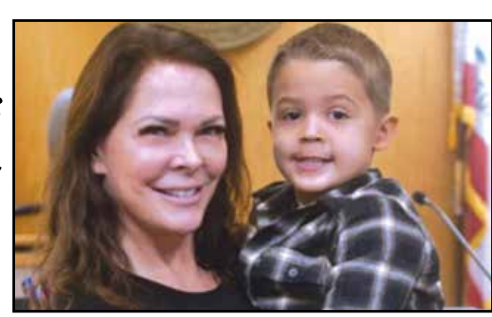




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## CHS Spirit Shield Finds a New Home



Front row: Terry Behrens '73, Mayor Linda Budge and April Dobbs Krause '65. Back row: Mike Krause '65, Bob Kidd '65, Dennis Trainor '65, Mike Marando '73, Mike O'Keeffe '73

*Story by Mike Marando,  
photo by Rick Sloan*

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Rancho Cordova Athletic Association (RCAA) Sports Hall of Fame awards case at Rancho Cordova City Hall gained a new heirloom last week – the original Cordova High School Spirit Shield, dating back to its creation during the 1963-64 school year.

The Shield – the subject of a Nov.

16 Grapevine story – was found after a campus-wide search following a 38-year disappearance. The Spirit Shield has officially been placed in its new display exhibit location secured by the efforts of Terry Behrens (CHS 1973 alumnus).

Mayor Linda Budge welcomed CHS 1965 alumni April Dobbs Krause, Dennis Trainor, Mike Krause, and Bob Kidd. Trainor and Krause spent several hours restoring the Spirit Shield after it was found

earlier this fall by Cordova High Activities Director Josh Creeger (CHS 1993 alumnus) and students.

Through an agreement with Cordova High School, the Shield was donated to City Hall via the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame. Representing the Hall of Fame were Committee members Terry Behrens and Mike O'Keeffe (CHS 1973 alumni), and Hall of Fame Chairman Mike Marando (CHS 1973 alumnus). ★

## Operation Bad Elf Recovers Thousands of Dollars of Merchandise

**Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept. News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office has recently concluded a highly successful week-long operation to combat retail theft across the region. Focusing on popular retail establishments such as Target, Walgreens, and Walmart, the operation was a strategic effort to address the rising concerns surrounding theft and its impact on local businesses and communities.

Deputies and detectives from the Sheriff's Centralized Investigations Bureau collaborated seamlessly in a coordinated effort to identify, track, and apprehend individuals involved in retail theft. The operation, which took place over the course of a week, utilized both uniformed and plain clothes officers strategically positioned within targeted retail locations. This approach aimed to deter theft and catch perpetrators in the act.

Sheriff Cooper emphasized the importance of safeguarding businesses and ensuring the safety of community members. "Retail theft not only affects the businesses directly but also has a ripple effect on our communities. By addressing this issue head-on, we are sending a clear message that criminal activities will not be tolerated, and our community's safety remains our top priority."

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office acknowledged the importance of community engagement and encouraged residents to remain vigilant against retail theft. Sheriff Cooper stated, "We cannot combat this issue alone. We need the active involvement of the retailers for this type of success to continue. They need to make an investment in their stores' safety, as we are not their 24/7 private security."

The Sheriff's Office successfully recovered stolen merchandise worth tens of thousands of dollars and 285 felony and misdemeanor arrests, providing a significant boost to the affected retailers.

While these arrests are significant, major problems lie within weak legislation. Sacramento County currently has over 33,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrants, many of which stem from offenses such as shoplifting and other

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## Have a Sweet as Gingerbread Christmas with KP International!



KP International Market's gingerbread house is located in the supermarket's food court. Bring the kids, and you'll have a sweet holiday souvenir for years to come. Photo courtesy of KP International Market

*By Patrick Larenas*

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - While holiday shopping, bring the family out and have a delightful Gingerbread Christmas this season with Koreana Plaza International Market!

KP International Market owner BJ Yu said they have built a large, decorative

gingerbread house made of 140,000 cookies inside the popular Rancho Cordova supermarket. "This year, we are offering our community the opportunity to take photographs as we have done in the past," he said.

