancho Cordova, with additional background information verified through the Rhodes Trust, the University of Notre Dame and City of Rancho Cordova records. ★

Volunteers Pack Holiday Support for Troops



The event also included the annual Wounded Warrior Project and Troopathon Thanksgiving Turkey Drive-Thru. Photo courtesy Troopathon



FedEx Freight sponsored this year's effort and is helping fund 1,000 Troopathon care packages for service members overseas during the holiday season. Photo courtesy Troopathon

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - FedEx Freight volunteers spent Nov. 19 packing care packages for deployed U.S. service members and helping provide Thanksgiving meals for veterans and their families during a holiday service event in Rancho Cordova.

Volunteers joined Troopathon at the nonprofit's Rancho Cordova operations center, where they prepared packages for service members expected to spend Thanksgiving away from home.

The event also included the annual Wounded Warrior Project and Troopathon Thanksgiving Turkey Drive-Thru, where Wounded Warrior Project alumni and their families picked up turkeys for their holiday meals.

FedEx Freight sponsored this year's effort and is helping fund 1,000 Troopathon care packages for service members overseas during the holiday season.

"We're honored to support Troopathon and the Wounded Warrior Project as they make a positive impact on military service members, veterans, and their families during the holiday season," said FedEx Freight Executive Vice President and Chief HR & Legal Officer Eddie Klank. "It's a meaningful way for us to show appreciation for those who have sacrificed so much in service to our country."

Throughout the day, volunteers sorted about 5,000 pounds of donated Halloween candy, organized roughly 10,00 pounds of care package supplies and packed boxes by hand.

Troopathon said each package is individually packed and addressed and includes requested items such as snacks, coffee and hygiene products. Handwritten messages are also included in the boxes.

"That is what taking care of our own looks like," said Scott Raab, director of operations for Troopathon and a navy veteran.

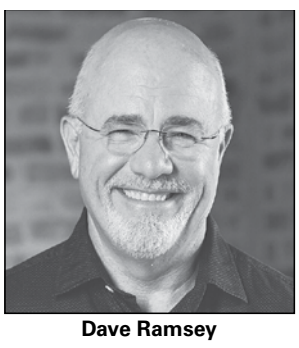
Troopathon is a nonprofit organization that provides care packages and other support to active-duty service members, military families and veterans. According to the organization it has shipped more than 1,000 tons of care packages since its founding.

The Wounded Warrior Project provides programs and services for post 9/11 veterans who were wounded, injured or became ill during their military service, as well as their families and caregivers.

***Editor's note**: This article was compiled primarily from information provided by Troopathon.* ★



Throughout the day, volunteers sorted about 5,000 pounds of donated Halloween candy. Photo courtesy Troopathon


Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

The Ultimate To-Do List

Dear Dave,

Do you have a list of the important, immediate things people should think about if they have to deal with being laid off from a job?

– Oscar

Dear Oscar,

It's great to know you're thinking ahead. Hopefully, you're not facing this problem at the moment, but if you are, here are just a few ideas that come to mind to help hold things together until you're back on your feet again.

First, take any severance pay — plus all the other money you have — and put it in an emergency fund. You never know how long money will be tight in a situation like this. I mean, even if you immediately find a part-time job to tide you over, you're still going to be facing a significant loss of income in the short term.

You know how much I love beating down debt, right? At this point, you need to stop paying extra on any debt you have. Pull the plug on retirement planning temporarily, too. You don't need to worry about this stuff when you're in the middle of a full-blown crisis. A detailed, bare-bones household budget is also a necessity. It's beans and rice time when something like this happens, so no eating out, buying new things or vacations for a while.

Many times, people don't want to experience the pain of a scaled-back lifestyle while they're also feeling the pain of a job loss. Some of them even turn to credit cards, and that's a really bad idea. It only makes a bad situation worse.

Be on the hunt for life insurance, as well, if you previously had it only through your employer. Everyone needs a good, inexpensive level-term life insurance policy outside of what's offered at the workplace. And when it comes to medical insurance, consider looking into a government health care plan, or health savings account (HSA), one with a high deductible and low premium.

Finally, you've got to be willing to take any honest work that comes your way. This means even part-time jobs like delivering pizza. There's no shame in honest work, and you might even be surprised by how much some people make doing this very thing.

Great question, Oscar!

– 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. ★

Emergency Preparedness Packets

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is helping residents prepare for emergencies by distributing thousands of free preparedness packets throughout the community.

OES has distributed more than 4,000 packets to volunteer fire districts, community organizations and other locations throughout the county.

Each packet includes a waterproof envelope to protect important documents, an envelope to help residents set aside emergency cash, an emergency communications card and a jar opener.

These supplies can help residents take simple steps toward preparing for emergencies, including winter storms, flooding and power outages. Keeping important documents protected and having emergency cash and communication information readily available can make a difference during an emergency.

Packets will be available in the coming days.

Locations with packets: Elk Grove Senior Center at 8230 Civic Center Dr., Elk Grove; Wilton Fire Station at 9800 Dillard Rd., Wilton; Herald Fire Station at 12746 Ivie Rd., Herald; Courtland Fire Station at 154 Magnolia Ave, Courtland; Walnut Grove Fire Station at 14150 Grove St., Station 96; River Delta Fire Station, 16969 Jackson Slough Rd., Isleton; and Isleton Fire Department, 201 2nd St., Isleton.

Packets are still available for community partners to distribute. If you are a a community partner who would like to distribute packets at your location, contact SacOESInfo@saccounty.gov. ★

Recruitment Underway for Sacramento County Grand Jury

Sacramento County Grand Jury News Release


Applicants are now being sought to serve as new jurors on the Sacramento County Grand Jury. Photo designed by Magnific

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Applicants are now being sought to serve as new jurors on the Sacramento County Grand Jury. The application period is now open.

Nineteen Sacramento County residents and 11 alternates will be selected from among qualified applicants. The one-year term for volunteer jurors runs from July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028.

The Grand Jury is appointed to provide oversight of Sacramento County, its cities, public schools, including community colleges and special district agencies and operations.

The Grand Jury is authorized to hear criminal indictments and is tasked with visiting regional detention facilities, along with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Crime Lab and the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

The Grand Jury also investigates complaints submitted by the public and issues reports of its findings. Past Grand Jury reports and government responses can be found online at https://sacgrandjury.org/reports.aspx.

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

Applications must be received by December 31, to be considered. The 2027-28 Grand Jury will be empaneled in June 2027. Grand Jurors receive a small stipend for their volunteer work.

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



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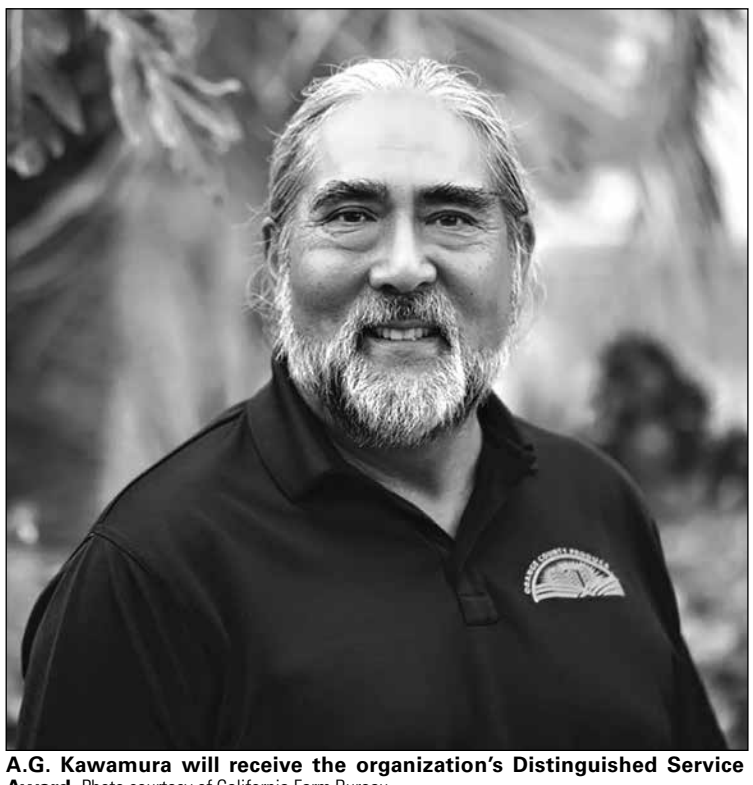
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California Farm Bureau Announces Recipients of Its Highest Service Awards

California Farm Bureau News Release



A.G. Kawamura will receive the organization's Distinguished Service Award. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau



Karen Mills will receive the Helen Roberti Lifetime Service Award. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The California Farm Bureau will recognize two distinguished leaders whose careers have shaped California agriculture for decades.

A.G. Kawamura will receive the organization's Distinguished Service Award, and Karen Mills will receive the Helen Roberti Lifetime Service Award. Both honors will be presented on Dec. 6 during the California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

For more than six decades, the Distinguished Service Award has honored individuals whose dedication, leadership and advocacy have strengthened California agriculture and Farm Bureau.

