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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over this Holiday Season

MADD California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - This holiday season, the California region of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and local law enforcement to share the message about the dangers of drunk driving.

MADD, NHTSA, OTS and local law enforcement partners want all drivers to remember this lifesaving message: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Drivers will see officers working together December 14, 2022, through January 1, 2023, looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The holidays are one of the most dangerous times on our nation's roadways as more people travel to celebrate with friends and family. According to NHTSA, California had the largest increase of any state in the number of lives lost in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in 2020 – an alarming 20% increase in the number of fatalities from 2019 to 2020. During the month of December 2020, 937 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, accounting for 29% of all traffic deaths. This is why MADD is working with local law enforcement to remind the public that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to the holiday festivities, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

"We know everyone is rushing around during the weeks leading up to the holidays, preparing for holiday gatherings and getting into the seasonal mood," said Patricia Rillera, MADD California State Executive Director. "If you plan to head out to festivities, make sure you plan a sober ride home because driving drunk should never be an option. Even one drink is one drink too many if you're the driver." Rillera said.

Understand the Risks
Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. If you're caught drinking and driving you could face jail time, lose your driver's license and your vehicle, and pay up to \$22,000 in attorney's fees, fines, higher insurance rates, and lost wages, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California.

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Anderson and Johnson Honored for Historic Birthdays

By Shaun Holkko, assistant editor

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Two Rancho Cordova pillars were recently honored for reaching a milestone: turning ninety years old!

Guy Anderson and Erika Johnson were honored on December 10 by the County of Sacramento for each turning 90 recently. Johnson's birthday was on November 30 and Anderson's birthday was five days later on December 5.

"Whereas, Erika is enduring and generous in her support of community organizations as well as civic activities and projects benefiting worthwhile causes in the Rancho Cordova community," part of Johnson's proclamation from the Board of Supervisors read. "Erika's strong sense of community, witty sense of humor,



Guy Anderson is presented the County of Sacramento proclamation by Rancho Cordova Vice Mayor Linda Budge (middle) and District 5 Supervisor Don Nottoli's Chief of Staff Rebecca Sloan on December 10 at Anderson's daughter's house in Fair Oaks. Photo by Rick Sloan

and spunky disposition continue to be a blessing to all those who have come to know and love her."

Anderson is a Cordova legend who led the

Cordova baseball program for 45 years.

"It's outstanding and just real heart-filling that I've had since it came from Don Nottoli and the

Board of Supervisors," Anderson expressed to the Grapevine Independent on December 16.

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Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Santa's workshop isn't the only place churning out toys for kids this time of year. The Sacramento Sheriff's Toy Project has been helping to build and deliver toys to children in Sacramento County since 1984, all while providing important hands-on job skills and education to inmates from Sacramento County's correctional facilities.

The Sacramento Sheriff's Toy Project functions as the charitable arm of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. Participants of the Sheriff's Work Project spend their court-ordered jail sentence making toys and furniture, sewing and embroidery work and learning bicycle repair on donated bicycles.

"Even though we're called the Sacramento Sheriff's Toy Project, we're not all about toys; that's just how it started," said Chief Deputy LeeAnne Dra Marchese, who serves as the President of the Sheriff's Toy Project. "Sheriff's Toy Project is a year-round program supporting the less fortunate children and families in the Sacramento area."

"We support area schools with after-school programs, school supplies, computers, clothing, shoes, jackets, bikes for transportation, summer kid's camps and support scholarships for college-bound students."

The Sheriff's Toy Project donates to more than 7,500 children and families



The Sacramento Sheriff's Department Annual Toy Drive on November 19, 2022, with Walmart. Left to right: Deputy Kristy Walls (far left front), Deputy Nick Thompson (far right front) with teenagers with our Sheriff's Explorer's Program and Youth Leadership Council. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Sheriff's Department



Sacramento Sheriff's Toy Project at their Annual Toy Drive in November with Walmart. Left to right: Deputy Anna Vo, Lt. Rodney Grassmann and Sheriff's Record's Officer Brianna Chuong. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Sheriff's Department

during the holiday season. In addition to their annual holiday toy and food giveaway, the Sheriff's Toy Project helps fund the Santa Claus Project where Sheriff's Deputies distribute stockings and gifts each Christmas Eve to individuals experiencing homelessness and to children in area hospitals.

Toy Project also provides emergency relief and special request items

throughout the year for families in crisis, like those who have lost their homes to fire or other disasters.

According to Chief Deputy Marchese, "The participants in the Sheriff's Toy Project oftentimes find the experience so fulfilling that they come back to volunteer, even after they've been released."

To learn more about the Toy Project, visit toyproject.org/ ★

Toying with Perception: The Marvelous Cakes of Jewel Burgess

Visit RC News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The meal arrives on a black platter. Butter mixed with herbs melts atop the grill-marked surface of a juicy T-bone steak. A savory baked potato with a helping of sour cream sits to the side. And to top it all off, a hefty mug of frothing Budweiser promises to quench one's thirst.

But cutting into this bountiful meal will yield a surprise. For the steak isn't medium rare, it's red velvet cake; and the bubbling beer isn't liquid at all, but cake of the pumpkin spice variety.

"I'm known for people looking and having to think, 'Is that cake or is it not?'" said Jewel Burgess, owner of Cake Jewel Custom Cakes. "That's my whole motivation, capturing that wow factor."

And Burgess' hyper-realistic cakes are the epitome of wow. From pancake breakfasts and hamburgers to zombie sculptures and cakes that look like hats, Burgess' baked goods are masterfully crafted works that toy with perception. And her talents haven't gone unnoticed.

Since launching Cake Jewel Custom Cakes in 2015, Burgess has appeared and competed on multiple Warner Bros. Discovery Networks shows, including Food Network's Halloween Wars, Cakealikes and The Big Bake, among others.

"Cakes have consumed my life, literally," said Burgess. "The last thing I think about before I go to sleep is, 'What cake can I make that can wow you?' Because that's my whole purpose in this."

"It's not just a cake; it's an experience," she added.

Burgess didn't start baking with the intent of becoming a professional. She simply wanted to bake a cake to celebrate her son Benjamin's first birthday. At the time, Benjamin was obsessed with Mickey Mouse so Burgess decided to bake a two-tier Mickey Mouse Clubhouse cake.

"I never decorated cakes, never made anything from scratch," said Burgess, who dove head-first into the culinary art. "When I took the cake to the party, people were like, 'This is so cute! Where did you get it?'" I was like, 'I made it!'

"The next month,



Since launching Cake Jewel Custom Cakes in 2015, Jewel Burgess has appeared and competed on multiple Warner Bros. Discovery Networks shows, including Food Network's Halloween Wars, Cakealikes and The Big Bake, among others. Photos courtesy of Jewel Burgess

someone asked me if I could make their daughter's first birthday cake," she added. "That cake request turned into another and another and then all of a sudden, I was posting cakes on Facebook and Instagram, almost every week."

And thus, a business was born. As Burgess shared her creations online, she continued honing her craft, learning the ins and outs of the Play-Doh-like fondant icing. Every day, she sculpted and baked, and sculpted and baked.

"It was about a year and a half after I started baking and putting everything online, that's when the Food Network contacted me," said Burgess, who successfully auditioned for the channel and was placed on a show. She spent 10 days in Los Angeles filming the baking series. She and her team won two of the three episodes in which they appeared.

"I came back, and I started, little by little, specializing in more reality-based cakes," said Burgess. "I started looking into more specialized techniques and looking at finding a mentor and it just grew from there."

As Burgess' business grew, she continued making appearances on Food Network shows. Most recently, she appeared on Food Network Canada's The Big Bake.

Though her cakes have put her on the national stage, Burgess is through and through Rancho Cordovan. She's lived in the city for the last 48

years, moving here when she was two years old, and over the years, she's watched the city develop and grow, all the while making it a central hub for her life and business.

"I love Rancho Cordova," said Burgess. "This city has just really expanded. It's a wonderful place for families and it's a tight community because if you live here long enough, everyone knows everyone."

In addition to creating custom cakes, Burgess also hosts baking classes, teaching her hyper-realistic style to the masses. In a recent class, she and her students created a cake that looks like a short stack of pancakes.

"They did awesome," said Burgess of the class. "They were so excited and kept sending pictures of their cakes to friends and family."