"This year Santa will be returning December 15 through December 25 for

customers and families to take pictures with and to enjoy this holiday tradition," said Curt Haven, of Haven Consulting.

The free photo event is scheduled from 10am-8pm with printing available on the spot.

Established in 1973, the internationally sourced market hosts a

wide spectrum of events throughout the year in addition to its specialty foods to help celebrate the Sacramento region's diverse cultural landscape.

KP International Market is located at 10971 Olson Drive in Rancho Cordova, Calif. For more information visit [sac.kpmar.com](http://sac.kpmar.com) or call (916) 853-8000. ★

# Biggest Lifelike Dinosaur Event Roars into Sacramento

## Jurassic Quest News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - North America's most popular interactive dinosaur experience is BACK, BIGGER and BETTER than EVER! Sacramento-area families can walk among the nation's biggest herd of photo-realistic dinosaurs when Jurassic Quest® opens at Cal Expo Center for one weekend only Jan. 12-14.

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New this year! Jurassic Quest is bringing more hands-on activities, education and fun. This evolution, Jurassic Quest includes an expanded Excavation Station and more Jurassic-themed rides and inflatables. Even our animatronic herd has expanded to include fan favorites, the Utahraptor and Giganotosaurus. In addition to "The Quest," a self-guided scavenger hunt style activity where budding paleontologists can become Jr. Dinosaur Trainers, Jurassic Quest has launched a new video tour that's already getting "roaring good" reviews from families and features our star dino trainers: Safari Sarah, Dino Dustin, Prehistoric Nick and Park Ranger Marty (available onsite and on your phone



Bronco Brian partners with velociraptor JoJo for a fun day of adventure at Jurassic Quest. Photo courtesy of Jurassic Quest

via QR code)! All expanded activities are included with general admission. New attractions launching in winter include kids facing off with the notoriously fast Jurassic Quest Utahraptors for "Raptor Run" races, and "Rope-a-Raptor," where experienced "BrontoBusters" help kids lasso stray dinos to get them back to their pens.

The Jurassic Quest herd of animatronic dinos – from the largest predators to playful baby dinos – are displayed in realistic scenes with some that move and roar, allowing guests to experience them as they were when they roamed Earth millions of years ago. Jurassic Quest works in collaboration with leading paleontologists to ensure each dinosaur is painstakingly replicated in every detail, from coloration to teeth size, to textured skin, fur or feathers, drawing on the latest research about how we understand dinosaurs looked and moved. Families also have the unique opportunity to meet the babies,



Tyranno Tony makes sure Tyson the T-Rex gets whatever keeps the baby happy. Photo courtesy of Jurassic Quest

hatched only at Jurassic Quest: Cammie the Camarasaurus, Tyson the T-Rex and Trixie the Triceratops.

Advance purchase online recommended to ensure desired date and availability at [www.jurassicquest.com](http://www.jurassicquest.com), or tickets are available on-site, and include a 100% ticket guarantee that in the event of a show cancellation or postponement for any reason, ticket purchases will be automatically refunded for the full purchase amount.

General admission tickets include access to the dinosaur exhibits, arts and crafts activities, and dinosaur shows. There are rides and activities that require activity tickets available on site, or guests can upgrade to the Kids Unlimited Ticket (the best value for children ages 2-10). Entry is free for children under age 2. Guests can walk through the dinosaur experience at their own pace, and strollers are permitted. Socks required for inflatable attractions. Some venues may have wheelchairs for use, but please contact the venue in advance to make arrangements.