A third-generation fruit and vegetable grower from Orange County, Kawamura has spent more than four decades advancing agriculture at the local, state and national levels. He served as California secretary of food and agriculture from 2003 to 2010 and remains a leading voice on food security, agricultural innovation, climate resilience and land stewardship. Throughout his career, he has championed practical solutions that support farmers as agriculture respond to a growing population and a changing environment.

Before his state service, Kawamura was president of the Orange County Farm Bureau and chair of Western Growers. He continues to farm with Orange County Produce and serves agricultural, educational and nonprofit organizations working to strengthen the future of food production.

Established in 2013, the Helen Roberti Lifetime Service Award honors the legacy of longtime Plumas-Sierra County Farm Bureau manager Helen Roberti. It recognizes current and retired Farm Bureau employees whose dedication and leadership have made a lasting impact on the organization and California agriculture.

Karen Norene Mills served Farm Bureau members for more than three decades, drawing on her legal and policy expertise. After joining the organization in 1988, she became one of California agriculture's most respected advocates on energy, utility and regulatory issues. She represented farmers and ranchers before state agencies, the Legislature and regulatory bodies, helping secure policies that improved the affordability, reliability and availability of essential services for agricultural operations statewide.

As Vice President of Legal Advocacy and Corporate Secretary, Mills mentored staff, guided Farm Bureau's legal advocacy and helped develop policy solutions to some of the most complex issues facing farmers and ranchers. Colleagues across the state have long recognized her steady leadership, institutional knowledge and unwavering commitment to agriculture.

"A.G. and Karen have dedicated their careers to serving agriculture and the people who make it possible," Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau said. "Their leadership, integrity and commitment have strengthened Farm Bureau and helped farmers and ranchers navigate challenges for decades. We are grateful for all they have done and proud to recognize them with these well-deserved honors."

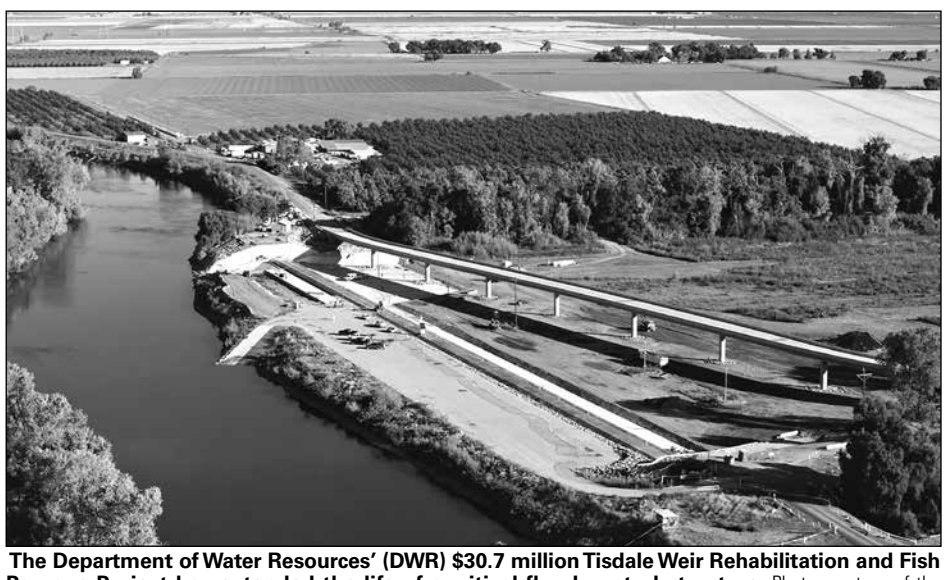
"I've been fortunate to spend my life working alongside people who care deeply about agriculture and the communities it supports," Kawamura said. "This recognition is especially meaningful because it comes from Farm Bureau, an organization that has long been a strong voice for farmers and ranchers. I am honored and grateful to be included among those who have received this award."

"Serving California Farm Bureau members has been one of the great privileges of my career," Mills said. "For nearly four decades, I had the opportunity to work alongside dedicated farmers, ranchers and colleagues who care deeply about the future of agriculture. I am honored by this recognition and grateful for the many people who made that work so rewarding."

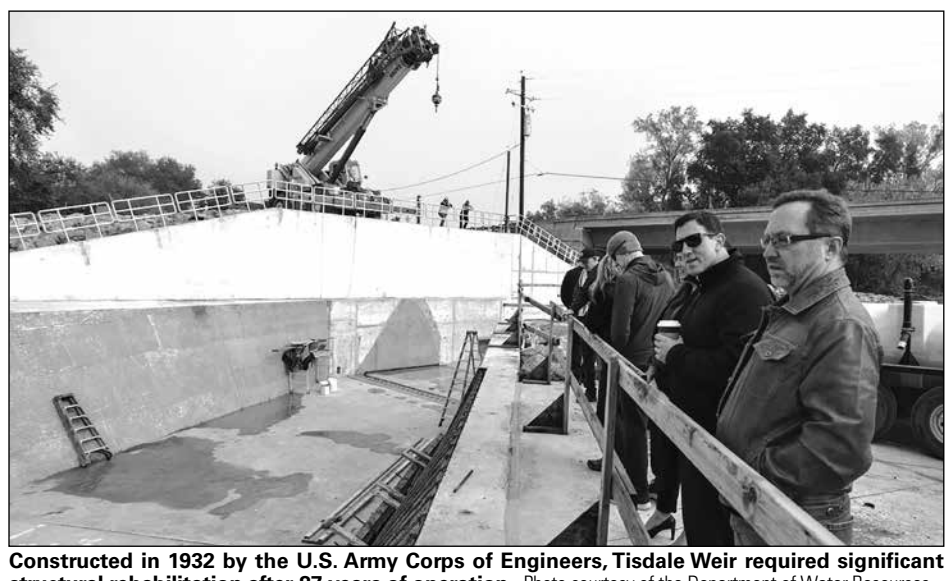
The awards will be presented at the California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Reno, where farmer and rancher delegates from across the state will discuss policy issues and set organizational priorities for the coming year.

California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches as part of a nationwide network representing more than 5 million Farm Bureau members. Learn more at www.cfbf.com or follow @cafarmbureau on Instagram, LinkedIn, X or Facebook. ★

Valley Flood Infrastructure Project Completed Ahead of El Niño Winter



The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) $30.7 million Tisdale Weir Rehabilitation and Fish Passage Project has extended the life of a critical flood control structure. Photo courtesy of the Governor of California



Constructed in 1932 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tisdale Weir required significant structural rehabilitation after 87 years of operation. Photo courtesy of the Department of Water Resources

Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With El Niño conditions raising concerns about potentially heavy winter storms and flooding in California, a major Sacramento Valley flood control project has been completed just in time for the rainy season. The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) $30.7 million Tisdale Weir Rehabilitation and Fish Passage Project has extended the life of a critical flood control structure, helping ensure the historic weir can continue to safely move floodwaters, reduce pressure on levees and protect communities during major storms.

When winter storms cause the Sacramento River to rise, Tisdale Weir is one of the first structures to help protect Sacramento Valley communities from flooding. The Sacramento Valley's system of flood bypasses relies on large structures known as weirs to divert high flows from the Sacramento River, reducing pressure on downstream levees and helping protect communities from flooding.

Constructed in 1932 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tisdale Weir required significant structural rehabilitation after 87 years of operation. Historically, fish could become stranded behind the weir when the Sacramento River receded below the weir crest. As part of the project, a new fish passage was incorporated into the rehabilitated structure to help avoid fish stranding while maintaining the weir's critical flood protection function.

"With El Niño potentially bringing significant storms to California this winter, the completion of this project couldn't be more timely," said Laura Hollender, DWR deputy director for flood management and dam safety. "By extending the life of this critical structure, we're helping ensure the Sacramento Valley's flood management system can continue to do its job when high water arrives, protecting communities and reducing flood risk for generations to come."

The Tisdale Weir is a critical component of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP) and is one of five weirs on the Sacramento River. During high flow events, the Tisdale Weir can convey up to half the river's flow into the Sutter Bypass, relieving pressure on downstream levees. This capability is especially important during prolonged periods of heavy rainfall, when successive storms can cause river levels to remain elevated and place additional stress on the flood control system.

Statewide Flood System Preparations Underway

Every fall, DWR and partner agencies ready California's flood control system for high water by inspecting all 1,600 miles of levees in the State Plan of Flood Control and ensuring the system is ready to operate as designed to reduce flood risk and protect communities.

With El Niño conditions adding uncertainty to the upcoming winter storm season, California is preparing now for potential flooding. DWR's flood operations staff are coordinating closely with local partners in cities and counties across the state, conducting 13 regional workshops, and pre-positioned flood-fighting materials at 74 locations. These materials include 4.4 million sandbags and 400,000 tons of rock for potential emergency levee repairs.

For information on how you can prepare your household for flood emergencies, visit https://www.ready.gov/kit.

For more information on finding your flood risk, visit https://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/.