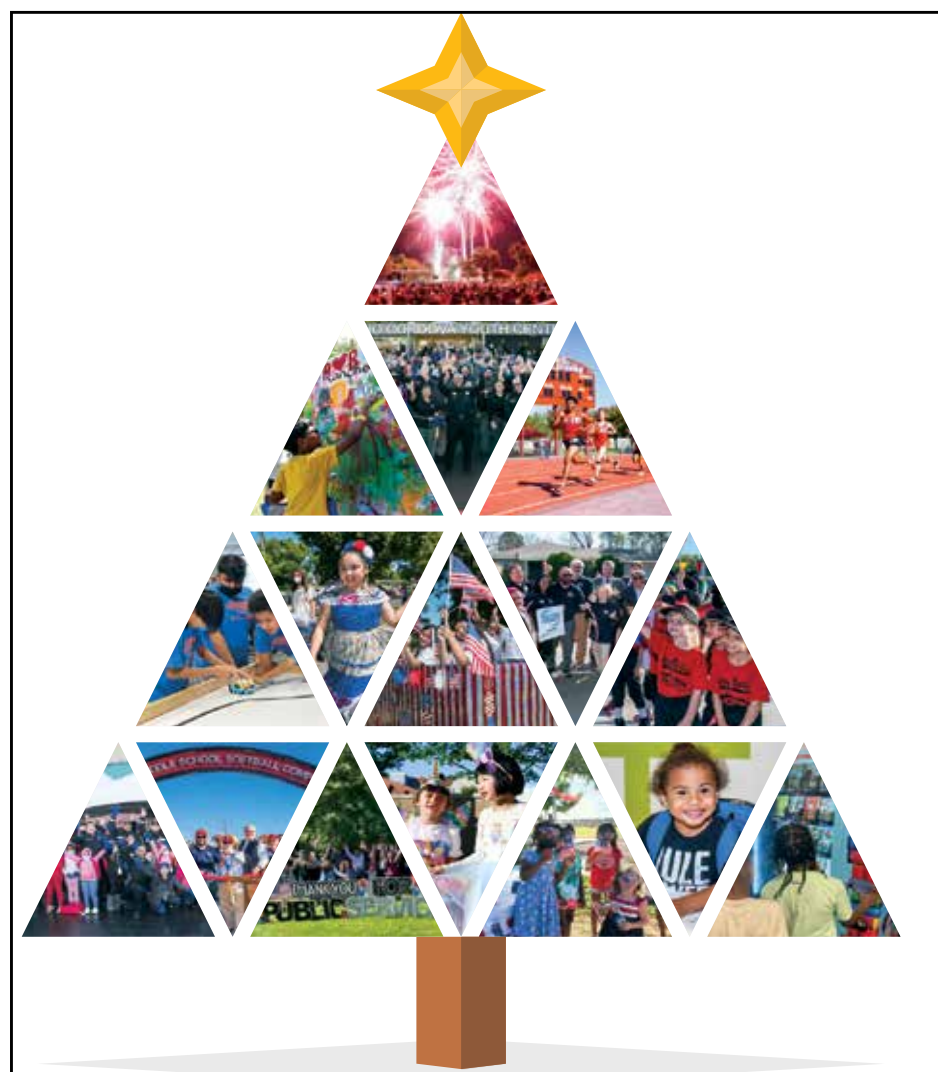
One common thread throughout Burgess' life is that she has the soul of an artisan. Whether it's baking, crafting jewelry or designing clothes, any mode of expression is an outlet for her.

"I love art," she added, reflecting on her motivations. "I love to share it; I love to make people smile. I don't like to do anything boring."

"Although baking is fun, it's not my passion; my passion is art and creativity."

And who says art can't be delicious too?

Find out more about Jewel Burgess and Cake Jewel Custom Cakes by following @cake_jewel on Instagram or visiting www.cakejewel.com ★



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Cordova Head Football Coach Named



John Patrick "JP" Dolliver has been named the new Cordova High School head football coach. Courtesy photo

FCUSD News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Folsom Cordova is pleased to announce John

Patrick "JP" Dolliver as the new Cordova High School head football coach.

Coach Dolliver comes to us from El Camino High School where he led the team to success on the field, making the 2021 playoffs, and more importantly, created a winning culture with a strong emphasis on character and high academic achievement. With over 30 years of coaching experience spanning from youth football to the collegiate level, with the last eight years as a high school head coach, Coach Dolliver understands the importance of incorporating education,

community, and athletics. He states, "I strive to create an environment that fosters a challenging and worthwhile high school experience for my scholar-athletes."

His colleagues have said that JP lives by the 4 C's: Commitment, Courage, Compassion, and (Quiet) Confidence. He instills these virtues in his student-athletes, on and off the field, as a coach who leads by example.

Coach Dolliver is a husband, father of two girls, and mentor to his students. His passion for football and student success will serve the Lancers well. ★

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players who went on to play in Major League Baseball (MLB) and racked up 927 wins over four plus decades leading the Lancers.

"I think my record speaks for itself, not trying to be political, but I think my record speaks for itself in my involvement. I was an administrator, an athletic director and a teacher for Cordova High School for 45 years."

Anderson also had six terms over 24 years for the Cordova Recreation and Park District (CRPD) as a board member.

"I came here in 1963 and opened Cordova High School brand new," Anderson said. "It's just been a pleasure to be in this community."

Nov. 30, 2022 is now known as "Erika Johnson Day" in Sacramento County. Dec. 5, 2022 is now known as "Guy Anderson Day" in Sacramento County.

"When you hit 90 and you look back, I've had a wonderful time with everything I've done in the area of Rancho Cordova," Anderson said. ★



Nov. 30, 2022 is now known as "Erika Johnson Day" in Sacramento County. Photo by Rick Sloan



Dec. 5, 2022 is now known as "Guy Anderson Day" in Sacramento County. Photo by Rick Sloan

Visit Rancho Cordova Celebrates One Year at New Offices



Visit Rancho Cordova celebrates a year in its offices with an official ribbon cutting. Pictured in the front row from left to right: Lisa Leonti Nottingham, Dawn Hall, Aubrey Hall, Greg Watry, Marc Sapoznik, Maggie Thyken Huss and Leena Riggs. Photo courtesy of Visit Rancho Cordova

Visit Rancho Cordova News

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Visit Rancho Cordova, the official tourism organization for Rancho Cordova, recently celebrated one year in its new office location on Trade Center Drive on Friday, December 2. The occasion was marked by an official ribbon cutting ceremony that featured City of Rancho Cordova officials, local dignitaries and friends.

"We're so thankful for the continuous support of the city, our business partners and the local community," said Marc Sapoznik, chief executive officer/president of Visit Rancho Cordova. "This ribbon cutting signifies a new era for Visit Rancho Cordova. We're building our team and positioning ourselves for a successful 2023 and future."

Diann Rogers, president and chief executive officer of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce, presented Visit Rancho Cordova with an official proclamation during the ribbon cutting ceremony. A celebratory cake was designed and provided by Jewel Burgess of Cake Jewel Custom Cakes.

As part of the event, the Visit Rancho Cordova team held a holiday decorating competition in the office. Each

department transformed their areas into a winter wonderland, featuring holiday-themed crime scenes, the Polar Express and a Charlie Brown Christmas. Guests at the ribbon cutting then voted for their favorite "holiday scene." The Sales Department, with their holiday-themed crime scenes, won the competition. Their holiday crime scenes asked the questions, "Which reindeer ran over grandma?" and "Who melted Frosty the Snowman?"

"It was great to hold a formal gathering to celebrate our new location," said Sapoznik. "Now more than ever, we're charged up and ready to show why Rancho Cordova is a great place to visit and live in. We look forward to making more waves in the community soon."

Visit Rancho Cordova serves as the tourism bureau for Rancho Cordova. With 17 lodging properties within the city limits, Rancho Cordova is the ideal base camp to explore Gold Country and northern California. With 880,000 visitors annually, tourism in Rancho Cordova delivers nearly \$200 million in economic impact annually.

For more information on Rancho Cordova, visit www.visitranhocordova.com ★

Roundtable Responds to Governor Newsom's New Oil Profit Penalty Tax

California Business Roundtable News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable, issued the following statement on December 5, 2022, in response to Governor Newsom's oil profits penalty tax proposal:

"Let's be clear, the governor's proposed profit 'penalty' is just a tax by another name and will raise the price at the pump even higher for hardworking California families. The Energy Commission, industry experts, and economists have all pointed to actions by the state—including

the more than \$1.08 per gallon of taxes and fees—as the main culprit for California's persistently high gas prices. But instead of addressing the costs his and previous administrations have added to gasoline as a result of their energy policies, Governor Newsom is trying to distract with a political ploy that will make our gas price crisis even worse. The governor is sending a message to investors and companies across the country that California now intends to start micromanaging business decisions, in addition to the myriad and growing regulations, high taxes and policies that continue to make California the worst place in the nation to do business." ★

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over this Holiday Season

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these safe party tips, especially for those hosting this holiday season: The safest choice is to never drink and drive. Plan ahead and designate a sober driver, use a ride service or public transportation, call a taxi or a sober friend to get home safely. Confirm your party guests have a plan for a safe way home and offer non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers and those who do not drink. If you see a suspected

drunk driver on the road, as soon as it is safe call 911 to report them. Don't let your friends drive impaired. Take the keys away and arrange to get your friend home safely or invite them to stay the night.