Admission: Tickets available online (Standard, Senior and Kids pricing available)

General admission includes live shows, arts and crafts activities, and dinosaur exhibits. Tickets for individual activities available on-site. Free entry for children under 2. **KIDS UNLIMITED TICKETS:** Includes admission, plus unlimited access to stationery and walking dinosaur rides, fossil dig, and dinosaur themed inflatable attractions (Note: maximum weight for rides is 140lbs.). Location: Cal Expo Center (1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA) Hours: Friday, Jan. 12: 9am-8pm / Saturday, Jan. 13: 9am-8pm / Sunday, Jan. 14: 9am-7pm

For more information and tickets visit [www.jurassicquest.com](http://www.jurassicquest.com). ★

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# Rebuilding Together Sacramento Provides Free Home Improvements



Rancho Cordova residents could benefit from a City partnership with non-profit Rebuilding Together Sacramento. Fill out an application form and provide your information as soon as possible. Photo courtesy of City of Rancho Cordova

## City of Rancho Cordova News Release

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Every year, the City of Rancho Cordova partners with the non-profit organization, Rebuilding Together Sacramento to improve the health, safety, efficiency and curb appeal of Rancho Cordova homes. Rebuilding Together Sacramento is currently accepting applications from Rancho Cordova residents for FREE home upgrades. The selected homes will be improved at NO COST to the homeowner.

“My house is now safe, secure and beautiful,” said Charla McKenna, a Rancho Cordova resident and participant of the Rebuilding Together Sacramento program. “Without this wonderful program, I would never have been able to

make all of the much needed repairs,” she added.

Supported in part by the city’s Community Enhancement & Investment Fund, Rebuilding Together Sacramento brings together community partners, volunteers, and donors to make modifications to homes, landscapes, and public spaces to strengthen lives and neighborhoods.

To be considered for the program, applicants must submit a 3-page application and gross income verification documents to Rebuilding Together Sacramento as soon as possible.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this program, download the application at [RebuildingTogetherSacramento.org](http://RebuildingTogetherSacramento.org). For more information, contact Matt Buland at [mbuland@cityofranhocordova.org](mailto:mbuland@cityofranhocordova.org). ★

# Operation Bad Elf Recovers Thousands of Dollars of Merchandise

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theft-related crimes. Until a measure is put on the ballot for voters, California will continue to face these same problems, regardless of enforcement.

The Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office remains committed to ongoing efforts to combat crime, protect local businesses, and ensure the safety and

well-being of residents. The success of this recent operation reflects the dedication and effectiveness of law enforcement professionals in addressing pressing community concerns.

To see a video highlighting the operation, please visit the Sacramento Sheriff’s Office social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube. ★

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# TOO TOXIC TO TRASH!



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**RANCHO CORDOVA CALIFORNIA** 

# Local United Way Takes on Sacramento Housing Crisis

Kristin Thébaud Communications  
News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - United Way California Capital Region is now directly addressing Sacramento's housing crisis with the formation of its new Community Support Services department that will include housing navigation services through the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal program (CalAIM) for people on Medi-Cal who are unhoused or at risk of losing housing. "Our local United Way has always focused on our community's biggest needs, and currently the housing predicament we are in is so great that we know we have to do our part to help those impacted by rising rent costs and increased risks of being unhoused," said Dr. Dawnté Early, President and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "We are investing in our families and utilizing this program as another tool in our box, ensuring those who are unhoused, or at risk of being unhoused, and on Medi-Cal, can get the help and resources they need to find or maintain housing."

United Way's housing navigation program works with local individuals and families currently unhoused or at risk of being unhoused to help them find housing, receive deposit assistance and sustain their housing. Through referrals, the program's housing navigator works with each eligible client to identify barriers and housing needs, find

housing options, assist in the application process, and obtain assistance for move-in costs such as security deposits, first and last month's rent, utility deposits and medically necessary aids. Once suitable housing is determined, United Way works with newly housed clients to identify the root causes of them being unhoused or at risk of being unhoused, and then addresses their needs and goals to maintain stable housing, including health care, education, substance use treatment, financial literacy or counseling services.

"United Way is proud to enter this important space helping Sacramento residents embark on a path of sustainable housing," Early said. "We understand that to eliminate poverty, education is key to building a stronger, healthier and more compassionate Capital Region. For kids to excel in school, they cannot be worried about where they are going to sleep at night. That's why this investment in local families is important both in the fight to end this housing crisis and to build future opportunities for children to break the cycle of poverty."

