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Bagging Benches for Parks



Plastic gatherers Charlotte Saylors (left), Chris Dorsey, Sharon Ruffner, Linda Rose Jones and Wendy Weinland haul a park bench – repurposed from single-use plastic – for placement in the Jack Koobs Nature Area, Carmichael.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Local non-profits are bagging benches as part of a plastic drive begun by Carmichael Kiwanis Club.

Gathering more than 500 pounds of plastic over the last six months, project supporters stockpiled enough unwanted packaging to be repurposed as a hefty park bench for the Koobs Nature Area. The harvest is traded to Trex, a manufacturer of plastic-based building materials. For each 500 pounds collected by a non-profit in a six-month period, the company donates a composite bench.

"Our club collected more plastic in six months than Trex specified," explains project organizer Sharon Ruffner. "So we invited other non-profits to take advantage of the opportunity."

Two Arcade groups – Women in Faith (St Mark's United Methodist Church) and Sierra Vista Community Church – have jumped on the bag

bandwagon and will soon install their own campus benches. "This is the most satisfying project I've been involved with," reports Ruffner. "It doesn't cost anything and everybody's so enthused by it."

"We decided to put our first bench in the Koobs Nature Area," she says. "Maintaining the preserve is our club's signature project. Seating allows visitors to pause and reflect as they enjoy nature.

"Girl Scout Troop 3191 helped by collecting plastic during our open days. They were thrilled to sit on the new bench and see what their efforts helped produce. Our second bench will go to Twin Lakes Elementary School in Orangevale."

Stockpiling the first 100 pounds of plastic took the Kiwanians a mere six weeks. "We had no trouble meeting the 500-pound requirement in six months," says Ruffner. "It just shows how much single-use plastic is being produced."

The indefatigable volunteer coordinates the drive from her home. "In

the beginning, I felt plastic was swallowing me alive," she says. "Now, thanks to 30 volunteers, we sort, weigh and quickly deliver the accumulation to several local retailers. From there, it's shipped to the Trex headquarters in Virginia."

Any household can support the drive. Plastic must be clean, dry and of stretchable composition. Bubble wrap, cling wrap and plastic mailers are welcome (paper labels must be removed).

Unacceptable items include: frozen food and candy packaging; plastic gloves; beverage rings; bottles and rigid containers.

Bench rewards aside, Ruffner applauds the project's eco-benefit. "Millions of pounds of plastics are in our landfills and floating on our oceans," she notes. "It's exciting to find meaningful use for so many products that have been inflicted on our environment."

Groups or individuals with plastic to contribute may contact Ruffner at Sharonruffner@yahoo.com ★

Flavored Tobacco Ban Begins In California

By Evan Symon, California Globe

The statewide flavored tobacco and e-cigarette ban went into effect on Wednesday, (December 21, 2022) impacting retailers and consumers alike less than a week after a final attempt to stop it in the Supreme Court failed.

The battle over flavored tobacco in California dates back to January 2020, when then-Senator Jerry Hill introduced SB 793, to totally ban flavored cigarettes and e-cigarettes from sale in the state. The bill had much support, and easily made it through the Assembly and Senate, although a number of amendments were added, allowing certain exceptions. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill shortly afterwards, with the ban set to take place at the end of the year.

However, tobacco companies quickly formed a coalition and set up a ballot referendum, collecting enough signatures in time by December to delay the ban. In early 2021, enough signatures were collected to put the decision up to California voters, with the referendum going to to the November 2022 ballot. Tobacco companies fought hard to fail the referendum, now known as Proposition 31, as many felt the ban went too far, and that it would hurt many businesses as a result. Those supporting pushing for Prop 31 to pass claimed a rise in youth tobacco consumption partially attributed to flavored tobacco being on the market.

Last month, Californians overwhelmingly voted for the ban to stay in place, 63% to 37%, or, 6.8 million for the ban and 3.9 million against. With the ban now set to begin later this month, R.J. Reynolds, as well as other tobacco companies, quickly filed an emergency application for a writ injunction with the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the court to stop the ban as a last Hail Mary attempt. In their application, the tobacco companies said that the ban will cause "irreparable harm, leading to substantial financial losses and a hit to customer goodwill and its reputation." Meanwhile, California argued that this was a state matter, and voters had already decided on it.

Flavored tobacco ban in CA begins

Without any quotes or other notes, all nine Supreme Court justices turned down the case last week, ending the last legal avenue to stop the ban and clearing the way for the

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Helping Through Gifts from the Heart



Gifts from the Heart seeks volunteers throughout the year to aid the work culminating during the holiday season. Photo courtesy of Sac County

Sac County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Each year, tucked away inside a Sacramento warehouse, you'll find a different kind of Santa's

workshop. Instead of elves, volunteers are spending long hours wrapping presents. And in place of Santa, people of all ages spare their time to deliver gifts to those who otherwise might not get anything

during the holiday season. It's all part of Sacramento County's Gifts from the Heart program.

Gifts from the Heart is a gift-giving program developed to provide presents for babies, kids, and seniors. The program serves individuals in Sacramento County's Child Protective Services and Senior and Adult Services. This holiday Continued on page 4

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Stealing is Stealing

By Katy Grimes, California Globe

A massive rise in retail theft is contributing to "shrinkage" at brick-and-mortar retailers, contributing to the growth of online sales.

"The National Retail Federation estimates that shrink—an industry term for loss in inventory—amounted to roughly 1.4% of retail revenue in 2021, or roughly \$94.5 billion. Most of that shrink is caused by theft, the Wall Street Journal reports.

The Globe reported on California's retail theft last May:

The escalation of organized "smash-and-grab" robberies in cities around the country has been costly. CNN reported in January that retailers across America say shoplifting is now 2% to 3% of their total sales, forcing the retailers to install new security systems, video cameras and security staff.

A 2021 survey of retailers found 65% acknowledged an increase in violence, while 37% said Organized Retail Crime gangs were much more aggressive than in the past.

With every legislative solution killed by California's Democratic supermajority, retailers and Chambers of Commerce formed Californians Against Retail and Residential Theft (CARRT), and launched a campaign to raise lawmakers' and the public's knowledge of the growing theft problem in the state. CARRT is a broad-based coalition of business associations, local groups, and victim organizations advocating for California officials to act now to undo the damage done by Proposition 47.

Not the Bee also addresses this

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Retail Theft is a \$94.5 Billion Crime Problem at American Stores. Retailers say Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime. Photo courtesy of Dreamstime

economy, confine people to their homes indefinitely, foment open-ended hysteria about a respiratory virus, and drive inflation to sky-high record rates - congratulations, your strategy is bearing fruit," Not the Bee

"Brick-and-mortar retail's indisputable edge over e-commerce is that consumers can get what they want immediately, and can touch and feel the product before buying it. Rising theft and stores' measures to prevent it — could dull that edge," WSJ said

The National Retail Federation report also found that the vast majority (89.7%) of respondents

other words, shrink reduction is part of their goals, objectives or performance measures. Just 10.3% reported that they were

"Retailers surveyed by the NRF said Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime, partly because labor shortages have made it difficult to fully staff stores," WSJ said. "Moreover, supply-chain shortages made certain products more susceptible to theft because they fetched high value in secondary markets."

"Can you imagine a more predictable outcome from the pandemic policies we enacted to fight COVID-19?" Not the Bee asks. "We threw our entire way of life - our economy, our organizations, our social structures, our education — into a complete

Potato Sunrise

and total tailspin."

"Shrink can have a substantial impact on already thin retail margins. Target said that the rise in shrink, including theft, reduced its gross profit by more than \$400 million in the first three quarters of its fiscal year, compared with a year prior. For the full fiscal year, it estimates that its gross profit will take a \$600 million hit."