For more safe party tips, visit MADD.ORG/SAFEPARTY. For more information about the 2022 Holiday Season Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving>. ★

Important Holiday Recycling and Trash Collection Service Notice

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

From **December 26 until January 13**, Rancho Cordova residents can recycle their live-cut tree at no additional cost! Recycle your tree one of these ways:

- Cut your tree into pieces to fit inside your organic waste cart with the lid shut on your organic waste collection day.
- Set your live-cut tree at the curb on your trash collection day.

Please no artificial trees, flocked trees or trees with decorations.

For questions, please call **916.638.9000**



Attention Rancho Cordova Residents:

Your normal recycling, trash and organic waste collection day will NOT be affected by the upcoming holiday season.



County Honors Supervisor Nottoli Upon Retirement

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After a 44-year career with Sacramento County, District 5 Supervisor and Board Chair Don Nottoli has banged the gavel for the last time as a County elected official, upon his retirement.

Nottoli closed the Dec. 14 Board meeting—the last meeting of the year—with thanks to colleagues, constituents, County residents and friends for their support over his long and storied career.

Nottoli was first elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in November 1994. Prior to the election, he served as chief assistant to former Fifth District County Supervisor Toby Johnson for 16 years.

The Supervisor represented the County's Fifth District, which encompasses 650 square miles and includes the cities of Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton and Rancho Cordova, as well as rural farming areas and communities in the southern portion of Sacramento County and the Delta.

Nottoli is the longest-serving supervisor in the County's history.

The Board Chambers was packed with well-wishers for the Dec. 14 meeting, in which the Board presented a resolution honoring Nottoli on the occasion of his retirement.

Comments from Nottoli's colleagues on the Board, County staff and the public noted his



Sacramento County Supervisors Sue Frost (D4), Patrick Kennedy (D2), Board Chair Don Nottoli (D5), Phil Serna (D1) and Vice Chair Rich Desmond (D3) stand together as the Board of Supervisors for the last time on December 14. County Clerk of the Board Florence Evans joins them on the far left. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

kind and caring nature, his tireless work and dedication to public service, his compassion and advocacy for animals and vulnerable residents and his service on many boards and commissions.

"You are a very caring, compassionate human being," said County Executive Ann Edwards. "You really listen and you are always respectful. We will miss you."

Some notable accomplishments for Nottoli include the development of Mather Veterans Village; establishment of a senior safe house for elderly residents; investments in the Bradshaw Animal Shelter to improve care for the animals and achieve a greater than 90% live release rate; and his advocacy for the



The Sac County Board of Supervisors celebrated Supervisor Don Nottoli's 44 years of service. Chief of Staff Rebecca Sloan (left) and Special Assistant Jasmine Osmany flank the Supervisor. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento Delta.

Sacramento County Supervisors spoke at the meeting, bidding a fond farewell to their respected colleague.

"You and I are more

than just colleagues; we're close friends," said District 1 Supervisor Phil Serna. "You have proved to be an invaluable mentor. I think County governance is a special call to service. You

really have taught me a great deal about the import of public service."

"One of the joys of my public life, in 30 years of service, has been the eight years I spent serving with you," said District 2 Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. "Thank you for your service, friend."

"You epitomize what it means to be an elected official," said District 3 Supervisor and Vice Chair Rich Desmond. "It's not only your direct service to the public, but your devotion to good government."

"I want to thank you for your consistent inspirational leadership and your help along the way," said District 4 Supervisor Sue Frost. "I know you'll enjoy [retirement], and I wish you every happiness."

Nottoli closed the meeting with thanks to all whom he worked with over the years, and with appreciation for the support and love of his wife and family. "This [career] has exceeded my wildest expectations," said Nottoli. "I will treasure the comments and reflections... that are emblematic of a life shared with all of you and many others."

"It's been a tremendous honor, it's been a tremendous privilege, to serve the people of this County. Thank you all so very much."

With that, after a standing ovation from all in chambers and the bang of a gavel, concludes the extraordinary service of a dedicated Sacramento County public servant. ★

Audacy and Hyundai Collect Toys for Local Children



Audacy Sacramento staff pictured from left to right: Myki Angeline, Mollie Kendrick, Catalina Lira, DJ Squintz, Justin Case, Katie and Gavin, Pat Martin, Damien Barling, Karla Zaragoza, Kenny Caraway, Charlie Mallonee and Zephyr. Courtesy photo

Audacy News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Audacy Sacramento teamed up with Roseville Hyundai, Elk Grove Hyundai and Folsom Lake Hyundai for "Delivering Christmas," a toy drive benefiting local children in the foster care system. All toys collected benefit Stanford Sierra Youth and Families, who will distribute toys to children throughout the Sacramento area.

From November 21 to December 10, ALT 94.7 (KKDO-FM), 96.9 The Eagle (KSEG-FM), 98 Rock (KRXQ-FM), 102.5 KSFM (KSFM-FM), 106.5 The End (KUDL-FM), and ESPN 1320 (KIFM-FM) devoted on-air programming to encourage listeners to deliver new, unwrapped toys to Hyundai locations throughout the region. The campaign culminated with an event at Folsom Lake Hyundai on December 10, featuring stations' on-air talent who were present to help spread cheer for those that came to make donations.

"We're extremely proud to have collaborated with some of our local Hyundai dealers to help make the holiday season a little brighter for the children of our community," said Stacey Kauffman, Regional Vice President, Audacy Northern California. "Events like these demonstrate radio's ability to leverage its voice to bring listeners together in times of need, and this event is a testament to the local connection our brands have with them."

"There are so many families in need here in our own backyard," said Chris Shaffer, President, Sacramento Hyundai Dealers.

"The Sacramento Hyundai Dealers were happy to partner with Audacy and Stanford Sierra Youth and Families to help fill those needs and make the holiday a little bit brighter for some Sacramento children."

"We filled up two vehicles of toys and we are so thankful for those that provided toys and cash donations," said Karla Zaragoza, Community Engagement Manager, Stanford Sierra Youth and Families. "Items collected will go to serve children in of our mental health of foster care programs."

Supporters can continue to make monetary donations by visiting www.ssyaf.org/donate.

Stanford Sierra Youth & Families provides a continuum of care to empower youth and families to overcome challenges together, as well as connects youth in foster care to the permanent loving families they need and deserve. They support the entire family with professional treatment and compassionate care, so every youth has the opportunity to thrive at home, in school, and in the community.

Audacy is committed to supporting the health and success of the communities that are the heart of its business. "Delivering Christmas" is a part of Audacy Serves, the Company's social impact platform that raises awareness of social issues and brings communities together for good. Audacy unites with its listeners and brands to support sound communities through several pillars of impact: mental health and anti-bullying, veterans and service members, children's health, the environment, civic education, and diversity, equity and inclusion. ★



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By Bob McGarvey

And Another Thing Merry Christmas to You All!

I imagine quite a few of you are receiving calendars for 2023 from different organizations. We have collected quite a few calendars at my house. They are from the American Legion, from the VFW, from Red Cross, Boys Town, D.A.V., The National Vietnam War Museum, the Shriners Children's Hospital, Museum of President Harry S. Truman, Museum of President Ronald Reagan, and there are too many to remember at the moment. However, each of those calendars is so very interesting because they are part of our history, and most of what you see on them are things which you may not see in a regular history text book. If you can take a moment and read what is important or interesting, you will find something new to you.

I received a calendar this year from "The Official 2023 Judicial Watch Calendar." The "Judicial Watch" is new to me, and I will try to learn more about it and what it has done about its 29 years. However, at the moment, I am very interested in what their calendar shows of "Currier & Ives." I don't know how many of my column readers may have seen the prints or lithographs of Currier and Ives. Judicial Watch President Thomas Fitton talked about what is on their calendar.

"Nathaniel Currier founded his print business in 1835 and was joined by James Ives in 1857. Together, over the next several decades they published lithographs — many representing significant phases and events in our young nation, including America's many achievements and free society. In all, from 1835 to 1907 the firm produced in excess of 7,500 different titles,

totaling more than one million prints."

He further said, "The Currier & Ives prints we selected for our 2023 Calendar provides us with not only a nostalgic look back at America's past, but also a poignant look back at America's past, but also a poignant reminder of just how exceptional a nation we remain." This is just one of the many calendars I received this year. What it gave me, and now what I was able to give to you, is an example what those calendars also give us. Make the time to look at them if you would like. I think you will enjoy and learn from them. If you haven't seen Currier & Ives, look them up and see what beauty is available to you, to your kids, and to your friends too.