Housing navigation program participants must live in Sacramento County, be unhoused or at risk of losing housing, and be a Medi-Cal member with Health Net, Molina Healthcare or Anthem Blue Cross. For more information or to make a referral, visit <https://www.yourlocalunit-edway.org/our-work/invest-in-families/housing-navigation/>. ★

# Council Assumes New Roles for Upcoming Year



Newly elected Rancho Cordova mayor, David M. Sander, presents this past year's mayor, Linda Budge, a plaque recognizing her leadership in the Council as well as in the community. City Councilmembers Donald Terry (left), newly elected Vice Mayor Siri Pulipati, and Garrett Gatewood (right) thank Budge for her contributions throughout her career. Photo courtesy of City of Rancho Cordova

City of Rancho Cordova  
News Release

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Rancho Cordova City Council Members David M. Sander, Ph.D. and Siri Pulipati assumed the roles of mayor and vice mayor, respectively, at the December 6 Rancho Cordova Special City Council meeting, after a unanimous vote by their Council Member colleagues.

David M. Sander, Ph.D. was recently sworn in as president of the National League of Cities as well, bringing the City of Rancho Cordova to the national spotlight.

Incoming Mayor David M. Sander was sworn in by his wife, Dr. Margaret Parsons.

Incoming Vice Mayor Siri Pulipati was sworn in by her husband and two sons. Both she and Mayor Sander will hold the roles of mayor and vice mayor through 2024.

Siri Pulipati was elected to the Rancho Cordova City Council in November 2020. This will be her first time serving as vice mayor.

Following the swearing in ceremony, outgoing Mayor Linda Budge was presented with an engraved plaque by Mayor Sander, who thanked her for "decades of help, support and leadership." ★

# A Big Change at EDD

EDD changes unemployment contractor after scams



The offices of the Employment Development Department in Sacramento where it all went wrong. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

By Lynn La, CALMatters.org

California has a new unemployment and disability payment contractor after the state's multi-billion-dollar pandemic fraud panic. The Employment Development Department hopes it will be the end of an era of brazen scams, which wreaked havoc for laid-off workers and fueled police busts involving stacks of ill-gotten debit cards issued at the department's direction by then-contractor Bank of America.

EDD tells CalMatters that on Monday it plans to begin notifying 850,000 benefit recipients of the new payment provider: Money Network, an electronic payment company owned by finance tech company Fiserv. Money Network may sound familiar; it was also tapped by the federal government and Gov. Gavin Newsom to pay out COVID-era stimulus funds, which attracted its own waves of debit card scams.

Money Network won the EDD contract after a competitive bidding process. It comes as the agency embarks on a five-year, \$1.2 billion tech overhaul known as EDDNext.

The contract will primarily be paid for through a debit card revenue-sharing agreement, similar to the EDD's previous deal with Bank of America. The agency will also pay \$32 million over five years for Money Network to offer a long-discussed direct deposit option to workers' bank accounts, which the EDD says will launch in spring 2024.

In mid-January, people receiving unemployment, disability and paid leave benefits from the EDD will be mailed new Money Network debit cards. Payments will officially begin on these cards on Feb. 15. Anyone who still has

a Bank of America EDD debit card will have until April 15, 2024, to spend the money.

In the meantime, fraud analysts tracking an uptick in attacks on government benefit debit cards — not just California's unemployment program, but also food assistance and others — will be watching to see what lessons have (or haven't) been learned from the pandemic. The new EDD cards will include both security chips and tap-to-pay options common in consumer credit cards.

Still, the EDD is advising cardholders to be vigilant: "Beware of scammers. We will never request your personal information by text message, e-mail or on social media."

Tens of thousands of Californians are still awaiting aid from the COVID-19 rent relief program. But as CalMatters housing reporter Ben Christopher explains, the program may run out of money before it can help the remaining eligible applicants.

The \$5.2 billion program launched in 2021 to help Californians pay down rental debt they accumulated during the pandemic. Though it stopped taking new applications in 2022, more than 70,000 households still have applications pending. The program has enough funding to cover a little more than 14,000 people — meaning the remaining 80% of the total applicant pool is out of luck.