For information on obtaining flood insurance, visit https://www.floodsmart.gov/. ★

Society for the Blind Students Take the Stage in 'Roxy's Place'

Society for the Blind News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Local residents with vision loss at nonprofit Society for the Blind in Sacramento debuted their original musical stage play, "Roxy's Place" in early November. Several Society for the Blind students formed their creative arts collaborative, writing, producing and performing in the play. Live audio description was provided for the audience, which was comprised mostly of people who are blind or have low vision.

"Roxy's Place" tells the story of Roxy, described as a "blind no-nonsense café owner," who motivates her guests with vision loss to face their fears, overcome obstacles and fulfill their dreams.

"Roxy is a fantastic embodiment of our mission here at Society for the Blind to empower people with vision loss to discover, develop and achieve their full potential," Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind said. "Everyone involved in this production gave their all and developed countless skills while flexing their creative muscles and having fun. What a joy to see this come to life on stage."

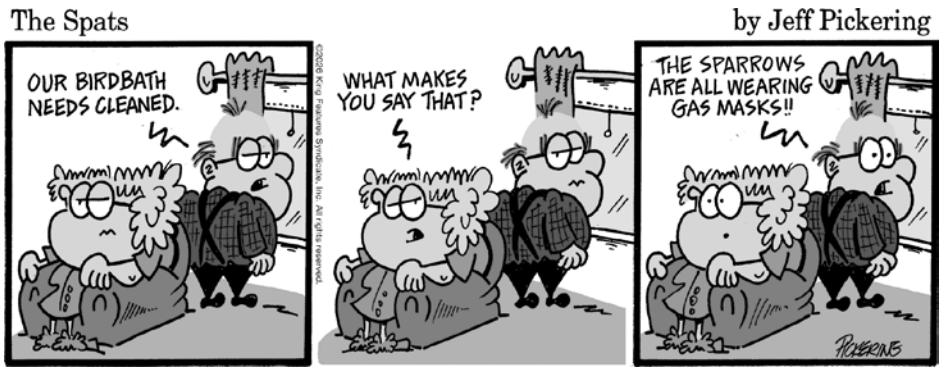
Society for the Blind offers an onsite Low Vision Clinic and assistive technology store, as well as four core classes – orientation and mobility, independent living skills, assistive technology and braille – to ensure people with vision loss can stay active, employed and living life to the fullest. The nonprofit also provides a program for seniors that includes support groups, classes and social activities. For youth, Society for the Blind offers a support groups for caregivers and parents of children with vision loss. The nonprofit also provides a braille production program and hosts events open to the public.

For more than 70 years, Sacramento-based Society for the Blind has continued to create innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California. The nonprofit provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year.

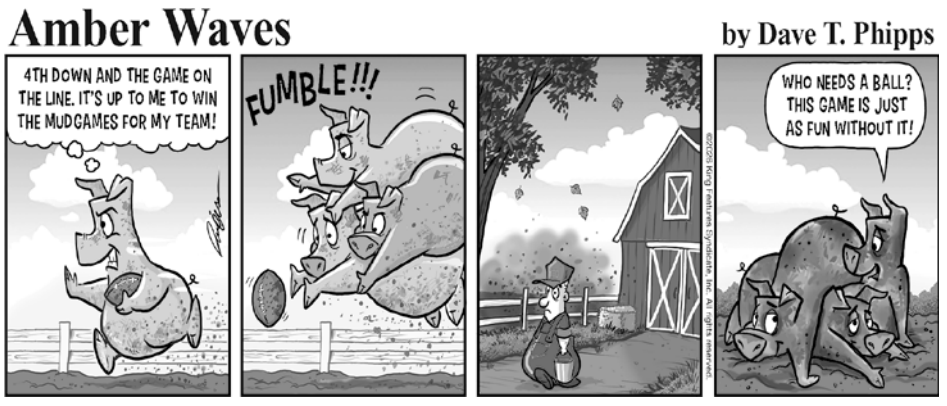
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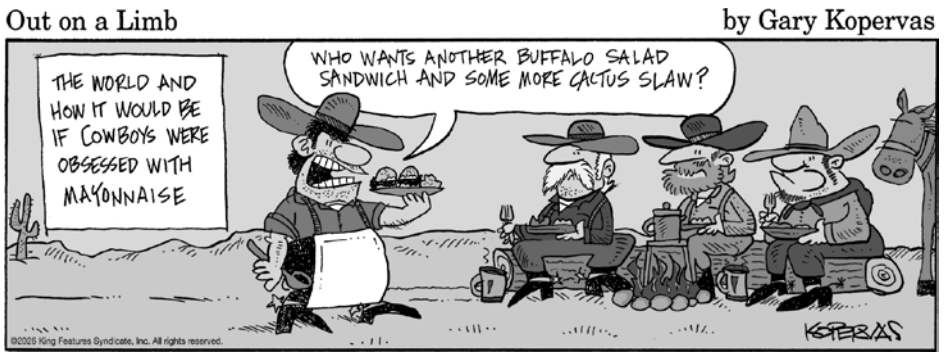
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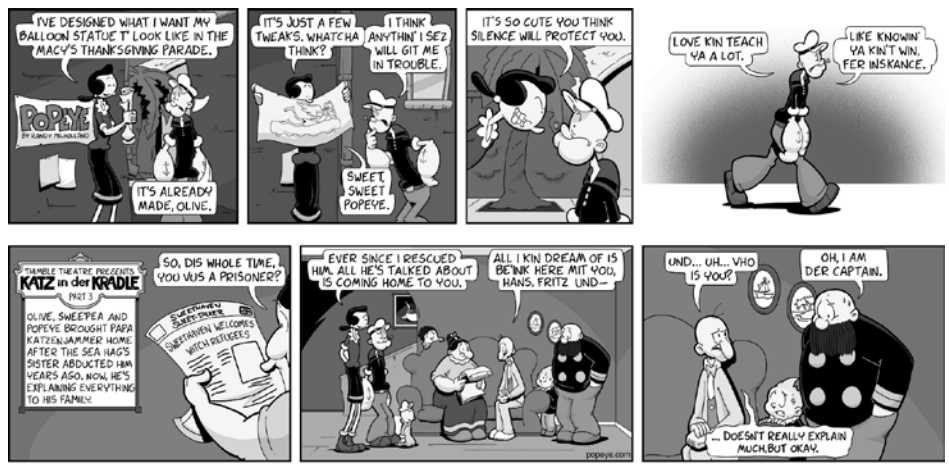


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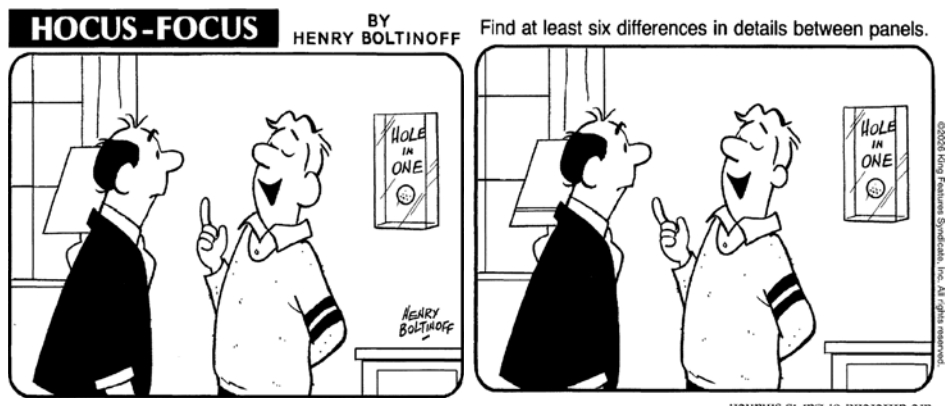
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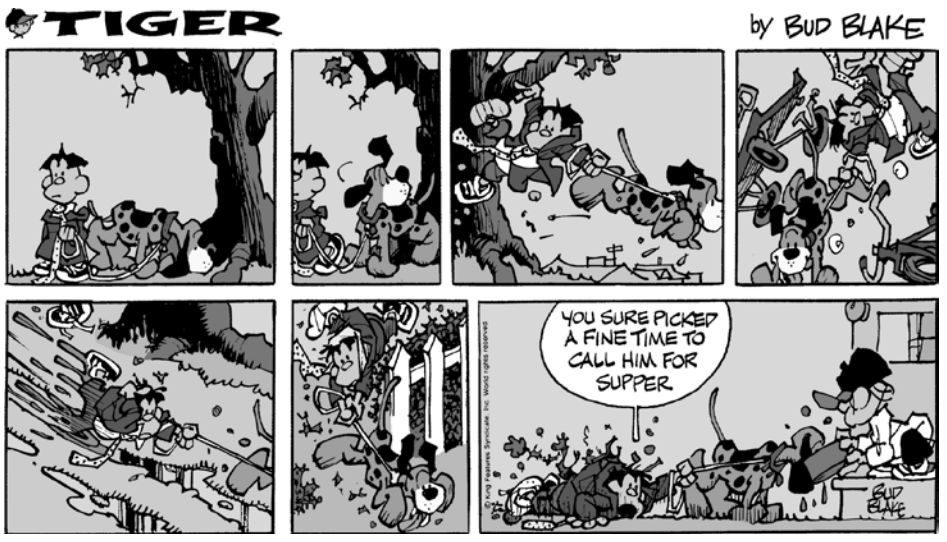
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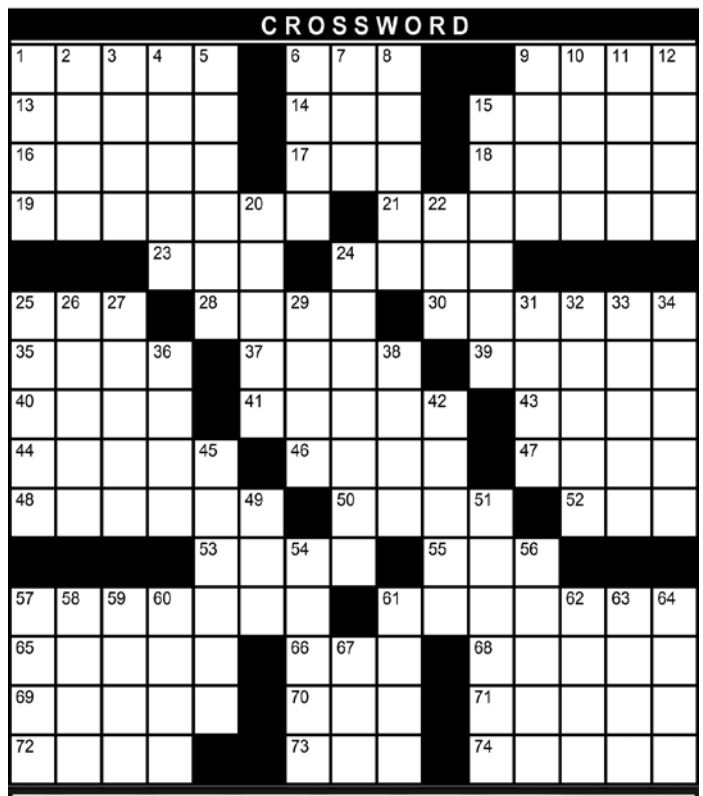
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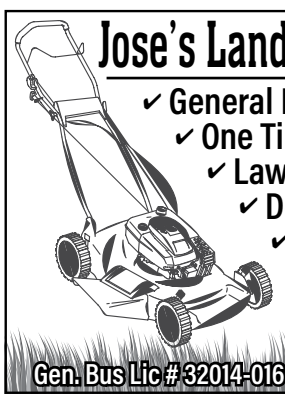
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