The NASA's Orion capsule made a great return from the moon and landed in the Pacific Ocean on Sunday, December 11, 2022. I remember when millions around the world were watching and listening as Apollo 8 astronauts became the first humans to orbit another world. I looked up the names of those astronauts. They were Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders. They sent to the earth a message from their Apollo 8. Each of the astronauts read part of the message, and when they were finished they said Merry Christmas from the Moon. That was something I will never forget.

When you start reading this column it will only be two days before Christmas, and you'll be checking all of the presents on all of the lists you probably have in front of you. That will probably be me too. That brings back memories of Christmas of the past and the lists from our children when our family was just beginning. That kind of memory is a golden part of Christmas. Merry Christmas to you all. ★

Which California School Districts are Run Well?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom is fond of characterizing his state as a national — or even global — model in all things good, from economic clout to fighting climate change.

One conspicuous absence on his list of California's virtues is its public education system, for good reason.

In statewide and nationwide tests of K-12 academic achievement, California lags badly behind. Learning is especially deficient among children from poor families, but even kids from affluent California families tend to lag behind those in other states.

To the extent that this educational crisis receives any attention in the state Capitol, the discussion is almost always confined to money, on the fanciful notion that spending more will automatically increase academic attainment.

One reason money doesn't solve the problem is that the state provides very little oversight on how the money is spent, including the extra funds that local school systems receive specifically to close the achievement gap. State education officials intervene only when local systems are flirting with insolvency.

Some school districts spend their money wisely and effectively and some

don't and outcomes largely hinge on the quality of their governance. Those with engaged and committed boards and administrators tend to have better outcomes than those with inconsistent, politics-driven and often chaotic governance.

That's why a massive effort to judge how well California's local school systems are structured and managed is welcome.

Arun Ramanathan, CEO of Pivot Learning, an Oakland-based non-profit organization that advises school systems on improving instruction, created a series of benchmarks to gauge how well school districts are prepared to embrace reforms. He also created a website that allows the public to view the results for every school district with at least 2,500 students.

"Despite billions in investment and decades of effort, new reform efforts rarely have intended impacts at the district, school and classroom level, and sustained improvement is rare," Ramanathan told EdSource, a website of education journalism. "There are rarely insights into why. The District Readiness Index resulted from that questioning."

The ratings cover five "domains" — community relations, finance, leadership, personnel policies and workplace conditions. Users can see how the districts score in each, with overall ratings designated by colors. Blue is the best, yellow is in the middle and orange is the worst.

The grading process resulted in about half of the 420 districts getting yellow grades and about 40% blue marks with roughly two dozen placed in the orange

category, meaning they have "few foundations" for achieving needed reforms.

Some of the state's largest districts are colored orange, including Los Angeles Unified, whose enrollment approaches 10% of the state's 6 million public school students.

It's not surprising that LA Unified, Oakland Unified, San Francisco Unified and Sacramento Unified received low marks because all have been in constant political turmoil and financial distress of their own making.

Three of the large districts — San Diego Unified, Elk Grove Unified and San Juan Unified — escaped the orange designation and are marked as yellow.

A few large districts achieved blue status for being well prepared, including Fresno Unified, Long Beach Unified and San Bernardino Unified. But most of the blue districts tend to be either in affluent suburbs — no surprise there — or in rural areas.

Most interestingly, the blue list includes a number of districts with large numbers of poor students, such as Brawley and Calexico in poverty stricken Imperial County.

The District Readiness Index provides new ammunition for the school reform movement in California, which seeks to elevate students' welfare over the petty politics, particularly in Los Angeles Unified and other large districts, that sabotage their educations.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Triple Threat to California's Budget



Commentary by Jon Coupal

There is near unanimity among economists that the United States will experience a recession in 2023. Last month, the Conference Board predicted a 96 percent likelihood of a recession in the U.S. within the next 12 months due primarily to the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes.

Relative to other states, California is ill-prepared to weather a recession, especially a severe one. But even without a recession, California's Legislative Analyst predicts a \$25 billion shortfall for fiscal 2023-24. The deficit, which the LAO calls a budget "problem," is mainly attributable to revenue estimates that are \$41 billion lower than previous budget projections.

Moreover, the LAO acknowledges that programs which include inflation adjustments will make the problem worse: "Our estimate of a \$25 billion budget problem understates the actual budget problem in inflation-adjusted terms."

Particularly surprising is that all this bad news from the LAO doesn't even assume that a recession is imminent. "While our lower revenue estimates incorporate the risk of a recession, they do not reflect a recession scenario." If a recession does occur in 2023, the LAO says that revenues could be \$30 billion to \$50 billion below its initial revenue outlook.

If the legislature took seriously the report from the LAO, it would take immediate action to blunt the damage from the economic downturn predicted for 2023. But that is unlikely because California's political leadership lacks the will to reduce spending as well as the high tax burden which drives that spending. Government spending is California's growth industry, exploding 600% since 1989-90. (\$49.1 billion to \$303 billion).

California's out of control spending leads to the second reason why an economic downturn will hurt California more than other states: A reduced tax base due to outmigration of businesses and productive taxpaying individuals.

This column has reported numerous times on how California's high taxes, heavy regulations and lack of affordable housing have led to an exodus out of California. The well-known satire site, Babylon Bee, recently featured an image of a high speed train emblazoned with a U-Haul logo with the caption: "U-Haul Builds Bullet Train from California to Texas." Humorous, but capital flight out of California is no laughing matter.

A recent report from the Hoover Institute is downright frightening: "In 2021, California business headquarters left the state at twice their rate in both 2020 and 2019, and at three times their rate in 2018. In the last three years, California lost eleven Fortune 1000 companies, whose exits negatively affect California's economy today. But California also is risking its economic future as much smaller but rapidly growing unique businesses are leaving, taking their innovative ideas with them."

Because California is overly reliant on high-wealth individuals paying the lion's share of income

tax revenue, their departure inflicts a disproportionate level of harm to the state budget. As California experienced in the last recession, the drop in revenue from stock options and capital gains exposes California to a vulnerability not shared by other states. But that's not all.

Governor Gavin Newsom touts California's status as the leader in high tech and venture capital. But other states are cashing in on California's reputation as an anti-business state. According to a Bloomberg report on initial public offerings (IPOs), only nine companies headquartered in California went public during the first three quarters of 2022. More troubling was that California's share of U.S. IPO proceeds fell to 2% through Sept. 30, compared with 39% for 2021.

The final concern for California is the fact that the U.S. House of Representatives, the house of origin for all appropriations, is now under the control of Republicans. For two years, right-leaning states have watched California receive favorable treatment from Washington from everything from High Speed Rail funds and other special projects. (Remember Nancy Pelosi's securing \$200 million for a park within walking distance from her home?) The extent to which California received more than its "fair share" of federal assistance is a matter of debate. But the odds of Congress going out of its way to help California with its budget "problem" are now zero.

The only silver lining to this very dark cloud is that a recession may finally force the tax-and-spend politicians in Sacramento to do something they haven't done in decades: Reduce waste and prioritize spending.

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

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Volunteers to Spend Christmas with Unhoused Community, Providing Essentials

Elevate News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As the season of giving begins and many in our community have been financially impacted by inflation, local Facebook Group, Christmas in the Park Sacramento, is encouraging community members to not forget Sacramento's most vulnerable population - the unhoused, this holiday season.

"I have been doing Christmas in the Park for 23 years and I will continue to do it every year, for the rest of my life because helping Sacramento's homeless community has become my family tradition," said Judy Serafini, Founder of Christmas in the Park Sacramento. "I am grateful for our Facebook group and its members who come together to reach more people and coordinate this incredible team effort."

When Judy began Christmas in the Park in 1999, she gathered a few close friends and family to scrape together small reusable bags with essential items people experiencing homelessness often need. On top of each bag was a dollar bill. Through the years, the donations got bigger and bigger, growing from a small bag to a shoe box to a backpack overflowing with donations. The \$1 bill she put on each

bag has also grown - now it's always a \$5 bill.

Christmas in the Park Sacramento is now a public Facebook Group with nearly 200 local members, many of whom have been participating in the event for years and others who will be participating for the first time this Christmas. Volunteers coordinate these donations through Facebook and fill backpacks with the donated supplies. Judy's found the most effective way for her to get the items needed in each bag is to post an Amazon link for members of the group to order from and send the package directly to her house. On Christmas morning, the group meets at Caesar Chavez Park in Downtown at 7am and begins handing out the backpacks, along with a \$5 bill.