That's devastating news for tenants and landlords alike who may ultimately wait in vain for relief to come. As one graphic designer and single mother told Ben: "I'm trying to find a way to freelance or do whatever I can do to get the money to just pay it myself... I can't sit and depend on it and wait because it's been two years." ★



It's a Credit Card  
Addiction

Dear Dave,

I think my mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can't afford stuff, but she shops anyway, chalks up more and more debt, acquires more credit cards, and thinks she'll pay for it all later somehow. Her ex-husband has bailed her out a few times, but he's unwilling to help anymore. My wife and I, and my wife's sister, want to address this issue, but we're all worried about her reaction, and we don't know where to start. Do you have any advice??

— Randall

Dear Randall,

First, everyone involved should understand they're likely to receive an angry response from this lady if

# Dave Ramsey Says

she's confronted over her actions. Sometimes people get ticked off when they hear the truth, especially when it's connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife and her sister to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. Really, what we're talking about here is an intervention.

Also, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle. Support your wife and her sister through it all, but if you're in there asking questions and probing around, you're liable to come off as the evil son-in-law. And you folks don't need to add any more problems to the mix.

They need to sit down with her in a quiet setting, one where there are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. That's very important in a situation like this. But they also have to walk through what's really going on, and let her know they're tired of

watching her destroy herself, and her finances, with her irresponsible behavior.

If she had a drinking problem, you'd want to try to make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. In this case, she basically has a credit card addiction. And it's wreaking havoc on her financial well-being and people who care about her.

So, showing as much love and understanding as possible. But someone needs to say something soon.

— Dave

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

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# And Another Thing Good Luck on Your Shopping!

By Bob McGarvey

Twenty years ago, the city government of Rancho Cordova was just beginning to learn how much more was needed in the city. During the eight months of November 5 2002 to July 1, 2003 we learned as much as we could, and prepared ourselves for incorporation. The first five elected officials in our new City of Rancho Cordova were Dave Roberts, Linda Budge, Ken Cooley, Bob McGarvey, and David Sander. Linda Budge and David Sander are still in our city government, and we are fortunate that they are. They can see what we were before incorporation, and they can see what a tremendous city we are now. I am very glad they are able to pass that on to our newer council members.

I haven't heard any thing new about the Mather Veterans Village expanding, but hopefully the upcoming new year will show the location of some additional apartments for more homeless Veterans. Like many things which take more time than we want, I hope that the new part of Mather Veterans Village can begin being built not long after the new year. I started in 2008 looking for a place for Veterans, and even though I am no longer on our City Council, I will continue to build more homes for Veterans.

How many Vietnam Veterans live in Rancho Cordova, or how many of them live in the Rancho area? The welcome home for many of them still hasn't happened, and my committee will give the lapel pins to them as will as welcome

them home. It isn't a very big thing, but it is a tremendously large thing to the Veteran who was yelled at or spit on when they came back home. Hopefully, our Congressman Ami Bera will be able to let me (and you) know that there will be no ending point for the million Veterans to be welcomed home. Right now there will be an ending date, November 11, 2025, in which the welcome home will officially stop. We would be able to continue on our own, but hopefully the law that was passed in 2012 will be changed so ALL Vietnam Veterans will be welcomed home.

The tree in our back yard has changed and its leaves are breathtakingly beautiful. I raked up some of those lovely leaves the other day, and now there seems to be an unending number of them because there are three times as many on the ground than there were before. Those leaves are there waiting for our granddaughter to jump all over them, just like her brothers used to do.

Hopefully I'll be able to rake these colorful leaves into the recycle cans. They are picked up by the winds which blew them off of the tree and into our swimming pool. Some of them were floating on the surface for a while, and then they took a dive to the bottom. The Fall has the beauty of seasonal foliage in the City of Rancho Cordova. All you need to do is walk around to feel the crisp air, seeing people getting their Christmas tree, and looking at the beautiful lights on many homes. Good luck on your shopping.

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



## No, Henry Kissinger Was Not A War Criminal

Henry Kissinger, the great American statesman who has died at age 100, stands accused by his critics of many things, but perhaps the most outlandish is that he bears responsibility for the killing fields of Pol Pot's Cambodia.