"Although shrink is a perennial problem in retail, it really took off when the pandemic hit. In the five years leading up to 2019, retail shrink grew at a compound annual growth rate of roughly 7%, according to data from the NRF," WSJ said. "In 2020, it jumped 47%, and rose another 4% on top of that huge jump in 2021. Some retailers, including Ulta Beauty and Target, have

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said that shrink has gotten worse again this year. 'When times get tough, shrink goes up,' Ulta Beauty Chief Financial Officer Scott Settersten said on the company's earnings call on Dec. 1. 'We've seen that in retail over a long period of time."

And who will pay for these increasing retail costs? "Retailers will ultimately pay for shrink risk in some form or another—either on the top line if they want to keep stores completely accessible or on the bottom line if they spend heavily on labor and mitigation measures," WSJ said. "Finding the right balance will be key to preserving brick-and-mortar businesses."

And if you wonder why toothpaste, shaving cream and laundry detergent is under lock and key at many stores, it is a theft mitigation measure, according to retailers.

California's nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California released a report that found a direct correlation between Proposition 47 and a marked increase in larceny thefts across California, despite many media reports attempting to refute the correlation, the Globe reported. As for any legislative support from the California Legislature, don't hold your breath:

The California Assembly Public Safety Committee heard and killed Assembly Bill 1599 by Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Granite Bay) in March, which sought to repeal Proposition 47, and "make crime illegal again."

"Retail theft losses may be the straw that breaks the camel's back," said Julian Canete, President and CEO of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. "Something needs to be done before mom and pop stores are stolen from our communities."

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Sweet Mini Pepper Mexican Squash





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CHP Highlights New Laws in 2023 Sacramento County Searching



California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative season and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Photo courtesy of

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative season and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws take effect January 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

Public Employment: Peace Officers: Citizenship (Senate Bill (SB) 960, Skinner)

The law maintains that peace officers, including peace officer trainees, be legally authorized to work in the United States consistent with federal law and regulations, however, removes the requirement that they be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Catalytic Converters (SB 1087, Gonzalez) (Assembly Bill (AB) 1740, Muratsuchi)

These laws specifically list who can sell catalytic converters to recyclers and require those recyclers to keep documentation such as the year, make, model, and copy of the vehicle title from which the catalytic converter was removed. The purpose of these laws is to help reduce catalytic converter theft.

Vehicular Manslaughter: Speeding and Reckless Driving (SB 1472, Stern)

This law expands the criteria for "gross negligence" as it relates to the crime of vehicular manslaughter. Drivers involved in sideshow activity, exhibition of speed, or speeding over 100 miles per hour which results in a fatality could now be charged with Vehicular Manslaughter with Gross Negligence.

Motor Vehicle Speed Contests and Exhibitions of Speed (AB 2000, Gabriel)

Parking lots and off-street parking facilities are now included as locations where it is a crime to engage in a speed contest, exhibition of speed, or sideshow activity.

Endangered Missing Advisory: Feather Alert (AB 1314, Ramos)

The new "Feather Alert" allows law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to initiate an alert when an indigenous person has been kidnapped, abducted, or reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. Additionally, consistent with the Department's existing AMBER, Blue, and Silver Alert programs, this new "Feather Alert" program encourages the use of radio, television, and social media to spread the information about the missing indigenous person.

Hit-and-Run Incidents: Yellow Alert (AB 1732, Patterson)

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This law authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate a "Yellow Alert" when a fatal hit-and-run crash has occurred, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. The law also encourages local media outlets to disseminate the information contained in a Yellow Alert. The new law serves to use the public's assistance to improve the investigatory ability for law enforcement agencies throughout the state when working to solve fatal hit-andrun crashes.

Online Marketplaces: Reporting (AB 1700, Maienschein)

This law requires the Attorney General's Office to create an online reporting system for users of thirdparty online marketplaces to report listings of suspected stolen items. The reported information would be available to local law enforcement and the CHP's Organized Retail Crime Task Force to assist with investigations.

Bicycles Omnibus Bill AB 1909, Friedman)

Much like the move over or slow down law, this law provides for increased protections to bicyclists by requiring vehicles passing or overtaking a bicycle in the same direction, to move over to an adjacent lane of traffic, if one is available, or slow down and only pass the bicyclist when safe to do so. The law also permits Class 3 e-bike riders to use approved bicycle paths and trails, bikeways, and bicycle lanes. The law prohibits local governments from requiring bicycle registration and allows local authorities to prohibit any electric bicycle on an equestrian, hiking, or other recreational trail.

Electric Bicycles: Safety and Training Program (AB 1946, Boerner Horvath)

This requires the CHP to work with other traffic safety stakeholders such as the California Office of Traffic Safety, to develop statewide safety and training programs for electric bicycles. This training program, which will consist of electric bicycle riding safety, emergency maneuver skills, rules of the road and laws pertaining to electric bicycles, will launch on the CHP's website in September 2023.

Pedestrians (AB 2147, Ting)

This law prohibits peace officers from stopping pedestrians for certain pedestrian-specific violations, such as crossing the road outside of a crosswalk, unless there is an immediate danger of a crash. The CHP reminds all road users of the responsibility to travel safely and look out for one another on the road.

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Sac County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The County of Sacramento Office of Homeless Initiatives (OHI) is seeking interest from qualified organizations interested in operating a low-barrier, scattered-site interim 24/7 shelter program for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

The program will be inclusive of both operations and re-housing services. The shelter re-housing services provider may be the same as the shelter operations provider or will work closely with the provider if a separate entity.

Sacramento County funds and supports operations of sheltering programs throughout the County, using a variety of approaches and physical buildings to address the unique needs of people living unsheltered. These shelters are low-barrier and come with access to services that help people stabilize their lives, including case management and rehousing support.

One of the core sheltering programs is the Re-Housing Shelter Network (RSN), also known as "scattered site shelter." The County typically shelters up to 155 clients in these shelters at any given time across the County. This model utilizes existing residential homes within neighborhoods to support small (typically less than 5) sheltering programs.

The RSN allows sheltering for people who cannot be supported in traditional, congregate settings, and can accommodate

varying household configurations and serve people with their pets. Each location has a 24/7 live-in site monitor that helps provide for clients' basic needs. With recent expansion in the RSN program, and the changing needs in the Sacramento shelter system, the County is seeking interest from community partners with expertise in shelter operations and/or re-housing services.

The County has been running this scattered site shelter model since 2018. Clients appreciate a smaller environment that allows them to truly experience the transition off the streets and into a house setting while having their basic needs cared for and an on-site house monitor. Clients can bring their partners, pets and possessions to the house with them. This low-barrier model helps increase the chances that potential guests will say "yes" to the opportunity.

Once in the scattered site shelter, clients have access to supportive services such as case management, rehousing services and resources to provide for one's basic needs. These supports are an important step on a client's pathway toward housing.

For more information about this particular partnership opportunity with the County of Sacramento, read the full Letter of Interest, including deadlines and pre-submission meetings that allow potential respondents to ask questions of County staff.

For more information about what the County is doing to address homelessness, visit the Homelessness Website.

Shooting Homicide on Westwood Lane

Sac County Sheriff's News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - On Sunday, January 1, 2023, at approximately 10:35 p.m., Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the reports of a shooting at an apartment complex on the 2800 block of Westwood Lane in Carmichael.

When Deputies arrived on scene, they located an unresponsive male subject lying on the ground suffering from a gunshot wound and learned the suspect had already fled the scene. Deputies determined the subject had no pulse and was not breathing. Sacramento Metro Fire personnel arrived

on scene almost immediately thereafter and pronounced the subject deceased.