With Christmas quickly approaching, the group is still in need of donations to be able to provide each unhoused individual with a backpack. Those who are interested in donating items are encouraged to join the Christmas in the Park Sacramento Facebook group. If individuals are not able to donate or volunteer, they are still encouraged to show up and take in the beautiful feeling of being a part of a local tradition on Christmas morning that will fill anyone's heart with goodness and gratitude. ★

Christmas is in your Heart

Commentary by Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas once started for me when the JC Penny and Sears catalogs came in the mail. They came early in the Fall, and I wore them out looking at the toy section. By December the catalogs were in shambles.

My mother used to order clothes and other stuff from those catalogs. I don't remember her ever ordering toys. They usually came from the five and dime store in our town of Inez, KY or G.C. Murphy's store in Paintsville. Yet, the catalogs were fun and gave me ideas of the latest items for which to wish and hope.

I think my mother would enjoy the Internet today. She could order online like many of us are doing. Having Internet in the country is like having an updated Christmas catalog every day. There is always a means to shop and order. Back in that day ordering was tedious and arrival took weeks. Shipping back a dress that didn't fit was a long ordeal.

As a child there was always much more that I

saw, dreamed of and wished for than I ever received. Some Christmases were lean, and others were more abundant. Life is like that most of the time. We have hopes and wishes that never come true and some that do. It's nice when one or two come true.

We hope for good health and enough money to pay the bills. We hope for our children to have meaningful lives and to be independent. We hope for peace and to see positive results from our efforts in life. We would all like to be compensated well for the jobs we do. Being stuck in a job that is restraining with little hope of better wages is discouraging. Everyone deserves a life where internal inspiration can lead to reward and a better life.

The hardest part of life is when we feel hopeless. A terminal illness. Hard work with little to no reward. An empty house that isn't changing because you just buried a spouse. Failing when you may have tried hard or just decisions that didn't work out too well.

All of these and more can be

heartbreaking. Heartbreak doesn't do much for the Christmas spirit.

Those of us who have lived a few years know that Christmas doesn't come in a catalog, nor never did. It doesn't come on Black Fridays or cyber-Mondays. The multitude of Christmas programs don't bring Christmas. Decorated houses and trees are delightful but they don't create Christmas.

Christmas is an inside job. Christmas is in your heart and mind. The first Christmas was a peasant couple giving birth to a baby in a barn with a cow's trough for a crib. They were poor and just paying their taxes was about all they could afford. Yet, the child brought a joy they had never experienced.

In Luke chapter 2:19 we read "but Mary treasured up all these things and pondered in her heart..." Consider what and mainly who brings you joy and what really matters in your life and let there be Christmas in your heart during this season.

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California Farm Bureau Reacts to Initial 5% Water Allocation

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Water Resources on Thursday, December 1, announced an initial allocation of just 5% of requested 2023 water supplies from the State

Water Project. This comes after this year and 2021 both yielded final water allocations of 5%.

"Here we go again," said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson. "This means that 23 million people and 750,000 acres of farmland are facing another year of uncertainty

and economic hardships. California has failed to act on critical projects to provide additional water storage, stormwater capture and groundwater recharge that are needed to protect our farms and cities from water shortages in dry years.

"California's dismal leadership

insafeguarding our water resources harms our food production as consumers face rising prices at the grocery store. It also undercuts healthy crop production, which helps reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. California must have a more coherent water plan. Our

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08035
Ramos & Lecona Ventures, 2650 Larkspur Lane, Suite C, Redding, CA 96002 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Casa Ramos Mexican Restaurant" 10717 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 31, 2022.
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CASA 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08092
David Mykhayloych Karkhut, 8010 Fairlands Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kark Photo and Design / Kark Photo & Design" 8010 Fairlands Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 1, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
KARK 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08419
Automated Empire, LLC, 3316 Q Street, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Automated Appointment Engines" 3316 Q Street, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
AUTOMATED 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08435
Deborah Cunningham, 2011 Wright Street, Apartment 3, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Motivation-Merch" 2011 Wright Street, Apartment 3, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
MOTIVATION 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08265
King Speech Pathology Services, Inc., 4510 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Functional Cognitive Rehab" 4510 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
FUNCTIONAL 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-07677
Brockway Hair Design, 9260 Sierra College Boulevard, #350, Roseville, CA 95661 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brockway Hair Design" 2121 Golden Centre Lane, Suite 90, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
BROCKWAY 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08486
Tommy Lane Painting & Construction, 9478 Sidesaddle Drive, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "That 1 Painter Sacramento" 9478 Sidesaddle Drive, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
THAT 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-07825
TDK Construction Group, Inc. 331 Aquapher Way, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fidelis Builders" 7359 Farm Dale Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 24, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
FIDELIS 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08449
Sandy Abad Gomez, 1550 Pleasant Grove Boulevard, #117, Roseville, CA 95747 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vivi's Cleaning Services" 1550 Pleasant Grove Boulevard, #117, Roseville, CA 95747. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
VIVI 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08441
Dimityr Novikov 100 Cypress Lane, Roseville, CA 95678 and Vasily Minnikov, 2154 Dulce Avenue, Plumas Lake, CA 95961 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Valley Energy Solutions / Golden Valley Windows" 819 Striker Avenue, #6, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
GOLDEN 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08495
Brandy Michelle Krueg, 2316 Avocet Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Krueg Therapy Services," 2316 Avocet Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
KRUEG 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08399
Nicholas Allum, 7249 Madison Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)

"West Coast Wash Pros / WCWP," 7249 Madison Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
WEST 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08410
Candlelight Soap Co., LLC, 9071 Foothills Boulevard, Roseville, CA 95747 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Candlelight Soap Co., LLC," 8252 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
CANDELIGHT 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08409
Hellbound Creations, LLC, 9071 Foothills Boulevard, Roseville, CA 95747 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hellbound Creations, LLC," 8252 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022.
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HELLBOUND 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08417
Concrete Concepts Design by S Silva, 13901 Indio Drive, Sloughhouse, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Innovative Excavation" 13901 Indio Drive, Sloughhouse, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022.
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INNOVATIVE 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08413
S&G Tian Du, 7450 Clear Lake Alley, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DuoMiy Shop" 5301 Power Inn Road, #105, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2022.
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DUO 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08475
Ann M Turtle, 3561 Gold Creek Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Tortue Research" 3561 Gold Creek Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2022.
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BLUE 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08571
Bowl of Dreams, Inc., 2530 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shoki / Shoki's" 2530 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022.
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SHOKI 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08549
Paramees LLC, 2315 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cuckoo's Grill" 2315 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
CUCKOO 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08477
Lindsay Dilworth, 4133 A Judah Street, San Francisco, CA 94122 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Peacetree Pilates" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
PEACETREE 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08604
Joseph Sissac, 11878 Herodian Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Axon Press" 11878 Herodian Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 28, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
AXON 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08530
Andrew Obrigewitsch, 6712 Hillgen Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Full Stack Data Solutions" 6827 Kermit Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2022.
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FULL 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08628
Zen Life Organics, LLC, 10143 La Placita Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zenful Garden / Zenful Garden Organics / Zenful Garden Therapeutics / The Dancing Crane" 10143 La Placita Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2022.
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
ZEN 12-23-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08733
Donald Hartley Wright, 7749 Magnolia Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Barrett Wrestling Club" 7749 Magnolia Avenue, Fair Oaks,

CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2022.
Publish: Dec 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2022
BARRETT 12-30-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08526
Malorie Sassman, 8862 Sharkey Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lady Luxe Collection" 8862 Sharkey Avenue, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2022.
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LADY 12-30-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08762
Matthew Thomas Shannon, 5241 Rita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tip Top Movers" 5212 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2022.
Publish: Dec 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2022
TIP 12-30-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08592
Suzanne Walker, 8936 Ramstad Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fancy Paws Mobile Grooming" 8936 Ramstad Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 28, 2022.
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FANCY 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08743
Gonzalo Enriquez, 4706 Knapp Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chalo's Paint Touch Up" 4706 Knapp Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2022.
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
CHALO 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08717
Aaron Gongora, 7404 Breardridge Way, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Copper Leaf Cleaning Service" 7404 Breardridge Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 30, 2022.
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
COPPER 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08597
Monaghan's Creations LLC, 1600 Bell Street, Apt. 9, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fudging Around" 1600 Bell Street, Apt. 9, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 28, 2022.
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
FUDDING 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08718
MOMTAZ KIDS, 7301 Greenback Lane, #C, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Togos/Baskin Robin / Togos Baskin Robin" 7301 Greenback Lane, #C, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 30, 2022.
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
TOGOS 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08801
Ty Harris, 4720 Wreyford Court, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Acme Pool Care & Repair" 4720 Wreyford Court, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2022.
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ACME 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08807
Eric Coombs, 2733 Sheridan Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ENC Valet / Dominate Growth" 2733 Sheridan Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2022.
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ENC 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08872
Oracle Properties Development, Inc., 3451 Longview Drive, Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Booth Properties" 3451 Longview Drive, Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2022.
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
BOOTH 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08313
Jessica Thornhill, 8412 Miguel Way, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tummy's Sub Shop" 741 M Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2022.
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
TUMMY 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08894
Dmytro Strekozov, 2330 Vehicle Drive, Apt. 201, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DS Decor" 2330 Vehicle Drive, Apt. 201, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of