IT'S A WIN

By V.G. Harris

How much does an NBA win mean to a fan base? If you ask the Sacramento Kings fan base, the answer is a lot!

The last two games have seen the Sacramento Kings become the team that competes, and it is a pleasure to watch.

Going into Los Angeles and facing the mighty Lakers was not where anyone wanted to be, especially on an extended losing streak. What happened next was more than just surprising, it was completely unexpected.

Holding Luka Doncic to 25 points and 2-for-9 shooting from 3-point range is no small feat, but that is exactly what the high-energy Sacramento Kings did. Although the Kings ultimately lost the game, the intensity and competitiveness made it riveting to watch.

106 to 104 was the final score, but something was brewing, and it was about to be unleashed on the vaunted Boston Celtics.

On their home floor the Sacramento Kings hosted the Boston Celtics the following night, and everyone in Boston had apparently already put this game in the win column, because the Celtics decided to rest their best player in Jason Tatum.

Ultimately, that decision would prove big for the Sacramento Kings, as they battled the Celtics from the opening jump to the final buzzer, in a game that neither team will soon forget.

For the Sacramento Kings fans, they are watching the maturation process of rookie Darius Acuff Jr., as he played team basketball from start to finish and gave the Kings 21 points and eight big assists to defeat the heavily favored Celtics by the score of 97-96.

For Sacramento fans to see fifth year man Keegan Murray contribute 15 points and 12 rebounds was a thrill to watch, but his ferocious defense in the final possession was what ultimately won the game. Yes, I said it was defense that won this game, as the Kings held the Celtics to only 96 points and made them wonder what they were thinking of when they gave all-star Jason Tatum the night off.

The Sacramento Kings could easily be celebrating a two-game winning streak, and many fans are scratching their heads and asking, what changed?

I am finally beginning to see a rationale as to the substitution patterns for the Kings, and that in large part is contributing to more fluid offense that fans have witnessed over the past two games.

Recognizing who can get the job done and then letting the best players play together is a critical start in trying to turn around the most abysmal start in Sacramento Kings history.

Monday night at Golden One Center will undoubtedly see a larger crowd, and many fans will want to see the return of DeArron Fox, and the offensive juggernaut Victor Wembanyama.

If David can defeat Goliath, the Sacramento Kings can face the Spurs with a game plan. Underestimate this team and pay the price!

Progress Kings fans, progress. Rome wasn't built in a day, and it will take a little time to see the Sacramento Kings espousal as they become the competitive team they want to be night in and night out.

Once again, big man Domantas Sabonis made his presence felt contributing 15 points and a huge 17 rebounds in the win over the Celtics and it was just what the doctor ordered.

Although Zach Lavine scored only 13 points, he was 2-3 from the 3-point line and has shown flashes that his shooting stroke is once again a valued commodity.

Likewise, Keegan Murray fans are raising eyebrows and asking if this valued forward is turning his game around. Although still not the 3-point sharpshooter Kings fans got to know in his rookie season, Keegan is beginning to do two very important things and it's making a difference.

Number one is attacking the basket, and good things happen when Murray drives to the hole. He is an accomplished finisher, and it opens the floor for potential 3's when he's more active.

Number two and even more important has been his combination of stringent defense and aggressive rebounding. Helping Sabonis on the boards leads to all good things, and if Keegan's recent successes are a glimpse into the future, more wins are coming.

It's heating up Kings fans. Still early and auspicious things are beginning to happen!

All the best! ★

With California's Insurance Crisis at an Impasse, It Might Be Time for a Different Approach



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Nobody really likes writing those premium checks to insurance companies that always seem to be increasing — until they need their insurance to cover losses from auto crashes, fires or other calamities.

The conflict between those two priorities has been particularly acute in California in recent years as a series of horrendous wildfires swept through the state, taking lives, destroying billions of dollars in property and disrupting lives — even of those who escape direct losses.

Californians spend more than $100 billion a year on what the industry calls "property and casualty" policies, according to the state Department of Insurance.

Bills for fire and homeowners coverage topped $19 billion in 2025, but thanks largely to the destructive fires that hit Los Angeles and its suburbs 22 months ago, insurers incurred more than $31 billion in losses on those policies — more than four times the losses in 2024.

As payouts mounted over several years of wildfires, insurers began either pulling out of the California market or imposing tighter restrictions and higher premiums, forcing millions of property owners to scramble for coverage mortgage lenders require.

The state's last ditch "FAIR plan" was deluged with applications for coverage that was both costly and minimal, putting its finances in jeopardy.

It was — and is — a genuine crisis, needing a solution that provides consumers with adequate coverage at affordable prices and makes insurance profitable enough to keep insurers in the market.

After the Legislature failed to come up with a solution, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara weighed in three years ago with a plan he said could advance both priorities, allowing insurers to base rates on estimates of future losses, rather than past experience, while requiring them to meet coverage quotas.

Lara has taken heat from consumer groups, such as Consumer Watchdog, accusing him of caving in to insurers.

Oddly, however, the industry and consumer groups forged a strange bedfellows alliance this year to oppose a scheme Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed, limiting the liability of electric utilities such as Pacific Gas & Electric when their transmission lines fail and spark fires.

Without such limits, utilities argued, their financial stability would be undermined, making it difficult for them to borrow money and attract investors. The plan would, in effect, shift more of fire losses to insurers or property owners.

However, adding utilities' liability to an already dicey insurance coverage crisis was too much to swallow, and as the legislative session ended that plan remained on the table.

Lara could not run for another term, and the election of his successor this month adds still another factor to a situation already fraught with political complexity.

Two Democrats, former San Francisco Supervisor Jane Kim and state Sen. Ben Allen, finished in the top two in the June primary, putting both on the Nov. 3 ballot. Their duel took on an ideological aura. On the left, Kim proposed that the state set up its own fire insurance system, while Allen, a moderate, said Kim's proposal would cost too much and the state should build on Lara's plan.

Kim won decisively, one of many political races that progressives claimed this year. Her victory sets the stage for another legislative struggle.

Kim's notion of having the state directly provide at least some coverage is not particularly novel. The state already has an insurance program for workers' compensation, and it offers earthquake insurance.

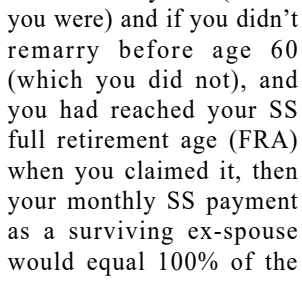
Nor is it fatally unworkable, as Allen and the industry contended. Having base coverage provided by the state through taxes or mandatory fees tied to property value — and backed by reinsurance — could, if designed adroitly, protect insurers, utilities and consumers from the economic jolts of catastrophic wildfires.