Homicide detectives and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene, interviewed witnesses, and gathered evidence. No further information or suspect information is available at this time.

Detectives are asking anyone with information relating to this incident, to please contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477).



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This 1.8 acre horse property is tucked away in a fantastic Carmichael neighborhood! This is a possible development property but is presently perfect for your horses or personal hobbies with plenty of land for animals to roam, a fenced backyard, a 700 square feet workshop and a huge detached garage. Enjoy beautiful stone siding and thoughtful updates inside including all new flooring, a beautifully updated kitchen complete with a breakfast bar, and recently remodeled bathrooms. Open open-concept floor plan, dual pane windows that offer great natural lighting, recessed ceilings, and



From its charming exterior to its beautifully updated interior, this Sacramento home has it all! Step inside to a spacious floor plan with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths, separate living and family rooms, and a formal dining area. The living room features beautiful hardwood flooring and a cozy fireplace for those long winter nights. Relax and unwind in the bright and airy family room, which opens up to the private backyard. The kitchen is appointed with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Entertain outdoors with a roomy backyard, complete with a sparkling pool, outdoor patio, play structure, tool shed and more! 3-car garage with possible RV access. Just steps away from Mission Park and close to Raleys, Bel Air, great shopping and restaurants.



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This beautiful home in Citrus Heights has it all! Enjoy a spacious floor plan featuring 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths, a bright and airy living room, a separate family room with a cozy fireplace and French doors that open up to the backyard, and a kitchen/dining combo. The private backyard has a gorgeous water feature, a patio with stamped concrete, beautiful landscaping, and a huge detached workshop that could be converted into an ADU. Enjoy a large lot with RV access and pad. Must see!



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Allowing Hallucinogenic Drugs Can Lead to More Violent Crime

CDAA News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Prosecutors in California strongly object to SB 58 (Senator Wiener), which seeks the wholesale decriminalization of many dangerous hallucinogenic drugs.

"This proposal recklessly puts policy before science for numerous psychedelic drugs that have proven to be highly unpredictable and have even been connected to violent crimes," said Greg Totten, CEO of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA).

Unfortunately, the

authors of this bill are charting a path that would allow these dangerous hallucinogenic drugs to be legalized before they have been fully understood by the scientific and medical communities.

"If the proponents want more research, that's one thing," Totten said. "And if they are advocating for therapeutic use under medical supervision, that is also worth considering. But science does not fully understand these drugs and that's why this bill is so reckless, because it advocates for skipping that scientific scrutiny altogether."

"As for dealing with drug cases involving users of hallucinogens, as prosecutors our focus has long been to seek treatment, not jail," Totten said. "We know that we can help people get on the right track by compelling them into treatment for drug addiction, and that is only possible if there are laws that govern these controlled substances."

The California District Attorneys Association is a statewide training and advocacy organization representing elected district attorneys, city attorneys with criminal divisions, and more than 3,500 prosecutors.



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season marks 34 years for the program. At the head of it all is Volunteer & Student Intern Services Coordinator Tonja Edelman.

Gifts from the Heart works with community partners, religious organizations, and professional groups to help thousands of people each year. Dozens of volunteers dedicate their time to help pick up toys, organize donations, and drop off gifts. Tonja estimates the program will provide gifts to about 3,500 clients this year.

While people get to see the magic during the Gifts from the Heart holiday giving campaign, the program begins well before winter. Each year, Tonja starts recruiting volunteers in late summer.

After more than 30 years, there are still needs to be met. Tonja wants people to remember that it's not just children who need holiday gifts but also teens, babies, seniors, and those aging out of

"The need is always there," said Tonja.

Gifts from the Heart volunteers say they always need delivery drivers to drop off the presents. Several of their elderly clients do not speak fluent English, so they would love to see multilingual volunteers

"People really just want to feel that connection and share their culture with someone who can relate," said one volunteer.

Kendra Flin has volunteered for the program for several years in a row. After finishing a busy master's program, she still found time to help out this year. She hopes sharing her experience will encourage others to give back.

"The people that volunteer are so fun and amazing and supportive," said Kendra.

A volunteer shift starts with Kendra receiving her delivery route. Each person who is receiving a gift is marked down on a sheet of paper. When Kendra goes on a delivery route, she drops off a gift for half a dozen to ten people, sometimes delivering a couple of gifts per person.

During a recent volunteer shift, Kendra's

list included several seniors living throughout south Sacramento. She loaded up a car with gifts – many so large she had to use both hands to carry them while she walked slowly to houses and apartments.

"You are delivering directly to the client and they are just really grateful," said Kendra.

Despite juggling large boxes and sometimes driving by homes several times before coming to the right stop – Kendra kept a smile throughout her route. And everyone smiled back. She wished each person a happy holiday as she dropped off their gift. And with each gift, she gave them something else – a joyful experience that made many of their days.

"You got me something but I didn't get you anything," one elderly man joked when Kendra placed his present down in his living room.

But, he did give her something. He reminded her why she loves participating in Gifts from the Heart.

"It's about being able to give to people around the holidays," said Kendra.

And that was not the only rewarding experience on her route. Kendra knocked on the door of an apartment where a woman with white hair and a Christmas sweater answered. When Kendra explained that she had been referred to the program by her social worker, the woman broke out into tears. She was beyond grateful that anyone had thought of her this holiday season.

"Thank you so much and bless you," she told Kendra while pulling her in for

"That's why we do this," said Kendra.

After Kendra finished up her day of delivering presents, she had a message for anyone who is thinking about giving back during the holidays.

"It's so rewarding. It's so much fun. So, just do it," said Kendra.

So, next year, whether it's volunteering your time or donating, consider giving a gift from your heart.

For more information on Gifts from the Heart, including how you can become involved, visit the GFTH Questions and Answers webpage at Sac County.







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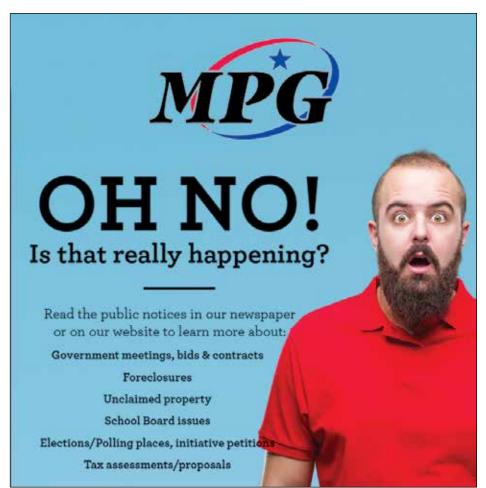


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Defendant Sentenced for Shooting Murder

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Curtis Fiorini sentenced Lorenzo McCoy to 25 years to life in prison.

On March 30, 2022, a jury convicted McCoy of the second-degree murder of Onaje Lynch. The jury also found true a personal use of a firearm allegation.

On December 7, 2020, McCoy and

the victim got into an argument behind the Wienerschnitzel in Del Paso Heights. McCoy approached the victim and put a loaded, cocked pistol to his chest. A struggle ensued and the gun fired, hitting and killing the victim. At the time of the murder, McCoy was on probation from a 2019 felony assault and was prohibited from possessing a firearm. The firearm used in the murder was never recovered.

Repeat DV Offender Convicted of DV, Assault, Battery w/Serious Injury

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Eduardo Godinez was convicted by a jury of domestic violence, assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury and battery with serious bodily injury.

The jury also found true great bodily injury enhancements and the aggravating factor that Godinez engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society. It was also found true that Godinez has a prior 2019 felony domestic violence conviction.