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DS 1-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08835
Nicholas E. Bloise, 4709 Foster Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Connections / Victorious Sales" 4709 Foster Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2022.
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CONNECTIONS 1-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08506
Time and Money, Inc., 8744 Gessnger Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hi&Buy Liquor" 5620 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2022.
Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023
HI 1-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09042
Dyton Levon Houston Jr., 11726 Arete Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clear View Gardening / Clear View Landscaping" 11726 Arete Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2022.
Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023
CLEAR 1-13-23

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

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.
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JESSE 1-13-23

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330010
Aspen Elizabeth Cloud Hall has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aspen Elizabeth Cloud Hall to Aspen Elizabeth Cloud.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 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: November 21, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ASPEN 12-23-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330066
Mohammad Fawaad and 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
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MOHAMMAD 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-003300774
Trung Huynh and Hong Nguyen have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diem-Vy Thuy Huynh to Vy Huynh.
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
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TRUNG 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-003300803
Gulmira Dastanbekova has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gulmira Dastanbekova to 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: November 22, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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KORYUN 12-23-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00329330
Cu The Khong has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cu The Khong to Anthony Minh Khong.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 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: November 14, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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CU 12-23-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00328631
Jeannine Galliani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jeannine Rebecca Galliani to Jeannine Rebecca Galliani-Peterson and Joshua Stephen Peterson to Joshua Stephen Galliani-Peterson.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

court at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 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: October 21, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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GALLIANI 12-30-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00328607
Alum S. Shon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alum S. Shon to Julianna Shon Kier.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 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: October 20, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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ALUM 12-30-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330041
Logan Nichole Reinert has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Logan Nichole Reinert to Logan Nichole Hunt.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on February 23, 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: November 21, 2022
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LOGAN 12-30-22

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 persons 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
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JULIANA 1-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330662
Mohammad Fawaad and 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
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MOHAMMAD 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-003301079
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
TAM 1-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330774
Trung Huynh and Hong Nguyen have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diem-Vy Thuy Huynh to Vy Huynh.
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
TRUNG 1-6-23

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 to 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: November 22, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
KORYUN 12-23-22

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 to 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: November 22, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022
KORYUN 12-23-22

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 persons 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
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331021

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NOTICE OF HEARING

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 NOTICE OF HEARING
 (FAMILY LAW)
 CASE NUMBER: 16FL00137
 Petitioner: Rahda Chand
 Respondent: Sushil Chand
 REQUEST FOR ORDER:
 Enforcement of Judgement;
 Appointment of Elison to Execute
 QDRO in Lieu of Respondent
 (Whereabouts Unknown)
 TO: Sushil Chand

A COURT HEARING WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS: January 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 123; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

WARNING to the person served with the Request for Order: The court may make the requested orders without you if you do not file a Responsive Declaration to Requests for Order (form FL-320), serve a copy on the other parties at least nine court days before the hearing (unless the court has ordered a shorter period of time), and appear at the hearing. (See form FL-320-INFO for more information.)
 Dated: October 7, 2022
 R. Gottschalk, Deputy Clerk, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento
 Attorney in Pro Per: Rahda Chand, 7624 Masters Street, Elk Grove, CA 95758; phone 916-247-4224.
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 CHAND 12-30-22

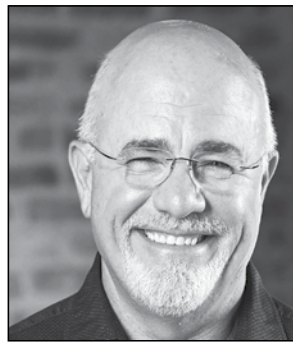
LIEN SALE
 2008 BMW 128I
 VIN WBAUN13508VH79690
 LICENSE NO. 8VSU368
 Sale Time: January 5, 2023; 8:00 AM
 Location: LJS Towing, 2600 North Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838
 Publish: Dec 23, 2022
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LIEN SALE
 2007 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE
 VIN 3GNFK123X7G293551
 LICENSE NO. 8Y05701
 Sale Time: January 5, 2023; 8:00 AM
 Location: LJS Towing, 2600 North Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838
 Publish: Dec 23, 2022
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY M. THOMAS
 CASE NO. 34-2021-00311779
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mary M. Thomas, deceased.
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by David Christopher Nelson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting David Christopher Nelson 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 February 23, 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. Zoom Telepresence: https://saccourt-ca.gov.zoomgov. Meeting: 16133529231
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the de-

ceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: David R. Morris, Esq., 5137 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 110, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 916-789-9810
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A Travel Agent for Guilt Trips

Dear Dave,
 My dad and his wife asked my husband and I for \$55,000. They want the money so they can pay off their debt. We're debt-free and have a net worth of between \$2 to 3 million, but we're also retired. We don't keep that much in the bank, so we'd have to draw from our retirement accounts - which is something we don't want to do. They've already approached other family members about this too. His wife is owed money at some point from a family settlement, but they don't want to wait that long. My dad said we should do this if we want them to get ahead and have anything left in their later years. My dad is 80, and his wife is in her late 70s. My husband and I are both in our 50s. Please tell me how to handle this.
 -Karla

Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Karla,
 In their later years? I'm not trying to be mean, but they're already in their later years.

I'm really sorry you're in this situation. Even though you're in your 50s, he's still your dad, and I know this hurts your heart. It's probably even tougher to accept the fact that he's being manipulative. I mean, seriously. What dad calls up his daughter with the idea he's entitled to \$55,000 of her money and starts acting like a travel agent for guilt trips in the process? That's just wrong.

Look, if the relationship and the situation were different, we might have something to talk about. With your net worth, you're not going to miss \$55,000 out of \$2 to 3 million. In a good relationship, I'd help my mom or dad like that in a heartbeat - just to help them out because they're older. But this situation already is what it is. Something tells me this isn't the first time he's behaved in a manipulative way. And if you say yes to this, then I've got a feeling it isn't the first time

you've caved into him. I'm worried you won't be able to live with yourself if you do this, and that it may cause a big rift between you and your husband.

It's wrong of your dad to treat you this way and put you in this situation. If you want to tell him your money's tied up, which it is, or you just don't like the way it feels, that's fine. But my advice is to try to step back from the emotions and come to the realization in your own head that no is a complete answer.

You don't have an ethical or moral obligation to give manipulative people money just because they're related to you.
 -Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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. ★

City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

RANCHO CORDOVA APARTMENTS - PROJECT NO. PLND-0821-0002 - MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW:

REQUEST: Major Design Review for a new apartment complex consisting of eleven (11) 3-story walk up buildings totaling 120 units. On site amenities include a clubhouse, pool area and playground.
OWNER/APPLICANT:
 CSS Properties Darin D Moore
 1508 Eureka Road, Suite 175 P.O. Box 1657
 Roseville, CA 95661 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
LOCATION/APN: 11650 Douglas Road; APN: 067-0030-078-0000
ZONING: General Commercial (GC)
ENVIRONMENTAL: The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15183: projects consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning.
PROJECT PLANNER: Darcy Goulart, Planning Manager

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

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

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Department at (916) 851-8720. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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States Must Do Better Protecting Unborn Life

Commentary by the Liberty Counsel

ORLANDO, FL (MPG) - Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has overruled the Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey abortion decisions, several states had ballot measures involving abortion. Three states added abortion provisions to their state Constitutions. Two states voted down measures that would restrict abortion.

California voters approved Proposition 1, introduced by Gov. Gavin Newsom, which explicitly protects abortion and contraceptive rights in the state Constitution.

Michigan voters also passed a ballot initiative to fortify abortion rights. Proposal 3 affirms a woman's right to make decisions "about all matters relating to pregnancy," including contraception, fertility, abortion and childbirth.

Vermont's Proposal 5 overwhelmingly passed and creates a constitutional right to "personal reproductive autonomy."

Regarding states attempting to protect unborn life, Kentucky's Amendment 2 was defeated which would have amended the state Constitution to explicitly state it doesn't "secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion."

In addition, voters in Montana voted against Legislative Referendum 131 which would expand rights for infants who are "born alive" after failed abortions, and

allow healthcare workers to face punishments if they don't give them proper medical treatment.

Liberty Counsel has filed amicus briefs at the state Supreme Courts in Indiana, South Carolina, Kentucky and Oklahoma on behalf of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) and the Frederick Douglass Foundation to uphold there is no right to abortion within the states' Constitutions and defend pro-life laws that limit the killing of innocent unborn children.