At the very least, it warrants an independent and authoritative examination.

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

Have My Social Security Survivor Benefits Increased Since I Claimed Them?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My ex-husband died in 2013. We were married for 24 years and I have never remarried. I am now over 70 years old. I don't remember when I started collecting my Social Security. When he died, I applied and received 50% survivor benefits. Have there been any changes in the survivor benefits that would increase my Social Security payments? I know I may need to contact Social Security for further help, but I would like to know if there have been changes and what to ask. Thank you. ***Signed: Widowed Ex-Spouse***

Dear Widowed Ex: FYI, the rules about ex-spouse survivor benefits haven't changed - how much you get as a surviving ex-spouse depends upon your age at the time you claimed your ex-spouse survivor benefit. If you were married for at least 10 years (which you were) and if you didn't remarry before age 60 (which you did not), and you had reached your SS full retirement age (FRA) when you claimed it, then your monthly SS payment as a surviving ex-spouse would equal 100% of the amount your ex-husband was receiving when he died. However, if you applied for your surviving ex-spouse benefit before you reached your Social Security full retirement age – somewhere between age 66 and 67 depending on the year you were born – it would have been reduced. So, depending on your age when you claimed the ex-spouse benefit, the survivor benefit amount you are entitled to could be less than 100% of the amount your ex-husband was receiving when he died.

The SS rules for surviving ex-spouse benefits have not changed since your ex-husband died in 2013, but it's also important to understand how your ex-spouse survivor benefit is paid. If you have your own SS retirement benefit and claimed that benefit first, and you were awarded more as your ex-husband's surviving spouse when he died, you would continue to receive your own SS retirement amount, supplemented by an additional amount to make your payment equal to the amount you're entitled to as a surviving ex-spouse. You get only one SS payment, but it is comprised of two elements – your own SS retirement benefit and a supplement to make your payment equal your benefit entitlement as a surviving ex-spouse.

If you are uncertain about any of this and wish to confirm that you are receiving the correct amount as your deceased ex-husband's surviving spouse, then I encourage you to contact Social Security to make an appointment to review your current survivor benefit amount. You can make that appointment at your local SS field office (go to www.ssa.gov/locator), or you can call the national SS number 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment. Social Security will almost certainly conduct this appointment over the phone, so you will likely not need to make a personal visit to your local SS office to confirm your monthly SS benefit amount. You simply need to tell them that you and your ex were married 24 years and that you didn't remarry. Also tell them when he died and when you previously claimed your surviving ex-spouse benefit. Social Security will then do the necessary research to confirm your current benefit amount (it will facilitate the discussion if you have your ex-husband's Social Security Number available).

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Thank you, Specialist Thomas Iglesias

The Secretary of Defense visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Veterans Day, and yet the true voice of military authority on this occasion was an Army specialist.

When the group with Pete Hegseth laughed and began to chatter after taking a photo, the voice of Specialist Thomas Iglesias rang out, "All visitors will maintain an atmosphere of silence and respect at all times!"

It was a stunning moment. We aren't used to high-level officials getting so publicly and starkly upbraided by their underlings, but Iglesias, as part of the Old Guard, or 3rd Infantry Regiment, is a different breed.

The Old Guard stands vigil over the Tomb of the Unknown, 24 hours a day, rain or shine, in heat and cold, and protects it from any indignities, whether from thoughtless tourists or the briefly voluble entourage of the secretary of defense.

There was much tsk-tsking about the episode in the media, which relishes any opportunity to make Hegseth look bad. The secretary, though, cleverly and appropriately embraced the moment. He invited Iglesias and his colleagues to the Pentagon the next day and pinned a Joint Service Commendation Medal on him.

It's been a rocky tenure for Hegseth at the department, but there's no doubting his bond with the troops and his positive influence on recruiting. His handling of this matter showed why. "We love soldiers. We love standards. Well done, Specialist," Hegseth wrote in a social-media post.

Beyond the media commentary and jostling over Hegseth -- who narrowly escaped impeachment the day before -- the episode tells us something about America's egalitarian spirit, and about the sacred status of the Tomb of the Unknown and the amazing fidelity of the Old Guard.

Despite all the talk of inequality in America, we are still a culture that appreciates challenges to status and hierarchy -- think Hank Morgan in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," disdaining all aristocratic trappings.

An analogue to the Hegseth episode is the famous story of Abraham Lincoln going to witness a battle outside of Washington, D.C., at Fort Stevens in 1864. He supposedly exposed himself to enemy fire and a soldier yelled, "Get down, you damn fool!" The president indeed took cover.

Of course, Specialist Thomas Iglesias wasn't seeking to defy authority, but rather to uphold his duty to see that the Tomb is afforded respect at all times. Established after World War I and containing the remains of war dead from World War I, World War II and the Korean War, the Tomb symbolizes the bond of the nation to its citizen-warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice. "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD," reads the inscription.

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It all betokens the nation's profound gratitude to its fallen, known and unknown, of whatever rank and from whichever walk of life. In his book about the Old Guard, Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton, who served with the Guard, includes an anecdote about a foreign military dignitary visiting Arlington Cemetery and commenting, "Now I know why your soldiers fight so hard. You take better care of your dead than we do our living."

Specialist Thomas Iglesias had so imbibed this ethic that he didn't hesitate to shout his admonition to a group of high-falutin visitors, a sterling example of duty and honor worthy of the 3rd Infantry Regiment he serves.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08021
Crystal Coronel, 2924 Gwendolyn Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Divine Healing Shop/ My Brain Said No" 2924 Gwendolyn Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 16, 2026
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
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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AFFORDABLE 12-4-26

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

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

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

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07888
Blakeston Ventures LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "McKenna James Jewelry" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2026
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MCKENNA 12-4-26

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08426
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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BEST 12-4-26

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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POSITIVE 12-11-26

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07905
Eureka Integrity Home Healthcare LLC, 5443 College Oak Drive Apt 60, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eureka Integrity Home Care" 5443 College Oak Drive Apt 60, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 13, 2026
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EUREKA 12-11-26

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Nataliia Filatova, 4366 Auburn Boulevard #101, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Filatova Immigration Consulting" 4366 Auburn Boulevard #101, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 2, 2026
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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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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Illusion Space Inc, 9721 Folsom Boulevard Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Illusion KTV" 9721 Folsom Boulevard Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08853
Harjindra Singh, 14663 County Road 100B, Woodland, CA 95776 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AM Landscaping Services" 14663 County Road 100B, Woodland, CA 95776. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2026
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AM 12-18-26

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Stephanie Kamanu, 7715 Cologne Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DXP/Delivery Express" 7715 Cologne Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2026
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Spencer Edwin Goodheart, 3259 Chinatown Alley, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lion's Paw Press" 3259 Chinatown Alley, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08674
Khalelah S. McWhorter, 7104 Dawn View Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KSM Signing Services" 7104 Dawn View Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2026
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KSM 12-18-26

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NATOMAS 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08799
Jorge Alvarez, 7484 Holworthy Way 216, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alvarez Flooring" 7484 Holworthy Way 216, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
ALVAREZ 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08779
Agentic Loan Officer Lending Incorporated, 3338 La Mesa Drive, Unit 6, San Carlos, CA 94070 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nesta AI" 3338 La Mesa Drive, Unit 6, San Carlos, CA 94070. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
NESTA 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08805
Daniel Paulovich Voyku, 5954 Crowder Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dan's Direct Route" 6729 W 6th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
DAN 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08821
Angelica Marie Ennis, 6320 Port Gibson Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Good Within/Counseling & Psychotherapy" 6320 Port Gibson, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
GOOD 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08652
Ruben Mkrtchyan, 2524 Cordova Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royal Events Planning" 2524 Cordova Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
ROYAL 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08653
Ruben Mkrtchyan, 2524 Cordova Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royal Appliances Repair" 2524 Cordova Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
APPLIANCES 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08612
Simpson Solutions Pristine Clean LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Simpson Solutions Pristine Clean" 3631 Truxel Road #1099, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
SIMPSON 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08783
Praneetha Ganta, 5040 Amaro Court, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ARK Consulting" 5040 Amaro Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
ARK 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08858
Satnam Basra, 121 Spinel Circle, Sacramento, CA 95834 and Surinder Ralh, 8361 La Port Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624, is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tinkus Market" 2300 Sutterville Road Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
TINKUS 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08941
Gul Zameer Ahmad, 4401 Hazel Avenue Suite 112, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Puff House" 4401 Hazel Avenue Suite 112, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
PUFF 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08709
Ernesto Andres Marlan, 9376 Snowbird Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mixed Bag Sales & Marketing/ Mixed Bag Fishing" 9376 Snowbird Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
MIXED 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08676
Dong Thi Nguyen, 7652 Clement Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K. Massage" 4700 Mack Road Unit 4, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
MASSAGE 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08824
Nestor Edgardo Romero, 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenomenal Living/Poolside Academy/Backyard Academy" 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
PHENOMENAL 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-08569
Angelo Edwards, 2740 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AceEyeView" 2740 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2026
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
ACE 12-18-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

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
Publish: Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 2026
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
Publish: Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 2026
MESANOVIC 12-11-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV027595

Jacob Joseph Edd has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jacob Joseph Edd to Jacob Joseph Crowley.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 12, 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: November 12, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
EDD 12-18-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV027594

Inna Grygorivna Linnyk has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Inna Grygorivna Linnyk to Maya Linnyk.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 26, 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: November 12, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
LINNYK 12-18-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV028268

Julia Hernandez Yanez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Julia Hernandez Yanez to Julia Yanez Hernandez.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 29, 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: November 19, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
YANEZ 12-18-26

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

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:

HIGH CLASS AUTO BUILDING - PLND– 0325-0124 - CUP AMENDMENT & MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW:

REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting a CUP Amendment and Major Design Review to construct a new 57,240 square foot storage building/showroom and associated site improvements at their current location at 11040 N. Mather Boulevard within a Light Industrial (LI) zoning designation of the Villages of Zinfandel Special Planning Area (ZSPA).