Godinez and the victim began dating in February 2020. The victim reported that Godinez started physically abusing her in the summer of 2021, but she did not report the past abuse. On February 14, 2022, Godinez became angry with the victim and repeatedly called her names and accused her of cheating.

in the back, causing her extreme pain. The victim went home without seeking medical attention. The next day, the victim became dizzy and passed out. She was taken to the hospital where it was discovered that one of her ribs was fractured, her spleen was lacerated and she had internal bleeding caused by the blow to her back. The victim remained in the hospital for several days.

Godinez faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

exchanged the gun for an envelope. When Castillo realized the buyer had shorted him, he directed his juvenile driver to follow the buyer's car. There were two other males and two females who were also in the buy-Godinez then forcefully hit the victim er's car, with Mr. Dawson driving. No one else in the car had any interest in the gun

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Ernest Sawtelle sentenced Damion Horton to 76 years and 4 months

The jury also found true the special cir-

cumstance that the murder was committed during a drive-by-shooting and a personal

use of a firearm allegation on both counts.

On November 8, 2019, Castillo and his

juvenile friend arranged to sell a ghost

Glock to a gun buyer. The parties met in

the Natomas Marketplace parking lot and

On September 13, 2021, a jury convicted Horton of the first-degree murder of Dajha Richards, discharging a firearm causing death and felon in possession of a firearm. The allegation that Horton suffered a prior 2016 strike conviction for attempted rob-

On January 8, 2019, a 12-year-old boy called 911 to report that his 19-year-old sister, Dajha Richards, had been shot in the

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Roberto

Lopez was convicted by a jury of two

counts of forcible lewd act upon a child

under 14 years old and two counts of rape

of a child under 14 years old by a perpe-

trator more than 10 years older than the

The jury also found true that the victim

Lopez was a family acquaintance and

father figure to the victim. Lopez raped

the victim when she was 12 years old,

and again when she was 13 years old. The

was vulnerable and Lopez took advan-

tage of a position of trust when he sexually

assaulted the victim.

chest. When sheriff's deputies arrived on

the hospital, where she was pronounced

Defendant Sentenced for 41 Counts of Child Molest

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Steve White sentenced Michael Leonard to 775 years to life in prison.

On March 3, 2022, a jury convicted Leonard of 41 counts of various child molestation and exploitation charges involving 12 victims. The jury also found true a multiple victim enhancement.

For nearly 16 years, Michael Leonard lured children into his home where he molested and exploited them. He met many of the victims at different children's events and venues he would frequent. Several of the victims were between the ages of 8 and 13 years old.

Leonard also communicated with minors for illegal purposes, spoke inappropriately to children about sex and attempted to conduct an inappropriate video filming of a child. A citizen contacted law enforcement about a video Leonard wanted to make, which ultimately led to his arrest. This case involved multiple investigating agencies.

Nearly a dozen victims provided victim impact statements to the Court or attended the sentencing. Many of the victims have been haunted by his actions. Some indicated today's sentence will provide some closure.

Leonard's criminal history involving allegations of inappropriate conduct with minors goes back to the late 1990's, including two prior convictions for felony and misdemeanor annoy or molest of

Defendant Sentenced for Fatal Stabbing in Carmichael

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Stephen Acquisto sentenced Stephen Jackson to 26 years to life

A jury convicted Jackson of the first-degree murder of Jaitu Keys. The jury also found true the allegation that Jackson personally used a knife in the commission of the murder.

On November 9, 2019, Jackson and a friend went to a high school football game

together. After the game, Jackson asked the friend to come inside his house but she declined. He then hid a device with GPS tracking in the trunk of her car. The friend left and went to meet the victim in Carmichael.

The victim joined the friend in her car and sat in the front passenger seat to talk. Jackson approached the car, smashed the front passenger window and stabbed the victim four times, including once in the heart. The friend drove the victim to the hospital where he was pronounced

Defendant Sentenced for Sexually Abusing 5-Year-Old Child

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Steve White sentenced Jose Navarrete to 126 years to life in prison. On June 11, 2021, a jury convicted Navarrete of 10 counts of child sexual assault charges.

Navarrete committed multiple substantial sexual assaults against the victim when she was approximately 5 years old and continued to do so for approximately three years. In August of 2018, the victim and her family reported the abuse to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office.

Defendants Sentenced for Abusing 2-Year-Old Boy

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, **CA (MPG)** - The Honorable Shelleyanne Chang sentenced Yanik Kryshtal to 12 years and 8 months in prison on May, 20, 2022.

Laura Freitas was sentenced to 180 days county jail and 4 years formal probation. On April 8, 2022, Kryshtal pled to three counts of felony child abuse and admitted to personally inflicting great bodily injury. Freitas pled to one count of felony child abuse.

On June 13, 2020, a 2-year-old boy was taken to the hospital with numerous bruises all over his body. A CT scan confirmed he suffered blunt force trauma and had fluid around his pancreas, healed linear scars, burns on his leg, injuries inside his mouth, skin abrasions and burns on his hands. Child abuse doctors opined the injuries were not accidental. Witnesses confirmed Kryshtal hit and kicked the victim, sometimes using a belt or dog

Kryshtal also locked the manent scarring.

victim in dog crates as a form of discipline, and on at least one occasion had the victim sleep outside in a dog crate overnight. Kryshtal tied the victim's arms or legs to door knobs and crib railings with handcuffs, dog leashes and necklaces. Freitas was aware of the abuse and also put the victim in dog crates as a form of punishment. Sacramento County sheriff's detectives found that Kryshtal also poured boiling water on the feet of a 3-year-old girl in 2014, which resulted in per-

Defendant Sentenced for Assault at Homeless Camp

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Shama Mesiwala sentenced Jeffery Cross to 25 years to life in prison.

On March 2, 2022, a jury convicted Cross of assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, criminal threats and intimidating a witness. Allegations that Cross has prior strike convictions for involuntary manslaughter with the use of a firearm, criminal threats and first-degree burglary were also found true at sentencing.

On May 31, 2021, Citrus Heights police officers responded to a report of an assault at a homeless camp on Greenback Lane.

One victim knew Cross and stated Cross kicked him, which may have caused him to lose consciousness.

Officers observed dried blood on the side of the victim's head and a red mark in his rib area. A witness saw Cross punch and kick the victim multiple times. The witness told officers that Cross then also punched him in the face, causing him to fall backwards onto the ground. In follow-up investigations, both victims identified Cross as the person who had assaulted them from a photo line-up. One of the victims also indicated that Cross threatened him, telling him to keep quiet.

Sac County DA News Release purchase. When Castillo's car caught up to the buyer's car on Truxel Road, Castillo SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The opened fire with a .45 caliber Glock. Honorable Delbert Oros sentenced Adrian This gun had been illegally altered to be Castillo on March 11, 2022, to life in prison fully automatic and Castillo fired 10 rounds in a matter of seconds. Mr. Dawson was without the possibility of parole. On November 19, 2021, a jury conkilled instantly and the victims' car sped out of control until it hit another vehivicted Castillo of the first-degree murder of Kenyatta Dawson and attempted murder.

Defendant Sentenced for Shooting Murder,

Attempted Murder on Truxel Road

cle. With the victims' car disabled and all five occupants still inside, Castillo's car approached again and he fired six more rounds into the victims' car using a second gun. The gun buyer was shot through the jaw, breaking both jaw bones, and shot through both legs.

The victims' car contained the gun bought from Castillo, but no ammunition. There was no evidence that anyone from the victims' car returned fire. Castillo fled the scene but was captured by Sacramento police detectives less than four days later. Investigators recovered both guns used in the shooting and both guns were legally purchased and registered to Castillo.