The NHCLC and Frederick Douglass Foundation represent millions of African Americans and Hispanics. These minority communities have been the direct target of abortion, and most Planned Parenthood's abortion clinics are in black and Hispanic neighborhoods. Liberty Counsel also filed an amicus brief on behalf of the NHCLC and the Frederick Douglass Foundation at the U.S. Supreme Court in the Dobbs abortion case. In overturning Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the High Court cited to this brief acknowledging that abortion has disproportionately impacted the black community.

Liberty Counsel's Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, "It is shameful that any state would vote to kill innocent unborn children in the womb. We must do better and make the womb a safe place - once again." ★

INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA
JANITORIAL SERVICES



Sealed Proposal will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City of Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova CA 95670, up to the hour of **11:00 A.M. on January 17, 2023** and will be publicly opened and read for Janitorial Services:

General Description - The City of Rancho Cordova is requesting proposals for Janitorial Services with expertise in Green Cleaning practices to maintain Rancho Cordova's City Hall, Police Station, Neighborhood Services Center, Corporation Yard, Mather Arts and Culture Center and the Rancho Cordova Youth Center.


A mandatory Pre-Submittal conference is scheduled for **January 10, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.** in the American River Room at Rancho Cordova City Hall located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Copies of the contract documents and specifications, including bid proposal forms are available on our City's website at www.cityofranhocordova.org.

For more information please contact: Laurel Bane at (916) 851-8953 or lbane@cityofranhocordova.org.

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Is the Drought Over?

Water providers still predict shortages next year

By Alastair Bland,
CALMatters

December has delivered a powerful punch of storms to California. But the wet weather comes with a dry dose of reality: The state's largest reservoirs remain badly depleted, projected water deliveries are low, wells are drying up, and the Colorado River's water, already diminished by a megadrought, is severely overallocated.

Throughout California, urban water managers are bracing for a fourth consecutive drought year. Nearly one out of every five water agencies — 76 out of 414 — in a recent state survey predict that they won't have enough water to meet demand next year. That means they are likely to impose more severe restrictions on customers, with some Southern California providers considering a ban on all outdoor watering.

While December's rain and snow show promise, water managers remember the same thing happened last year — epic early storms followed by the driest January through March in California's recorded history.

Last week the state announced an emergency regulation extending its ban on "wasteful water practices" through 2023. Included are watering while it's raining, running decorative fountains without recirculating flows and washing vehicles with hoses not fitted with automatic shutoff nozzles, among others.

Some regions of California have more water than they need. Sacramento reported a 173% surplus for 2023 to state officials. City spokesperson Carlos Eliason said Sacramento has a healthy system of community wells to draw from in addition to the Sacramento and American rivers.

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, serving 90,000 people in and around Eureka, reported an 834% surplus for 2023. Its main reservoir typically fills to the brim every year.

"Unfortunately, our system isn't connected to other systems, so we can't do anything to help our neighbors in other parts of the state, but we'd like to," said General Manager John Friedenbach.

Sonoma County's major reservoir was at just 39% of capacity last week, its lowest level ever recorded, but Don Seymour, the county water agency's deputy chief engineer, said there is no reason to panic. "That's still a lot of water," he said. "We could stretch that out into the spring of 2024."

But other regions of the state — mostly in Southern California — aren't as fortunate. Millions of Southern Californians will likely face outdoor watering restrictions or even bans, with probable exceptions made for the hand-watering of trees.

Most Southern Californians — 27 million people — rely at least partially on the State Water Project, a system of dams and canals that moves water from the Sacramento Valley to Southern California. On Dec. 1, the Department of Water Resources



Oroville, which is one of California's largest reservoirs, is only 59% of capacity as of December 12 — despite recent rains and snow. The reservoir is shown here in May 2022. Photo by Andrew Innerarity, California Department of Water Resources



Bidwell Canyon Marina showing Lake Oroville with a reservoir storage of 1,663,134 acre-feet (AF), 47 percent of the total capacity. Lake Oroville is located in Butte County, California. Photo taken July 6, 2022, by Florence Low/California Department of Water Resources

announced it will initially allocate just 5% of the supply that water districts requested from the state — bad news for those with no other water source.

Fort Bragg, on California's North Coast, nearly ran out of water in 2021, forcing management into a stage 4 "water crisis" mode. A small desalination unit, capable of processing 200 gallons per minute, was revved up to meet basic needs for the 7,500 local residents. Meanwhile, outlying communities, like the seaside bluff town of Mendocino and isolated inns, restaurants and homes, saw wells run dry. Fort Bragg delivery trucks, carrying water provided by the city of Ukiah, brought relief.

Things have improved for Fort Bragg. In 2022, late spring rains recharged its reserves, said John Smith, the city's director of public works. Its small reservoir is brim-full, and the desalination unit is ready to go if needed.

The city asked residents to use 20% less water, which they did — plus some.

"We asked for 20%, and they conserved 30%," he said.

Earlier this year, Californians were slow to respond to drought warnings. In fact, their usage went up last spring. Californians emerged from the driest January, February and March on record with the biggest jump in water use since the drought began: a nearly 19% increase in March compared to two years earlier.

But many Californians have stepped up since then. In October, statewide urban water use dropped 12.6% compared to October of 2020.

Still, the cumulative savings (only 5.2% compared to 2020) fall far short of Gov. Gavin Newsom's request for a 15% voluntary cut.

Santa Rosa's water director, Jennifer Burke, said water use in the city of 180,000 is down 18% of average since June of 2021, thanks in part to rules limiting outdoor watering to nighttime hours when evaporative losses are less.

In Sacramento,

residents have curbed water use by more than 20% by limiting residents to watering twice weekly from March through October and once per week the rest of the year. This ordinance, Eliason said, is permanent.

"We wanted to make sure water conservation is a way of life," Eliason said.

For many Californians, it already is. The state's residents have streamlined their water use and reduced waste for decades. Daily residential water use statewide in October decreased to 88 gallons per capita, compared to the five-year average of 97.

Jeffrey Mount, a senior fellow with the Public Policy Institute of California, said California's overall water consumption has remained the same since the 1980s even though the population grew from 30 million to 40 million.

"That is a good indication that adjustments can be made as things get drier," Mount said.

An even steeper trend toward conservation has

been logged by the East Bay Municipal Utility District. The customer population has grown by 35% since 1970 while overall water use has declined by 45%.

In recent years, residents have increasingly swapped out grassy lawns for drought-smart landscaping, and they are currently limited to watering outdoors no more than three days per week. These measures have reduced water use during the ongoing drought by 14 to 15% — what Pook describes as "conservation on top of conservation."

Green grass will go brown next year, and in the long run, vast areas of lawn will probably disappear permanently as Californians adjust to aridification.

In October, the Metropolitan Water District passed a resolution encouraging communities "to reduce or eliminate irrigation of non-functional turf with potable water." This followed a May, 2022 emergency order from the State Water Resources

Control Board banning non-functional turf irrigation with potable water on commercial, institutional and industrial properties statewide. The Pacific Institute has calculated that such efforts could save California as much as 400,000 acre-feet of water annually.

But no matter how tight the state's water supplies get, keeping urban trees alive will probably be a priority.

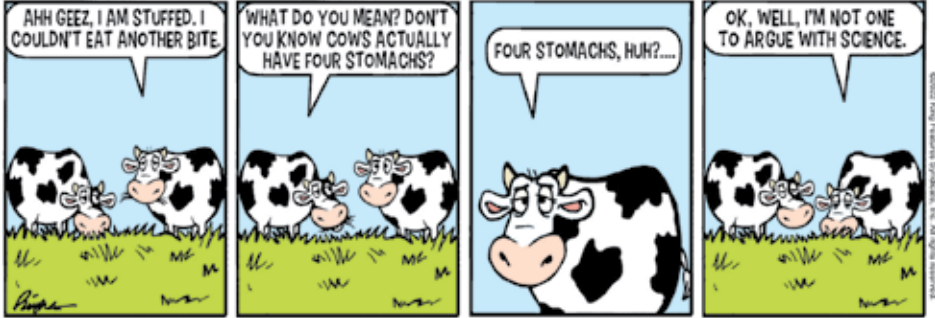
"We're seeing, in all urban areas, a frantic effort to conserve urban forests," Mount said, noting that urban trees provide shade, reduced ground-level temperatures and natural water treatment services.

Mount, who recently eliminated most of his own backyard turf — sparing just a narrow strip for his dogs — said he takes some solace in the fact that green grass remains a prominent feature of institutional landscaping, for it means there is still room to improve.