OWNER
High Class Auto Sales, LLC
11040 N. Mather Blvd
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

APPLICANT:
Justin P. Morgan
1608 54th Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

LOCATION/APN: 11040 N. Mather Boulevard / APN: 072-2860-027-0000

ZONING: Light Industrial (LI) within the Villages of Zinfandel Special Planning Area

ENVIRONMENTAL: The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, In-Fill Development Projects

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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CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM RENEWAL APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will consider approval of the city's Prohousing Designation Renewal Application and authorization to submit the application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) at its meeting on **Monday, December 7, 2026**.

The Prohousing Designation is a voluntary designation administered by HCD that recognizes jurisdictions that have adopted and implemented qualifying policies and actions that support housing production and preservation. Prohousing-designated jurisdictions may receive advantages when competing for certain State housing and infrastructure funding opportunities, including additional points, priority consideration, or other benefits depending on the funding program.

The City of Rancho Cordova received its initial Prohousing Designation in 2023 and is seeking to renew its existing designation under HCD's current Prohousing requirements.

The city previously made the draft Prohousing Designation Renewal Application available for a 30-day public review and comment period from **November 6, 2026, through December 6, 2026**. Comments received during the public comment period will be considered as part of the city's final application.

The Prohousing Designation Renewal Application and related materials are available for review at: **https://www.cityofranchocordova.org/departments/community-development/housing/prohousing-designation**

The City Council will consider the Prohousing Designation Renewal Application at the following meeting:

Date: Monday, December 7, 2026
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public hearings 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 City Clerk's office 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 City Clerk's office at (916) 851-8720.**

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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: Theresa Carter Geoffroy, 9401 E. Stockton Boulevard, Suite 145, Elk Grove, CA 95624; 916-572-1998

Publish: November 13, 20, 27, 2026
WARREN 11-27-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VENIAMIN VASILE
CASE NO. 26PR002955

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Veniamin Vasile.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Eliza Vasile, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Eliza Vasile be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 126; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Esther Ralich, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-985-3466

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VASILE 11-27-26

LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE 12/9/26 10AM
AT 2600 NORTH AVE, SACRAMENTO
23 MAZDA LIC# 9EPH741 CA
VIN# JM3KFBAM2P0161889
SAC 11-27-26

LIEN SALE 12/7/26 10am
AT 796 DEL PASO BLVD, SACRAMENTO
02 TRADN LIC# 408SCW KS
VIN# 4VZBR249X2C040752
26 GRLA LIC# 4WT6796 CA
VIN# 1G9PF2521T1597490
SAC 11-27-26

LIEN SALE 12/9/26 10AM
AT 2615 FULTON AVE, SACRAMENTO
20 JEEP LIC# T805207 CA
VIN# 1C6JJTEG3LL209171
SAC 11-27-26

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Despite Current Slowdown, Experts See Promising Future for Sacramento Housing



The panel at this year's North State BIA Housing Forecast event, from left, Tina Cruce, BIA Chair; Mollie Carmichael, Zonda principal; Somjita Mitra, Department of Finance chief economist; and Denton Kelley, managing principal, LDK Ventures. Photo by Tia Gemmell

By Tim Murphy, North State Building Industry Association

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento region's housing market may be struggling with high mortgage rates and affordability challenges, but the long-term outlook is considerably brighter, according to three housing experts who spoke at the North State Building Industry Association's annual Housing Forecast.

The experts pointed to continued population growth, strong underlying demand for new homes and changing demographics that will reshape the kinds of homes being built in the decades ahead.

Mollie Carmichael, a principal with national housing research firm Zonda, said virtually all builders are offering incentives to make buying a new home possible for more families. And despite the headwinds, homebuilding is doing better in the region than in other parts of the state.

Zonda data indicates that new home sales in the region totaled just over 6,000 last year and are likely to decline to slightly under 5,400 this year and next. However, Zonda expects sales to rebound to 5,900 in 2028.

The fact that prices here are roughly half what they are in the Bay Area has long been a factor in the Sacramento region's population growth. Between 2020 and 2025, the region's population grew steadily, led by Placer County, which saw nearly 38,000 new residents and Sacramento County, which added 9,000. Yolo, El Dorado, Yuba, Nevada and Amador counties also saw significant gains.

In contrast, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Francisco counties each lost more than 50,000 residents during that period.

Somjita Mitra, chief economist for the state Department of Finance, told attendees that the state expects to see continued population growth during the next decade, with Sacramento County's population expected to increase by 90,000 and Placer County's growing by 38,000 by 2035.

Despite the current slowdown, underlying demand for new homes remains strong. Zonda estimates that the eight-county region could support as many as 11,000 new-home sales annually — nearly twice the current level. Of course, that can only occur if obstacles to construction, such as permitting delays, labor shortages and high government fees that add significantly to the cost of new homes are removed.

Carmichael also said changing demographics are likely to lead to major changes in the new homes that will be needed 10 and 20 years from now.

Carmichael said changing demographics, including declining birth rates, slower household formation and an aging population, will reshape the kinds of homes needed over the next 10 to 20 years.

For example, an aging population will require major design shifts to accommodate the desire for couples to age in place. Universal design features such as zero-step entries, wider doorways and single-story layouts will likely become increasingly common.

While an aging population will influence the design of future single-family homes, changing lifestyles and affordability concerns are also expected to create demand for smaller homes in more urban settings.

Currently, multifamily development is strongest in the I-80 and Highway 50 corridors because of job centers, good schools and a strong suburban feel. But Denton Kelley, president and CEO of developer LDK Ventures, said residential development in the urban core could begin picking up in the next couple of years.

LDK is the developer of Sacramento's Railyards, where a mix of housing, commercial development and entertainment venues is underway. Kelley said the shortage of private-sector jobs in central Sacramento has limited demand for apartments, keeping rents too low to justify the high cost of building new projects.

However, Kelley predicts that ongoing commercial development, including the Kaiser hospital and the new Sacramento Republic FC soccer stadium, along with a planned concert venue, shops and restaurants, will spur interest in making the Railyards an in-demand live/work area.

New multifamily projects are expected to get underway by 2028 or 2029 that will feature a range of units as small as 420 square feet aimed at young singles looking for location and affordability.

Despite today's challenges, the Sacramento region has the ingredients for a bright housing future — continued population growth, demand for new housing and changing demographics that will create opportunities for new types of housing.

The challenge will be ensuring that government policies, development costs and other obstacles don't prevent our industry from building the homes and apartments those residents will need. ★



And Another Thing

Welcoming the Christmas Season

By Bob McGarvey

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. There are now less than thirty days until Christmas. With lots of sarcasm, I say I am sure you are done with your shopping, meal planning, and gift wrapping finished. We are blessed to have our daughter's birthday three days before Christmas. This weekend we will have our 29th annual Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 29 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Village Green Park. The actual lighting will be at 7 p.m. followed by fireworks. There will be hayrides, a live Nativity, train rides, food trucks and all included with your free admission. Oh, and of course, Santa Claus will be in attendance. Hopefully, it won't rain, but even if it does, a good time will be had by all.

It finally happened last weekend. The Nimbus Fish Hatchery is now open on weekends for visitors. The Sacramento Bee said its address is in Gold River, but it actually has a Rancho Cordova address and zip code. The State Office of Fish and Wildlife is located right next to the Nimbus Hatchery also has a Rancho Cordova address and zip code. We have always enjoyed going with our children and grandchildren thru the displays in the office and walking down to the fish ladders. Children and adults have the opportunity to feed the fish in an enclosed area. There are also informational signs along the river that add more information about the river and the area.

While I was working on this article, I noticed the date was Nov. 22. Do you remember where you were on Nov. 22,1963? I was working at the Field Maintenance Squadron at Mather Air Force Base when a Sergeant came out of the office and told us President Kennedy had been assassinated. It was one of those moments you never forget. His death was followed by a smooth and fast transition of government as Lyndon B Johnson was sworn in as the new President on Air Force One.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Tree Lighting, and good luck with all your shopping.