Defendant Sentenced for 1st-Degree Murder of Girlfriend

Defendant Convicted of Sexually

Assaulting Child in Two Counties

Sac County DA News Release

to life in prison.

bery was also found true.

scene, the victim was able to report that the father of her child and boyfriend, Damion Horton, was the person who shot her. The victim was quickly transported to

deceased. Immediately after the shooting, Horton fled the scene with the gun leaving the victim alone with their 4-month-old son and her brother. Horton turned himself in more than 24 hours after the victim's death, but the gun was never recovered. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Horton had an extensive history of domestic violence with the victim.

first rape occurred in Sacramento, the sec-

ond rape occurred in Yuba City. In both

instances of rape, Lopez held the victim

down and forced himself on her. In the

final incident which lasted longer than the

first, he inflicted painful physical trauma to

An allegation that Lopez has a prior strike conviction for possession of drugs for

sale for the purposes of a criminal gang and

additional aggravated circumstances will be

65 years to life in prison. Sentencing is

set for December 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

in Department 36 before the Honorable

Lopez faces a maximum sentence of

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Stephen Acquisto.

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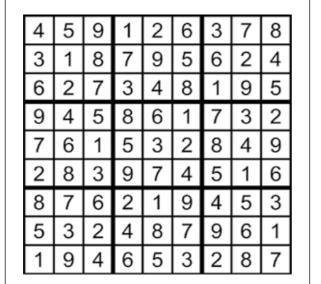


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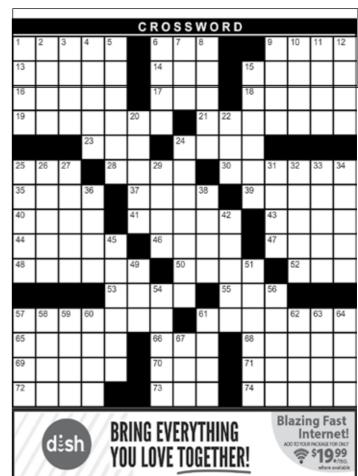
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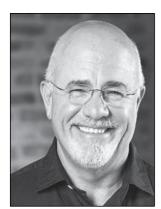
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Dear Dave.

My husband co-signed a loan for an old girlfriend four years ago. Apparently, she hasn't made a payment in almost two years, and a collection agency called him last week wanting the balance of \$3,000. We make about \$80,000 a year combined, and an attorney we spoke with recommended we file bankruptcy. Is this really the best thing to do?

Scarlett

Hospitals Finally Face the Music Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Scarlett.

If you have the money, and you can pay it off without putting yourselves in a bind financially, do it. That's the right thing to do, both morally and legally. If you don't have that kind of cash on hand, try haggling with them. See if they'll agree to settle for \$1,500. At this point, they might even take less. But if they go for the idea, do not give them electronic access to your bank account. Make sure you get the agreement in writing, too, before sending them

Here's the deal. This collector bought the loan for pennies on the dollar. It's an old debt, and that means the expectation for collection is very low. At the same time, your husband did co-sign for the loan. They'll probably threaten to sue and whatnot, but my guess is you can work something out. It might take two or three weeks – and a little patience but that's a small price to pay if it saves you a bunch of money.

Oh, and the attorney you talked to? He doesn't sound very bright. A bankruptcy stays on your record for years. Trashing your financial life over \$3,000 would be stupid.

Good luck, Scarlett!

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★



Commentary by Sally C. Pipes

Two Georgia hospitals were recently fined \$1.1 million for failing to publish their prices. The facilities had also ignored letters from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services asking them to publicly disclose what they charge for procedures.

It's about time. The federal government directed hospitals to publish clear, consumer-friendly charge lists by the beginning of 2021. Six months later, just 6% of hospitals nationwide had complied, according to a study published in June in the medical journal JAMA.

Hospitals shouldn't be able to get away with flouting the law. Price transparency empowers patients and payers to shop around for medical care – and ultimately allows them to leverage the power of competition to extract the best value for their dollar.

The Trump administration issued the price transparency rule in 2019. It required hospitals to publish standard prices for 300

of their most common services, including rates for insurers and those for individuals paying cash. The rule set daily fines for non-compliant institutions, which the Biden administration increased in November 2021.

Since the rule took effect, hospitals have been cautioned plenty. CMS has issued more than 350 warning letters requesting compliance.

Yet transparency has lagged. The biggest medical centers have been among the worst offenders. Just 0.5% of facilities owned by the country's three largest hospital systems were fully compliant as of early 2022, according to a report from Patient Rights Advocate.

Hospitals may be leery of revealing their prices because the results can be embarrassing. In one case, an Illinois patient received a \$15,000 hospital bill for an EpiPen. He later learned he could have purchased the same device from a pharmacy for \$320.

Or, take the recent experience of a couple in Fresno, Calif. According to reporting from NPR, the husband underwent cataract surgery with an in-network provider that cost over \$4,000. His wife, who has the same coverage, received the same exact procedure at a neighboring clinic – and only owed \$204. The two facilities were just a half mile from one another.

High-cost

providers wouldn't be able to get away with those wide spreads in price if patients and payers knew about them. That's why a 2021 RAND Corporation study projected that improving price transparency could reduce U.S. healthcare spending by up to \$26.6 billion a year.

Of course, some hospitals may be justified in charging more than others. Factors like quality, convenience, and reputation of doctors and hospitals always influence price. But patients and payers should be able to evaluate those factors on their own. Hiding prices deprives them of key pieces of information that help them make prudent decisions.

Opaque prices also undermine competition and thus help healthcare providers avoid improving quality or reducing costs in order to attract customers at the margin.

The feds did the right thing by fining hospitals that aren't following the rules. But more needs to be done to make hospitals around the country do what businesses in every other sector do every day - tell potential customers what they can expect to pay.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes. This op-ed originally ran in the Chicago Sun-Times. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08879 Tapatio Brothers, 2414 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Brothers Mexican "Tapatio Market" 2414 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2022 Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023 1-13-23 TAPATIO

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09028 Jesse Saldivar, 4135 Eastwood Village Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capitol Cabinetry" 4501 Auburn Boulevard, Suite 105-A Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2022 Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023 JESSE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08379 Bobbie Perry, 10625 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RSpot Bar" 10625 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022

Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08780 Bravo Security Services, Inc. Northgate Boulevard Suite 1A, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bravo Security Services," 4141 Northgate Boulevard, Suite 1A Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09071 Noemi Delgadillo and Santisteban Santisteban, 5000 Holyoke Way. Sacramento, CA 95841 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Docs Crealities" 5000 Holyoke Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08779 Sediqi Brothers Global Products LLC, 3138 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zeeshan Northgate Market" 3138 Boulevard, Sacramento, 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2022

Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 ZEESHAN 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08978 WVW LLC, 4946 Watt Avenue, Suite 1, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Autoban Tire & Wheels" 4946 Watt Avenue, Suite 1, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2022

Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 AUTOBAN 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09126 Dumitru Fediuc, 6200 Desimone Lane, Apt 28A, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lucky Trucky" 6200 Desimone Lane, Apt 28A, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

LUCKY 1-20-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08932 Ngina Danish, 1628 Bell Street, Apt. 206, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Negeen Style" 1628 Bell Street 206, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9.2022

Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08547 Personal Chef Services for Seniors, LLC, 6601 Oakcrest Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chefs For Seniors" 6601 Oakcrest Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 CHEFS 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09030 Kenneth Thomas, 11059 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KAT Construction" 11059 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 KAT 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09127 Fediuc, Ecaterina Desimone Lane, Apt 28A, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kafe Kali" 6200 Desimone Lane. Apt 28A. Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 KAFE 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09112 Ryan Rielley, 6225 Sunmist Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Screen and Shade Solutions" 6225 Sunmist Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 SCREEN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08560 Free Will Foundation, Inc. 320 E. Bidwell Street, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Upscale Thrift" 6634 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