Implementing a radical communist vision drawn from Mao and especially the Cultural Revolution, Pol Pot and his comrades killed roughly a quarter of the country's population through execution and starvation resulting from forced collectivization and population transfers.

This Red Guard-like ideological frenzy is somehow attributed to the Cold Warrior Henry Kissinger.

The Nixon administration's secret bombing of Cambodia and a brief invasion notoriously known as the "incursion," are often called war crimes. They supposedly destabilized Cambodia and drove the Khmer Rouge mad – otherwise, we are assured, Cambodia would have escaped the chaos that engulfed the region in a decades-long military conflict and the Khmer Rouge would have been moderate reformers.

Much is made, in the anti-Kissinger case, of Cambodian neutrality. But the country's neutral status had already been flagrantly violated by North Vietnam, which ran fighters and materiel through Cambodia on the Ho Chi Minh trail. Michael Lind

writes in his book, "Vietnam: The Necessary War," "By 1970, North Vietnam had in effect annexed eastern Cambodia, to the extent of restricting the access of Cambodian officials and taxing and drafting Cambodia peasants."

Why should the North have been allowed to use Cambodia's territory to launch attacks into South Vietnam and against U.S. forces with impunity? It's not illegal under international law, let alone a war crime, to attack belligerents across a border.

It is also presumed to be a terrible thing that the bombing campaign, begun in March 1969, was initially secret. It wasn't publicly announced to avoid embarrassing the Cambodian government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk. He went along with the operation targeting North Vietnamese bases on the border to placate sentiment in his country against the foreign presence.

When Sihanouk was toppled by a pro-U.S. general, Lon Nol, he threw himself into the arms of the Khmer Rouge.

Although they eventually had a break, the Khmer Rouge was a North Vietnamese project. Pol Pot's biographer David Chandler writes: "Until the end of 1972, his troops were armed, trained, and often led by the Vietnamese. The defeats suffered by Lon Nol in 1970-1971 had been at the hands of Vietnamese regular forces."

The U.S. held off the Khmer Rouge with a further bombing campaign in 1973, but Congress cut off support and the group swept to power.

While the Left prettied up the Khmer Rouge, the Nixon administration issued prescient warnings.

In urging Congress to continue support, an assistant secretary of state warned that there "would be an unbelievable transformation of that society against the wishes of its general population and through the use of great force."

Whose fault was that? Kissinger enemies Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman aver, "when poor peasants are driven into the jungle from villages destroyed by bombing, they may seek revenge."

Oh, really? Genocidal revenge against their countrymen who weren't piloting the B-52s? As Lind notes, Laos was the most heavily bombed country during the war, and yet it didn't descend into killing fields.

The Khmer Rouge were already implementing their lunatic vision in territory they controlled prior to taking over. In his book, "Cambodia: Year Zero," Father Francois Ponchaud wrote that the catastrophic emptying out of the capital, Phnom Penh, followed "traditional revolutionary practice" – indeed, "the guerrilla fighters had been sending all inhabitants of the villages and towns they occupied into the forests to live, often burning their homes so they would have nothing to come back for."

They did it out of a profound ideological commitment, not in reaction to Henry Kissinger. The former secretary of state has a complicated legacy, understandably for someone so influential for so long, but he's not responsible for the unspeakable enormities of fanatics he fought to keep out of power.

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# Canvassers Needed for the 2024 Point-in-Time Count

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) announced on Monday, December 4, 2023, that the evenings of Wednesday, January 24 and Thursday, January 25 have been selected for Sacramento's 2024 Point in Time Count (PIT). SSF is seeking hundreds of volunteers to help with what will be the most wide-ranging community effort to date to determine the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Sacramento region.

The event is intended to provide a comprehensive estimate of the total number of individuals and families living outdoors and in places not intended for human habitation on a single night. SSF will release the results in a report in spring 2024. PIT data enables community leaders to better understand homelessness, design more effective policies and programs, and measure progress toward reducing and ending homelessness.