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



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The Cleats We Never See

By Jason Harper, Director, Rancho Cordova Athletic Association

As we settle into the noise of Black Friday, carts full and inboxes louder than usual, it's worth noticing what shopping doesn't solve. Here in Rancho Cordova, we're choosing a different current, one that flows toward giving. Beginning in January 2027, the Parent Resource Network will begin taking shape as a community-built promise, not a holiday handout.

There is a moment at every field, every court, every pool. We don't always see it. A parent stands in the doorway holding a form, or a shoe, or a question they don't want to ask out loud. Maybe they need cleats. Maybe they need a ride. Maybe they're just tired of pretending it isn't heavy.

And sometimes that parent turns around and walks away. We never see their child's name on a roster, never hear it on a loudspeaker, never cheer for their first basket or goal. Those are the cleats we never see.

The Parent Resource Network is being created for that moment. It will exist so a parent doesn't have to turn around, doesn't have to whisper their need, doesn't have to solve it alone. It's not charity. It's belonging.

When we talk about the Gear Swap, when we talk about registration fee assistance, when we talk about volunteers or "Give 2 Get," we're not talking about transactions. We're talking about dignity.

The Gear Swap will be one expression of that culture in the new year: clean, safe gear, clear lanes, families greeted like neighbors, not gatekeepers. But it will come after careful setup, not in the rush of December need. Right now, the work is listening, planning, and recruiting people who want systems to feel like people, not paperwork.

If Cordova sports once carried you, this is a moment to help carry someone else. We're not collecting gift cards, gear, or funds yet. We're just gathering names and interest. In January, we'll share clear, responsible ways to contribute, including online giving and approved donation paths as they become available.

This isn't a one-day event. It's a long season of small proofs: a text answered, a form explained, a ride coordinated, a volunteer who remembers your name.

If you're wondering whether there's a place for you in building this, the answer is yes. If you have time, we can use it. If you have ideas, we want to hear them. If you believe embarrassment shouldn't decide who plays, we need you.

For updates as this takes shape, check in at RCAASports.com. And if you'd like to help build it with us, please contact Jason Harper.

Let's make sure fewer doors close quietly next year. ★



Strong Member Demand Leads to Sellout of Republic Stadium's First Two Clubs

Sacramento Republic FC News Release



Quail Club members will have direct access to a climate-controlled space with select refreshments and food included, as well as a private bar for speedy service. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Well in advance of the club's 2028 stadium opening, Republic FC announced that the first two club seating products introducing a new standard of comfort and premium hospitality for matchdays have sold out in just over three weeks.

After the club opened Republic Preview Center to guests in mid-October, Season Ticket Members were provided with an exclusive presale window as a thank you for their unrivaled support since the 2014 inaugural season. Since opening, the club has hosted over 600 appointments, and fans selected all the available inventory for the team's two new top tier premium experiences. As a result of the incredible demand from fans, Republic FC is accelerating its stadium offerings and introducing its next seating product – the Quail Club. Seat-selection appointments began by appointment only, Nov. 17.

"Our Season Ticket Members built this club, and selling out our two top-tier club offerings in three weeks shows how excited fans are for the amenities and experience that is coming in our new home," said Tim Holt, president and general manager, Sacramento Republic FC. "We're excited to welcome more people to Republic Preview Center to showcase the thoughtfully appointed Quail Club and the special experiences that we'll have for fans in 2028."

A world-class fan experience is a guiding principle in the development of Republic FC's new home. For the first time in the club's history, the team will be able to provide a modern, elevated matchday experience with amenities that will rival the best soccer-specific venues in the country.

Republic FC's new stadium ticketing, premium and partnership sales are being led by Elevate, the award-winning global sports and entertainment agency. Elevate also partnered with Republic FC to develop and design Republic Preview Center, where fans and customers can get a first look at the stadium design features and experiences awaiting fans in 2028.

"This is what it looks like when a club and its partner work as one team," said Dustin Vicari, chief revenue officer, Sacramento Republic FC, and EVP, Property Sales, Elevate. "The Republic Preview Center has given fans a chance to envision the type of matchday experience they desire by providing an incredibly personalized seat selection opportunity. Tunnel Club sold out in only 13 days, and based on that pace, we fully expect Quail Club to move quickly as well, therefore anyone who wants a premium seat should place a deposit now."

Season Ticket Members who did not purchase in Tunnel Club or The Fourteen keep their priority for Quail Club Seats and will receive details directly from their Republic FC representative. Premium Seating depositors will receive an email to begin booking their seat-selection appointments as well.

Fans can become a depositor and secure their place in line for an appointment by placing a $50 Premium Seating deposit at RepublicStadium.com. Based on demand for the first two clubs, Quail Club Seats are expected to sell out.

Embedded in the East Stand, Quail Club brings fans closer to the pitch than ever before. Twenty-two-inch-wide mesh seats with high back rests provide additional fan comfort. Quail Club members will have direct access to a climate-controlled space with select refreshments and food included, as well as a private bar for speedy service. With only 300 seats, Quail Club seats are expected to go quickly.

Tucked into the stadium's West Tower, Republic FC's first club offerings – The Tunnel Club and The Fourteen – are examples of the club's commitment to creating a world-class fan experience. The first-floor Tunnel Club puts guests at the heart of the action, located behind the team benches with a view to the team lineup before players step on the field. The Fourteen is designed as a club within a club located on the second floor of the West Tower located on the field's midline. Its name is homage to the inaugural season of the club when Republic FC smashed records, made Sacramento a soccer city, and earned our first championship hardware – proudly on display in the club. Award winning designer Edith Ponciano of EP Atelier worked with the club to develop the spaces with Sacramento Elegance as the central theme. EP Atelier has curated premium experiences at Chase Center, LAFC's BMO Stadium, Austin FC's Q2 Stadium, San Diego FC's Snapdragon Stadium, and most recently the Tennessee Titans' Nissan Stadium ahead of Super Bowl LXI.

Republic Stadium construction continues to make significant progress toward a 2028 opening. Foundations for the stadium super column structures that support the massive 4,300-ton canopy and trussing grid are actively pouring and curing. Some of the vertical elements of the stadium are set to begin later this month with structural retaining walls. Stadium infrastructure continues with construction of the streets surrounding the stadium site east of 7th Street. Over 100 jobs have been created since groundbreaking, with an expected $750 million in economic impact connected to construction.

For more information, visit RepublicStadium.com. ★

Akridge Makes History as the Hornets' First-Ever Big West Women's Basketball Player of the Week

Sacramento State Athletics News Release



Junior guard Koko Akridge became the first-ever Sacramento State women's basketball player to be named The Big West Player of the Week on Nov. 16. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Junior guard Koko Akridge became the first-ever Sacramento State women's basketball player to be named The Big West Player of the Week on Nov. 16 after helping the Hornets to a pair of victories to improve to 4-1 overall on the year.

Entering the week as the leading scorer in The Big West, Akridge spearheaded the offense for the green and gold, averaging 20.7 points, 2.7 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 2.3 steals per game against Cal State East Bay, University at Buffalo, and Niagara, while shooting a robust 56 percent (20-for-36) from the field overall and 50 percent (9-for-18) from beyond the arc.

After opening with an 18-point showing on 7-of-10 shooting in the win over the Pioneers to tip-off the home portion of the schedule, the San Diego, Calif., native netted her second and third 20-point performances of the year during the team's first-ever trip to New York, finishing with 21 points against the Bulls and matching her collegiate high with 23 points against the Purple Eagles.

She added three rebounds, a team-high six assists, and a pair of steals against Buffalo, while playing only 28 minutes in a rout of Niagara, adding two rebounds, two assists and two steals as part of a 57-point victory.

All told, Akridge has scored in double figures in each of the team's first five games, while her 99 points in that stretch are the most by a Hornet in the first five games of a season since Lianna Tillman collected 113 in her first five games in 2021-22 en route to Big Sky Conference Player of the Year laurels.

Aside from her conference-leading scoring average, Akridge also leads the league in total points, field goals made, and free throws made, while standing second in three-pointers made and three-pointers per game, sixth in both free throw and three-point percentage, and ninth in field goal percentage.

Her two 23-point performances against Nevada and Niagara are tied for the third-most in a single game in The Big West this year, while her five makes from beyond the arc in both of those contests are tied for the second highest total in a game this year as of press time. ★

Brent Martin Named Preseason All-American



Cosumnes River College sophomore Brent Martin has been named a 2027 California Community College Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA) Preseason All-American. Photo courtesy of Consumnes River College

Consumnes River College News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Cosumnes River College sophomore Brent Martin has been named a 2027 California Community College Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA) Preseason All-American, earning recognition among the top returning players in California community college baseball.

Martin enters his sophomore season following an outstanding freshman campaign in which he established himself as one of the Hawks' most productive two-way players and earned First-Team All-Conference honors.

The standout infielder/pitcher was a key offensive contributor for Cosumnes River throughout the 2026 season, leading the team with seven home runs while hitting .370 with 57 hits, 35 RBIs, 41 runs scored and 18 extra-base hits in 41 games. Martin also posted a .418 on-base percentage and .584 slugging percentage, finishing with an impressive 1.002 OPS.