1-20-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09183 U.S. Auto Sale LLC, 1236 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "U.S. Auto Sale" 1236 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2022

Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 US 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09154 ALMBI Inc., 9719 Lincoln Village Suite 504, Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MoorePark Enterprises / WorkFlow Lounge ALMBI Inc. / Infoprincess Graphics / We Serve 4 Your / ALM Business Coaching Institute / ALM Business Academy" 9719 Lincoln Village Drive, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95827, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2022 Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09356 Newsham Business Services Inc., 7801 Greenback Lane, #D, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Liberty Tax" 7801 Greenback Lane, #D. Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022 Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09313 Joseph Nguyen and Hoa Nguyen, 7324 Sahara Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crucible Mind" 7324 Sahara Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2022 Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 **CRUCIBLE** 1-27-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09271 Ltang's Korean Foodie House, 3643 Bradshaw Road #J Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious "Jang Name(s) Business Su" 3643 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2022 Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 **JANG**

1-27-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09072 Cory Devon Swenson-Scott. Menke Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cory Swenson Art" 8408 Menke Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2022 Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

1-27-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09264 StoneBrook Realty Group, Inc. 4744 Winding Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "StoneBrook Realty Property Management," 4744 Winding Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2022

Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 STONEBROOK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08566 Austin McManus, 5858 Lorraine Court, Sacramento, CA 95817 Business Name(s)

is doing business under the Fictitious "Public Land / Public Land Store" 2598 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022

Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09321 Kurt H. Josephson and Denise J. Josephson, 4749 Isabella Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stan-Pack" 7940 California Avenue, Suite 12, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022

Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 1-27-23 STAN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09381 Sabaoon Rahimi, 1326 Gentry Lane, Tracy, CA 95377 is business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bab-ul-Jannah Tour Agency 2775 Cottage Way, Suite 6, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022 Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08975 Thomas J. Smith, 4070 PFE Road, Roseville, CA 95747 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Custom Drywall Interiors / The Drywall Doctor / Metro Drywall' 4070 PFF Road Roseville CA 95747. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

CUSTOM 1-27-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09398 Hamayoon Faryadi, 2211 Villa Font Way, #C, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Deluxe Auto Detailing and Tint" 2444 Glendale Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2022 Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330662

Mohammad Fawaad FNU Sweeta have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Fawaad to Fawaad Aryan; FNU Sweeta to Sweeta Aryan; Mohammad Musawer to Musawer Aryan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2023, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 6, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023 MOHAMMAD

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330774

Trung Huynh and Hong Nguyen iled a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diem-Vy Thuy Huynh to Vv Huvnh.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2023, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 6, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330803

Gulmira Dastanbekova has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gulmira Dastanbekova

Gulmira Seilkhan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

court at 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 6, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023 **GULMIRA**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330611

Gada Hamad has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gada Hamad to Liberty Wheeler. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 7, 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento. CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 2, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court

1-6-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023

#34-2022-00331021 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Laura Tioelker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Laura Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Tjoelker to Muna Laura Tjoelker.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 14. 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 8, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023

LAURA 1-6-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CALLSE CHANGE OF NAME

#34-2022-00331089 Juanita Barron Lolla has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Juanita Barron Lolla to Juanita Barron Lova.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 14, 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 9, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330812

Juliana Khong Saetern has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Juliana Khong Saetern to Juliana Saetern Khong. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 6, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023 JULIANA 1-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331079

Tam Hoang Dimanno has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tam Hoang Dimanno to Tammy Hoang Dimanno.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 9, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331182

Scott Guy Shahan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scott Guy Shahan to Bryan Scott Whitaker. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 12, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00329644

Alfredo Crespo Gonzalez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alfredo Crespo Gonzalez to Alfredo Crespo. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 14, 2022

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 ALFREDO SUPERIOR COURT OF

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331658 Frank Angeleo Didonato has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s)

CALIFORNIA

of Frank Angeleo Didonato to Fyodor Sirius Angel. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street.

Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 22, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

the Superior Court

Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00329683

Summer Ann Simo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Summer Ann Simo to Summer Ann Rogers; Samuel Adams Simo to Samuel Adams Rogers-Simo; Reyna Elizabeth Ann Simo to Reyna Elizabeth Ann Rogers-Simo.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 15, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 14, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23 SUMMER

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331807 Sohail Iqbal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sohail Iqbal to Sohail Abbas Iqbal.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 23, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331650

SOHAIL

Teresa Lynette Schnackel has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Teresa Lynette Schnackel to Teresa Lynette Moon.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 21, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331548 Md Shafiul Hague has filed a pe-

tition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Md Shafiul Haque to Shafi Haque. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 19, 2022

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 1-27-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#34-2022-00331922 Chui-Chang Cheng and Pi-Ching Hsiao have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chui-Chang Cheng to Austin ChuiChang Cheng; Pi-Ching Hsiao to Karen PiChing Hsiao; Yu-Hsi Cheng to Ellie YuShi Cheng; Yu-Chieh Cheng to Jessie YuChieh

Chena IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 28, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

> SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331892

Amit Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amit Singh to Amrit Singh Bajwa. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on March 30, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 27, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

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How will California Deal with a Big Budget Deficit?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While California has a surplus of critical issues demanding political attention - housing, homelessness and water to mention the most obvious – it faces a deficit of financial resources to deal with them.

Gov. Gavin Newsom will soon reveal a proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year that begins July 1, and it's likely to greatly differ from the 2022-23 version he and the Legislature adopted just six months ago.

The current budget reflected what Newsom said would be a massive surplus, thanks mostly to a flood of tax revenues from high-income Californians who were enjoying big gains on their investments.

Pegging the surplus at \$97.5 billion, Newsom bragged that "no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this."

He and the Legislature enacted a \$300-plus billion budget that committed much of the supposed surplus to expanding an array of social and educational services, including what he said was achieving universal health care by extending coverage to all undocumented experience, should a reces-

Just a few weeks later, could be \$30 billion to \$50 newspapers.

acknowledging that the surplus might not be as large as he had boasted. He vetoed citing indications that a recession might be on the horizon.

Legislature's budget analyst. Gabe Patek, made the reversal of fortune official in his annual report on the state's finances, saying the healthy surplus that Newsom probudget problem."

mainly attributable to lower revenue estimates, which are lower than budget act projections from 2021 22 through 2023 24 by \$41 billion," Patek said, stressing that the deficit would occur even if there's no recession but would become worse if the economy does, indeed, "turn sour."

Whether the nation is much-debated question. The Federal Reserve System has hiked interest rates sharply in hopes of cooling off the economy and lowering a soaring inflation rate. While it hopes recession.

California's budget is particularly sensitive to larger economic currents because it is inordinately dependent on few wealthy Californians. Income taxes are three-quarters of the state's general fund revenues and 1% of taxpayers generate nearly half of those taxes.

however, Newsom began billion below our revenue outlook in the budget window," Patek said. Because of the looming threat of a number of spending bills, recession, Patek urged the Legislature to adopt a very conservative approach to the In November, the 2023-24 budget, balancing it without relying on the state's

It's good advice, but will the Legislature heed it? Backpedaling is a hard sell in a Legislature dominated by jected is really a "\$24 billion left-leaning Democrats and allies in advocacy groups "The budget problem is that had been elated by the budget's provisions.

Initial indications are that legislators would prefer to continue the programmatic enhancements even if it means dipping into reserves or borrowing money to cover the deficit.

The Assembly Budget Committee said as much in a "budget blueprint" issued after Patek made his report. headed for recession is a The document devotes much verbiage to self-congratulation about the current budget's largesse and calls for protecting it by using the "state balance sheet to continue key investments." for a "soft landing," some That's defined as shifting economists believe that it some spending to special could become a full-blown funds and "borrowing from special funds, especially if revenue situation worsens."