The PIT is part of a nationwide effort. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to do a census to qualify for annual federal homelessness response dollars. In 2022, the Sacramento community received \$30.5 million in HUD Continuum of Care funding, \$29 million of which was dedicated to maintaining permanent housing programs and directly served 1,271 households.

More than 500 volunteers participated in the last PIT count in February 2022. It concluded that an estimated 9,278 individuals experienced homelessness on a single night. Find the full report on Sacramento Steps Forward website.

"The PIT is a huge community-wide effort that gives people a chance to make a meaningful contribution toward better

understanding where we are and is a great way to contribute toward addressing and ultimately ending homelessness," said Lisa Bates, Chief Executive Officer of SSF.

To register as a volunteer, visit the volunteer portal at <https://sacramento24.pointintime.info/>

To learn more about volunteering and the purpose of the PIT, read the FAQs.

The PIT's main deployment center will be at Sacramento State's Harper Alumni Center. Several other satellite locations will operate in the region. Canvassers will fan out to predetermined census tracts across the Sacramento region. The 2024 PIT will also include more intensive coverage of known homelessness locations along the American River Parkway.

Volunteer canvassers will be able to utilize a new "Counting Us" mobile application, a HUD approved method of counting used in many cities and counties across the U.S. The application replaces previously used apps and paper-based data collection methods. The app, developed by Simtech Solutions, Inc. - which is joining forces with SSF this year as the researcher selected for the PIT Count - will support efficient canvassing by volunteers.

To canvass, a volunteer must be at least 18 years old, be willing to travel by foot or car to predetermined locations, and be willing to use their personal smartphone and flashlight. Additional volunteers are also needed for a variety of support functions at the deployment centers. Volunteers are required to complete a volunteer training session. Two live training sessions will be offered via Zoom, on Wednesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 17, both from 5 to 6:30 PM. For those unable to attend a live session, there is a new recorded training option with a short quiz to assure accountability and comprehension. The live training is highly recommended for new PIT volunteers. ★

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE**

The following is a summary of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of December 4, 2023:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAX FOR TRANSIT-RELATED SERVICES FOR THE RANCH ACTIVE ADULT PROJECT SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL**

Passed and adopted on the 4th day of December, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Gatewood, Pulipati, Sander, Terry, and Budge  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The full text of the adopted Ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Printed in the Grapevine Independent on December 15, 2023.

# Gift Card Scam and Arrest



Over 5,000 gift cards were found in Ningning Sun's possession. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

## Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - During our recent retail theft Operation Bad Elf, detectives observed an individual, later identified as Ningning Sun, acting suspiciously near the gift cards in the payment aisles in a Sacramento Target store. Detectives observed him placing all the gift cards on a rack inside his jacket, then replacing the gift cards with another set of seemingly identical ones. After Sun was stopped trying to exit the store with the stolen gift cards, detectives discovered over 5000 gift cards from Target and Apple in his possession.

Their investigation revealed Sun was part of a scam that tampered with gift cards, scanned the bar code, and stole money from the gift card as money was loaded on them. Victims are completely unaware it is happening, and the money is often siphoned to an off-shore account within seconds. Their investigation revealed that the operation spanned across California and several regions nationwide.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office urges residents to be cautious when

purchasing physical gift cards from any retailer. Be observant of any signs of tampering, especially scuff marks or scratches near the bar code on the back of the card. These operations are very sophisticated, and modifications to the gift cards are often virtually undetectable, even to the trained eye. Detectives suspect Sun has done this at many stores and are requesting the public's help to potentially link him to other crimes.

This investigation is still ongoing, and detectives are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Tips leading to additional charges are eligible for a CASH reward of up to \$1000, and tipsters remain anonymous. Tips are paid in cash, and you are never asked for identification. Contact Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357), 1-800-AA-CRIME, or \*\*TIPS. Use the "P3 TIPS" app or online at [www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com](http://www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com). Tip information may also be left anonymously at [www.sacsheriff.com](http://www.sacsheriff.com) or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

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**Copy Editor** - We are seeking a part-time copy editor for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with Editor. Work hours are flexible between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous editing experience is required.