His 57 hits ranked among the team's top offensive totals, while his seven home runs made him one of the Hawks' leading power hitters. Martin's combination of contact, power and run production made him a consistent presence in the Cosumnes River lineup.

"Brent, being named a Preseason All-American is a tremendous honor and a special accolade," said Don Mico, Cosumnes River head baseball coach. "He is a very good player but also a great human being."

Martin's contributions extended beyond the batter's box. He also appeared in 15 games on the mound as a freshman, recording 40 strikeouts in 34.1 innings while earning three saves. His ability to contribute in multiple roles made him one of the most versatile players on the Hawks' roster.

"Brent has earned the respect of his teammates and coaches through his work ethic, leadership, and competitiveness," said Scott Haynes, Cosumnes River associate head coach. "Being named a preseason All-American is well deserved."

Martin's freshman season also included a strong finish to the year. He helped the Hawks close the regular season with a three-game sweep of Diablo Valley from April 22-24, collecting wins in each of his final two appearances of the regular season before continuing to contribute on both sides of the ball during the postseason push.

Now entering his sophomore season, Martin returns as one of the Hawks' most experienced offensive weapons and a proven two-way contributor. His combination of power at the plate, defensive versatility and ability to impact the pitching staff gives Cosumnes River a dynamic piece as the Hawks prepare for the 2027 campaign.

The preseason honor adds to a growing list of accolades for Martin, who was already recognized as a First-Team All-Conference selection following his freshman season.

With Martin returning to the Hawks' lineup and continuing his role as a two-way player, Cosumnes River enter the 2027 season with one of the region's premier returning talents looking to build on a breakout freshman campaign. ★

Free Resource Fair Supports Small Businesses Shaping the Future

Rancho Cordova Area Chamber News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The third Annual Rancho Cordova Business Resource Fair provided free resources and connections to around 200 business professionals, either in person or through digital follow-up. The Rancho Cordova Area Chamber and the City of Rancho Cordova hosted the event on Nov. 17 at City Hall, bringing together 23 organizations that support local businesses.

Most Chamber members are small businesses with fewer than 10 employees. For owners juggling daily operations, marketing, hiring and financial planning, finding the right help can take time they don't have. At the Fair, owners could ask questions directly, learn which services fit their needs and leave with connections.

This year's Fair welcomed three new exhibitors: The Carlsen Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Sacramento State, Explore Rancho Cordova, and Visit Rancho Cordova. Returning exhibitors included the California Office of the Small Business Advocate, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Child Action, the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency, and more. The mix gave owners a chance to meet new organizations and catch up on what returning partners offer as their businesses and needs change.

"We heard many incredible stories throughout the evening from our business community about the impact of the Rancho Cordova Business Resource Fair," said Diann H. Rogers, president and CEO of the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber. "Businesses share how challenging it is to navigate all the resources available and figure out where to start. I want every business professional who walks in to feel welcome and leave with someone they can contact or a clear next step for their business."

For one attendee, the Fair was her first Chamber event. She had recently started a travel business while working full time and told Chamber staff she'd been nervous about coming. After talking with staff and meeting exhibitors, she left with a bag full of resources and plans to attend future Chamber events.

Another business owner who provides Medicare services arrived unsure what he'd take away. He shared that the connections were the highlight, especially a conversation with a community partner about a potential referral partnership.

"How amazing is that?!" he said.

The Fair is part of the Chamber's year-round work to connect business owners with local programs and organizations that can help them start, operate, and grow their businesses. Business owners can visit RanchoCordova.org to learn about Chamber membership or sign up for email newsletters with updates on local events and resources. ★



Representatives from Child Action share information about child care resources and services during the Rancho Cordova Business Resource Fair on Nov. 17. Photo by Rick Sloan



Representatives from Visit Rancho Cordova showcase local attractions and visitor resources during the Business Resource Fair at City Hall. Photo by Rick Sloan



Three children pose in firefighter helmets near a Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District display during the Rancho Cordova Business Resource Fair on Nov. 17. Photo by Rick Sloan

Soroptimists Give Holiday Joy to Veterans

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River prepared 150 holiday stockings this month for female veterans receiving care through the VA Northern California Health Care System.

The project marked the organization's fourth annual holiday stocking effort for veterans. Club members filled the stockings Nov. 19 and delivered them the following day for distribution beginning in December.

The stockings included a mix of practical items, snacks and small gifts, including socks, lip balm, hand lotion, hygiene supplies, hot cocoa, granola bars, hand sanitizer, tissues, nail care items and holiday cards thanking veterans for their service.

Several local businesses and organizations also contributed gift cards, coupons and other items. Those included Aun Brew & Co., Chick-fil-A Rivergate, Crumbl Rancho Cordova, Everspring Water of Folsom and Parkwest Casino Cordova.

Other supporters included the City of Rancho Cordova, Costco Rancho Cordova, Explore Rancho Cordova, the Mills Station Arts & Culture Center, Sacramento County 2-1-1, the Better Business Bureau of Sacramento & Northeast California, Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Region and several individual donors and businesses from throughout the region.

Club member and Air Force veteran Stacy Delaney led this year's project, coordinating donations and organizing the stocking effort.

"Our Soroptimist club cares deeply for our brave veterans and the staff who serve them," club Vice President Sheryl Longsworth said.

The stocking project is one of several efforts the local Soroptimist club has undertaken in support of veterans receiving care through the VA Northern California Health Care System.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, members donated cases of snacks and vitamin water to the health care system. The organization has also collected baby shower items for pregnant veterans and donated warm socks for veterans undergoing chemotherapy and dialysis treatments.

Longsworth said the club typically works through partner organizations and does not often meet the people who ultimately receive its donations. An encounter following the 2023 holiday stocking project, however, gave members a direct look at the effect of their work.

According to Longsworth, a woman who had received one of the holiday stockings at the VA later stopped by a Soroptimist electronic waste recycling fundraiser. During the visit, she realized the group collecting the e-waste was the same organization that had provided her stocking.

The veteran told members she had been facing health problems that affected her employment and had been struggling with severe depression and suicidal thoughts, Longsworth said. She told the group that receiving the stocking lifted her spirits and helped influence her decision to seek help.

"Knowing that a holiday gift from our heart makes a difference in the life of a veteran was the best feeling in the world," Longsworth said.

The experience contributed to the club's decision to make the holiday stocking project an annual effort.

Longsworth also credited Delaney with coordinating the large number of donations and helping bring the project together.

"Stacy did an amazing job coordinating all the donations and leading this committee," Longsworth said.

Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River is part of an international nonprofit organization focused on improving opportunities for women and girls through programs supporting social and economic empowerment.

The local club also works with volunteers, community organizations and businesses on service projects throughout the year.

More information about Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River, including membership and volunteer opportunities, is available at soroptimistranchocordova.org. ★



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Lady Lancers Hit the Hardwood

Story by James Darnell and photos by Rick Sloan



The Cordova Lady Lancers began their 2026-27 preseason schedule last week.



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Cordova began its preseason slate of games last week with back-to-back close losses.

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Lady Lancers have begun their 2026 winter season, with a ton of optimism emanating from within the halls at Cordova High School.

Led by longtime head coach Kim Bradley, the Lady Lancers have a solid crop of returning players along with an infusion of new young talent who should provide a big boost to a program with postseason aspirations. For Bradley, the new season has created a sense of excitement after the team finished last season 7-15 overall, including a 2-8 mark in Metro League play.

"We're excited," Bradley said. "We're going to be really good. We have some positive returners and some newcomers that have come in and came along."

Top returnees include a trio of seniors in forward Becca Lee along with guards Tiah Kennedy and Emily Hernandez-Espinoza, who will all be called upon to be big-time contributors as upperclassmen. A pair of juniors in guard Alana Copeland and forward Samiah King are also being counted on to step up this season according to Bradley.

Additionally, the Lady Lancers are welcoming in a young crop of newcomers to the team who are generating a ton of buzz, beginning with a pair of junior transfer players in guards Keilani Takehara and Elyana Stone, whom will be eligible to play with the team starting on Jan. 2 after sitting out the mandated period of time required of transfer players. Perhaps the most exciting newcomer happens to be a freshman however, as point guard Camille Jones figures to be a key contributor on varsity in her first season of high school basketball.

Cordova began its preseason slate of games last week with back-to-back close losses against Franklin and at Rocklin and will return to their homecourt at Cordova on Saturday, Nov. 28 with a home game against visiting Sacramento High. Tipoff is scheduled for 1 p.m., and supporters are encouraged to attend.

The Lady Lancers will use their preseason schedule to prepare for the gauntlet that is Metro League competition, which begins in earnest for Cordova on Jan. 6. According to Bradley, the team has set some big-time goals this season that extend well-beyond competing in league play.

"We have our eyes set on finishing in the top-three in league, and we're trying to make a Section championship run with the pieces that we have. Those are big dreams but sometimes you have to set big goals." ★

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