So where does Newsom stand between these two conflicting approaches? Will taxing incomes of a relative he adopt Patek's conservative advice or side with the Legislature, even if it means deficit spending and debt? We'll know in about a week.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly "Based on historical 60 years, spending all but a few of those years sion occur soon, revenues working for California

Flavored Tobacco Ban Begins in California

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ban to begin on the 21st. On Wednesday, all flavored tobacco products, including flavored cigarettes, flavored e-cigarette juice, menthol cigarettes, flavored tobacco enhancers, and all other related flavored tobacco products were officially banned. A few exemptions, such as flavored tobacco used in hookah bars, flavored loose-leaf pipe tobacco, and flavored premium cigars costing over \$12, are still allowed under the law, but will be closely regulated from now on.

While some retailers and users have been generally fine with the ban, others noted to the Globe on Thursday that it has already negatively hurt them.

"So we had to take out shelves of the products Tuesday night," Duy Pham, a convenience store owner in Riverside, told the Globe Thursday, "A lot of customers have been lost and angry the last several days, and I'd say we have lost hundreds in sales so far. We all knew this

was coming, but it's not great. This isn't what we wanted at all."

Others noted that, instead of discouraging users, it was only having them change

"We get a lot of teenagers and people in their early twenties here," said Paul Stevens, a manager at a national convenience store chain. "When we told them what happened, some did get angry, but 99% of them just asked for another type of cigarette brand or something pure tobacco. Others said they'll simply stock up on the next trip out of state and maybe give some to their friends. Whatever they thought would work, it hasn't. And it looks like a work around is forming by having people bring it in out of state, so California is losing out in taxes in the end. I don't think they realized what they did honestly."

Other states and cities in the U.S. are currently considering similar bans.

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331881 Isaac James Whiting has filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isaac James Whiting to Isaac Andrew Johnson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 28, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331889

Ramnit Kaur has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ramnit Kaur to Ramnit Kaur Bajwa.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 27, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 1-27-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HENRY JOSEPH FELL III CASE NO. 34-2022-00331393

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Henry Joseph Fell III, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michael Romanishin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michael Romanishin 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 May 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF

ORANGE INDEX NO. EF003741-2022 EDWARD HIRSCH, Plaintiff, against GAIL ANN LENHART as REPRESENTATIVE and BENEFICIARY of the ESTATE LAURENCE **ALAN**

LENHART, Defendant TO THE DEFENDANT: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to the Decision and Order of the Honorable Maria Vasquez-Doles, J.S.C., a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange, dated December 16, 2022, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Orange at

Goshen, New York. This is an action pursuant to New York State Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law Article 15 to guiet title to certain real property commonly known as 48 Old South Plank Road, Town of Newburgh, County of Orange, State of New York, Section 52, Block 1, Lot 11 into the Plaintiff, Edward Hirsch and forever barring the Defendant and all persons claiming under the Defendant from all claims to an estate or interest in the real property. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you together with the costs and disbursements of this action. The property involved in this action is described as follows: 48 Old South Plank Road, Town of Newburgh, County of Orange, State of New Section 52, Block 1, Lot 11. Dated: New Windsor, New York December 20, 2022 /s/ Veronica A. McMillan

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Getting More Covered

By Elizabeth Aguilera, CALMatters.org

Hundreds of thousands of Californians previously shut out of Covered California — the state program that offers discounted health insurance — soon can participate because the eligibility requirements are changing.

Prior to the new rules, individuals who had access to an employer-based health insurance plan through a family member were not eligible for Covered California. Employer plans are often expensive for spouses or children, driving up the cost of coverage for those family members. Those caught in this unaffordable "family glitch" have few choices: buy the expensive plan, try to buy a barebones plan separately or go without health insurance.

In April, the Biden administration issued guidelines to fix the near-decade-long problem and last month the federal government adopted the regulation. Starting in January 2023, if a family's premium costs more than 9.12% of the household income the family could be eligible for federal subsidies, or discounts, through Covered California.

According to the UC Berkeley Labor Center, the "glitch" impacts an estimated 615,000 people in California, mostly women and children from low and middle-income families. The center estimates that about 400,000 of those people would be eligible for financial assistance through Covered California based on their income.

"For the people impacted, it could be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars," said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer rights group. "It really does have an impact on the health and well-being of the family and their finances."

A state analysis by Third Way, a national think tank, found that a California family of four with \$53,000 in annual earnings would likely save about \$4,340 a year in health insurance premium costs. The report shows that lower-income households would see the most significant savings.

The federal government is footing the bill for the expansion and pays subsidies directly to the health plans based on Covered California's marketplace prices. The Congressional Budget Office reported that it would cost \$44 billion over the next 10 years to cover family members previously impacted by the family glitch.



More people will be eligible for health insurance through Covered California. Photo courtesy of Alexander Raths I Dreamstime com

Covered California pays for outreach to families, including those who have been caught in the glitch, said Jessica Altman, executive director of Covered California. Covered California has a \$109 million annual budget for marketing and the bulk is spent during open enrollment to outreach to Californians to sign up or renew coverage.

Open enrollment started this week and runs through Jan. 31, 2023. Coverage can begin as early as Jan. 1.

California health advocates have been trying to solve the glitch at the state level for years but it was too expensive for the state to pay the cost. The federal government had to decide to fix it and fund it.

This change should help reduce the number of uninsured people in California. The state has experienced the steepest decline in the number of uninsured since the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, launched in 2013. Since then, some 35 million people have enrolled in health plans nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The state's rate of uninsured residents dropped from 17% in 2013 to 7% in 2021. More than half of the 3 million still uninsured in California are eligible for some sort

of coverage, according to UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and UC Berkeley Labor Center. The remainder, about 1.2 million, are undocumented immigrants who are ineligible for coverage through the exchange, although some may now qualify for public programs.

Any change that increases coverage for Californians, especially children, is a boon, Wright said.

"This is a big deal toward the goal of a government guarantee that everybody has access to affordable health coverage," Wright said of the policy change. "The more we get rid of asterisks and exclusions the better."

The change comes as employers continue to shift insurance costs to families. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey, premiums for family coverage increased 22% between 2016 and 2021.

Nationally, about 5 million individuals are eligible only for unaffordable employer-provided insurance. More than half of those are children. Among adults, more women than men are caught in the glitch.

"It created an unaffordable situation for a small but meaningful group of people," said Christine Eibner, a senior economist focused on health care at RAND, a nonprofit research organization that published a report about the issue in 2015. "Most of them were enrolling anyhow and paying the higher premium. They could be paying 15% to 20% of their income."

In California, of the estimated 615,000 who are stuck with high-priced employer insurance plans as their only option, researchers estimated that about 87,000 are uninsured, Altman said. About 35,000 are in the individual market paying full rates and the majority are paying for that expensive employer-sponsored coverage, Altman said.

"There are families that can save thousands of dollars — middle-income families, low-er-income families — that it's going to make a significant change for," Altman said. "There is value in helping people who have coverage to connect with lower-cost coverage."

If people are uninsured or have expensive coverage they are less likely to get the care they need.

Those who stretch their budgets to sign up for employer-based plans may take the least expensive plan with higher deductibles or catastrophic coverage, Wright said. That could result in people going to the doctor less or not using the plans they have because they would still have to pay out of pocket.

"We believe it's important to have the whole family covered," Wright said. "There is a real result of not having coverage. The uninsured live sicker, die younger and are one emergency away from financial ruin."