"That makes me more sanguine than most about the future," he said. ★

WEEKLY COMICS

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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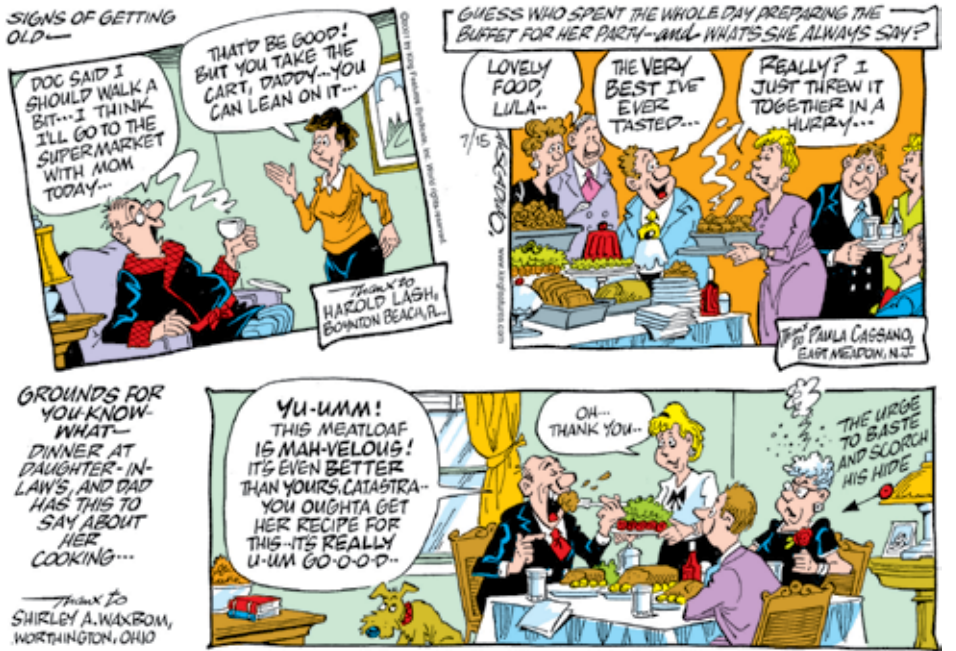
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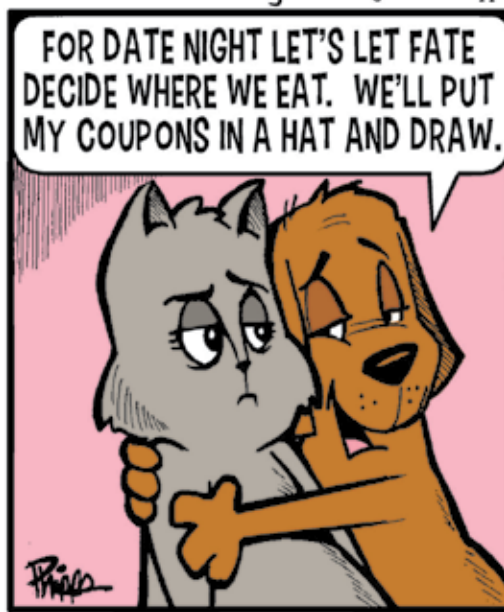
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Sacramento State Names Andy Thompson Head Football Coach

Sac State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Andy Thompson has been named the 12th head football coach in Sacramento State history, it was announced by Director of Athletics Mark Orr.

"I want to thank President (Robert S.) Nelsen and Mark Orr for trusting me to lead this program," Thompson said. "My family and I are truly humbled and thankful to be staying here at Sacramento State. This is a dream opportunity that we are excited to take. I look forward to continuing our program's success in graduating our student-athletes and build upon what we have accomplished on the field. It truly is a great day to be a Hornet."

A collegiate coaching veteran with nearly 20 years of experience, Thompson has served as the Hornets' defensive coordinator and linebackers coach since 2019. While at

Sacramento State, he has been part of a staff that went 30-8, won the first three Big Sky Conference championships in school history, and earned three NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoff appearances.

"I'm thrilled to appoint Andy Thompson as our next head football coach," Orr said. "He has been a critical part of the unprecedented success Hornet football has experienced in the last three seasons. He has extensive experience and familiarity with the Big Sky Conference and a great vision for the future of the program. I look forward to partnering with Andy to continue in our pursuit to bring national championships to Sacramento State."

Thompson's defenses have accounted for the top two scoring averages in the school's Div. I era. During his first year (2019), the Hornets allowed 22.5 points per game and gave up 132 fewer yards per game than the previous season. The



Andy Thompson has been named the 12th head football coach in Sacramento State history. Photos courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

unit recorded 44 sacks – the second most in program history – and were led by All-American defensive end George Obinna, defensive tackle Dariyn Choates and cornerback Daron Bland who each earned first team all-Big Sky honors. Sacramento State also led the Big Sky in defensive pass efficiency, red zone defense and first downs allowed.

The 2021 team set the school record by allowing 19.1 points per game and was even stingier in Big Sky play, limiting the opposition to 15.3 ppg. That season, defensive end Josiah Erickson was named first team all-Big Sky after leading the team with 18.5 tackles-for-loss and 10 sacks.

This past season, nickelback Marte Mapu and

linebacker Armon Bailey were named first team all-league. Mapu also was named the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year, becoming just the second player in school history to earn the honor. The defense also played a large role in Sacramento State's historic 12-1 season, recording stops on potential game-winning or tying drives in the final two minutes in four games.

"Championship football is here to stay at Hornet Stadium," Sacramento State President Robert S. Nelsen said. "The Sac State Football team was absolutely spectacular this year. Next year, with new Head Coach Andy Thompson, the Hornets will continue making the Miracle on J Street come true, fireworks and all. He is the right coach for the right time."

Prior to coming to Sacramento State, Thompson spent 13 seasons at Northern Arizona, including the final 10 as defensive coordinator. The

Lumberjacks ranked third in the Big Sky in total defense in 2018 after allowing a league-leading 1,797 passing yards along with 17 interceptions.

NAU also ranked first in the Big Sky in 2014 in pass defense and opponents third down percentage, and was second in scoring defense, pass efficiency defense and opponent first downs per game. The year prior, the Lumberjacks led the league in total defense, pass defense, pass efficiency defense, first downs allowed, third-down percentage and fourth-down percentage. That team also led the FCS with eight touchdowns.

A native of Walla Walla, Wash., Thompson played for Montana for four seasons (1999, 2001-03). The Grizzlies won five Big Sky championships and one national championship (2001) during his career in Missoula. He played in 44 career games with 103 total tackles, including 8.5 tackles for loss. ★

Sac State Football Places 5 on AP FCS All-America Teams

Sac State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A school record five Sacramento State football players were named to the Associated Press Football Championship Subdivision All-America teams. The group was headlined by Marte Mapu who was voted to the first team. Marshel Martin and Brandon Weldon were placed on the second team while Cameron Skattebo and Jackson Slater were recognized on the third team.

Mapu became the third Hornet to earn first team All-America

honors from the AP following Charles Roberts in 1999 and Zach Nash in 2011. The nickelback started all 13 games for the Hornets and ranked second on the team with 76 total tackles, including 6.5 for loss. Mapu added two interceptions, had four pass break-ups, two quarterback hurries and forced a fumble. The Hawthorne, Calif., native was credited with at least three tackles in all 13 games and had five or more in nine contests. He earned first team all-Big Sky Conference honors and was also named the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year.

Martin earned All-America

accolades for the second consecutive year at tight end. The junior led the team with 65 receptions for 879 yards and 12 receiving touchdowns to set career highs in each category. His 12 touchdowns tied him for fourth in school single-season history. He also rushed for a touchdown and returned a kickoff for a score to give him 84 points on the season. Martin made a statement during the team's two FCS Playoff games, catching 22 passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns. The Vallejo, Calif., native's 12 receptions against UIW set a school postseason record and tied him for fifth in all

games. He was also named to the all-Big Sky first team for the second year in a row.

Skattebo was the Big Sky Offensive Player of the Year and a first team all-league choice. The sophomore running back rushed for 1,373 yards and seven touchdowns and also caught 31 passes for 371 yards and three scores. Skattebo averaged 7.01 yards per carry which placed him second all-time at Sacramento State and was the best mark in the school's Div. I era. He ran for at least 100 yards in eight games, including a career high 201 at Eastern Washington. Skattebo also scored

on a kickoff return and threw a touchdown pass against UIW to account for 12 touchdowns the season.

Weldon and Slater were fixtures on an offensive line which led the way for a school-record 3,163 rushing yards and each were named to the all-Big Sky first team. Weldon started each regular season game at right guard before shifting to left guard for the FCS Playoffs. He finished his career starting the final 38 games of his career. Slater played left guard during the regular season and then was moved to left tackle for the playoff games. ★

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