The Affordable Care Act requires employers with at least 50 employees to offer health insurance to them and their dependents. Spouses are usually included but not required under the law. In California, 47% of people are enrolled in an employer-provided plan. A national study published in the Health Affairs Journal found that families spend an average of 16% of household income paying employer-based premiums.

Before the latest change, the Affordable Care Act allowed employees to obtain insurance through discounted state programs if their employer health plan cost more than 9.1% of their income, which is considered unaffordable. Employers face penalties if their workers are obtaining insurance through those state programs.

Also, prior to the latest change, the law did not define affordability for family members and employers faced no penalties related to the cost of premiums for family members. *



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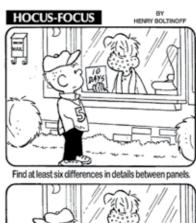
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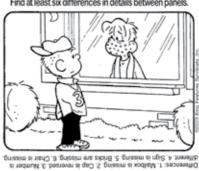
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See's Candies to Consolidate



Berkshire Hathaway owned See's Candies plans a megastore at 5499 Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights for the new 15-year lease agreement. The former drive-up banking lanes are **shown removed on this exterior rendering.** Image courtesy of Tallen Capital Partners

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -Planned construction of a new See's Candies megastore at 5499 Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights, formerly home to a 10,621-square-foot Patelco Credit Union branch should move forward in early 2023 when revised drawings for a new interior floor plan are finalized and then submitted to the City of Citrus Heights for review, said the architect, Jeff Brandon, partner of Schuss Clark Brandon

Architects in San Diego. A building permit application by San Diegobased Schuss Clark Brandon Architects Inc. for interior improvements was originally filed on August 11, 2020, on behalf of their client, See's Candies, headquartered in South San Francisco, and described as "tenant improvements to an existing building."

Schuss Clark Brandon has designed several ground-up retail centers and tenant improvement spaces, according to its website.

The permit application was returned to Schuss Clark Brandon on August 16th by the Citrus Heights building department with comment for further review.

"We're in the process of finalizing our architectural drawings which include these and other changes soon," Brandon said.

The interior construction permit process is separate from overall exterior grounds improvements which are planned

by the landlord-tenant, Citivest Commercial and Residential Real Estate of Newport Beach, Calif. and Tallen Capital Partners, LLC, of Del

Tallen Capital Partners has leased the entire building to Berkshire Hathaway owned See's Candies under a new 15-year lease agreement.

"By aggressively pursuing the leasing of this asset with our national, regional and local tenant and broker relationships, in record time, we procured one of the finest retailers in the country to occupy the building," said chairman and CEO, Terrence Tallen in remarks describing the project on its website. A representative for Tallen Capital Partners did not respond to a request for additional comment.

According to Tallen's project description, the new Citrus Heights See's Candies will consolidate three other locations within its trade area for its first of a kind combination facility which include a traditional See's Candies retail store, their corporate sales facility (business to business unit) and their regional offices.

In recent weeks, work crews have been visible conducting second floor demolitions and filling dumpsters in the rear

parking lot with debris. Susan McLendon, development services technician for the city building department said the City of Citrus Heights then had some specific concerns which the city wanted Schuss Clark Brandon to address and said she looked forward to their reply.

Separate physical exterior improvements by the landlord-tenant Tallen Capital Partners to existing landscaping are planned. The former drive-up banking lanes are shown removed on an exterior rendering of the project posted on the Tallen Capital Partners website.

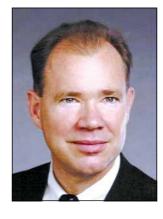
McClendon said the Citrus Heights city building department hasn't yet received plans for the exterior phase of the project which will be reviewed by the city engineer before approval.

Patelco Credit Union in Citrus Heights closed its two-story branch office at 5499 Sunrise Boulevard at the corner of Uplands Way last July and has since moved to a new location in the Marketplace at Birdcage, 6100 Birdcage Lane,

Suite 125. Susan Portman, corporate director of public relations at See's Candies corporate office did not respond to a request for further comment concerning the planned Citrus Heights new location.

See's Candies wa founded by Charles See, his wife Florence, and his mother Mary in Los Angeles, California in 1921. Its retail shop locations typically feature a candy counter where customers can either create their own custom-mixed box of chocolates and candies to order or purchase boxed chocolates, truffles, nuts and chews, lollipops, and sugar-free candy. ★

What Taxpayers Need to Know about Unemployment



Commentary by Jon Coupal

I sincerely hope that readers aren't turned off by the title of this column. While most taxpayers aren't directly responsible for paying unemployment insurance taxes, the truth is we all pay and, in California, we pay a great deal more than we should.

Last week I received an email from a dentist who operates a small dental office and is required to pay the unemployment insurance tax and, sadly, is paying much more than he should because our unemployment insurance program is insolvent. Like so many other measurements of California's performance relative to other states, our businesses – both large and small – are paying a penalty for the incompetence of our elected officials and bureaucrats.

Here's what taxpayers should know about unemployment insurance.

California's unemployment insurance program (UI) is funded by a tax imposed on employers. The proceeds are deposited in the Unemployment Trust Fund of the U.S. Treasury Department. States may withdraw funds from their accounts to pay unemployment benefits.

Here's the kicker: If a state's trust fund does not have adequate funds

unemployment claims. But if a state's UI Fund is insolvent for more than two years, that tax rate increases each year. The tax can be hefty, as much as \$420 per employee per year.

Like other states, California was slammed by the pandemic. Low unemployment quickly became unprecedented levels of high unemployment. While few dispute the need for workplace closures early in the pandemic, California was much slower in reopening than more freedom-oriented states like Texas and Florida. This had a direct impact on the further decimation of the UI fund.

That's just one reason why, by the spring of 2020, California's UI Fund was depleted and continued to fall further behind. This required even more borrowing from the federal government.

Even worse, California was suffering from a second epidemic: an epidemic of massive fraud in the administration of unemployment insurance claims. On Gov. Gavin Newsom's watch, the Employment Development Department (EDD) failed to process a backlog of claims for hundreds of thousands of unemployed Californians while sending out as much as \$30 billion in unemployment benefits for phony claims, including fraudulent claims paid to death row inmates.

Much too late, after several legislative hearings on the lack of oversight of EDD, there were modest corrective actions taken. But this was the epitome of closing the barn door after the horses bolted.

If anyone believes that the massive EDD fraud didn't impact ordinary taxpayers, they couldn't be more wrong. California's to pay benefits, it must employers are directly borrow money from the responsible for the cost of federal fund to satisfy EDD providing benefits

on fraudulent claims, which means that all of us must absorb the cost of this inexcusable lack of oversight.

Perhaps the most important thing for taxpayers to know about California's unemployment insurance program is how insolvent it is. EDD itself projects that at year's end the UI Fund's total debt will exceed \$19 billion. Moreover, the U.S. Department of Labor confirms that California's debt problem is the worst of any state, with an accumulated debt that exceeds the debt of all other states combined.

Again, in the competition between states, it is notable that most other states have no outstanding debt because they used Covid relief funds from Washington to pay down their Ul loans. For example, Texas approved a \$7.2 billion payment and has eliminated its UI debt entirely.

What about California? Because of its insolvency, it must pay \$470 million in interest payments alone to the federal government. That's nearly half a billion that could otherwise go to education, transportation, or public safety. Worse yet, this is an annually recurring expense.

Remember just last June when California had a \$95 billion surplus? That would have been the time to increase the payments to the federal government to reduce our UI debt. But now, the LAO tells us we have a \$25 billion deficit "problem."

So let's just chalk this up as another missed opportunity for the Golden State. And citizen taxpayers, as well as California's beleaguered business community, are paying the price.

Jon Coupal is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. ★