**City Reporter** - We are seeking a part-time City Reporter for our newspaper group. This position may be assigned to work in the Carmichael office or another area office and works directly with the Editor. Work hours are flexible depending on assignments. Previous reporting experience is required.

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**Delivery Driver** - We are seeking a part-time Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position would transport newspapers from our Carmichael office to our offices in Marysville and Gridley. Work hours are from 8:30 to 4:00 every Thursday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. Must have your own reliable cargo van. This is an independent contractor position and pays a flat rate for your service.

**Newsstand Delivery Driver** - We are seeking a part-time Newsstand Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position works from the Carmichael office and delivers to our locations in the West Sacramento/Sacramento Region. Work hours are from 8:30 to 5:00 Thursday and/or Friday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. You must have a reliable vehicle. This is an independent contractor position.

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 LaToya Arrington-Artis, 9601 Country Falls Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Express Medical Exams & Lab Services" 9601 Country Falls Lane, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08452**  
 Rainbow Brockenborough, 5226 Copper Sunset Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 and Christopher Podratz, 21808 Chestnut Lane, Tehachapi, CA 93561 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Atlas Coaching & Consulting Group/Atlas Coaching Group" 5226 Copper Sunset Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08498**  
 Bram Cyrus Marvail, 2551 Rhine Way, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BB Consulting" 2551 Rhine Way, Elverta, CA 95626. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2023  
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 Jennifer Lyn Stone, 14915 Isleton Road, Isleton, CA 95641 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Delta Thrones Portable Restrooms" 14915 Isleton Road, Isleton, CA 95641. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023  
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 Glitch Network LLC, 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Easy Demons Club" 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 8, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08252**  
 Julie Tchong, 3632 Husch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ThreeBirds/ThreeBirds & Co" 3632 Husch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2023  
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 Kenneth James Crawford, 11580 Big Four Way, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flux Tube Studios" 11580 Big Four Way, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2023  
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 Gohas Sedsakyan, 5715 Bretmoor Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "S & H Cleaning Service" 5715 Bretmoor Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2023  
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 Jeannette Dvorak, 11632 Heavy Tree Court, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JDV Wellness" 11632 Heavy Tree Court, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 15, 2023  
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 Volodymyr Filatov, 9736 Fair Oaks Boulevard Apt 406,

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08468**  
 Christopher Mario Aguirre, 12520 Farlen Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rancho Valley Heating and Air" 12520 Farlen Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08387**  
 Victor Garcia-Contreras, 7659 Denio Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Erica's Cafe" 7451 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 8, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08630**  
 Joyce Weinberg, 4654 Cabana Way, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Red's Plumbing" 4520 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2023  
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 Heavenly Vibe, Inc., 6610 Folsom Auburn Road Suite 2, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coffee Republic/Coffee Republic, Folsom" 6610 Folsom Auburn Road Suite 2, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2023  
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 Georgiy Tokmakov, 7652 Laguna Beach Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "City Wise Solutions" 7652 Laguna Beach Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2023  
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 Dilbag Singh, 250 Touchstone Place Apt #63, West Sacramento, CA 95691 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Reefer Repair" 1643 Salizar Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023  
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 Maggie Lan Thach, 8646 Tegea Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Divine Brows and Beauty" 2440 Fulton Avenue Suite 10, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2023  
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 Sacramento Hypnotherapy, LLC, 4250 H Street Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Hypnotherapy/California School of Hypnotherapy" 4250 H Street Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 8, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08662**  
 Alberto Juarez, 4849 Tomasini Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Botanica Obatala" 9317 La Riviera, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08820**  
 Phaya Thai Halal LLC, 4310 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phaya Thai Halal" 4310 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08807**  
 Fatt Catt Tattoo, 5159 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fat Cat Tattoo/Fat Cat Tattoo 916" 5159 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08718**  
 Gabriel E Costa III, 7307 Herlong Way, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gabe's Ohana Auto Shop" 6807 30<sup>th</sup> Street Unit-C, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023  
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 StarPointe Consulting Inc., 5150 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 101, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Empowered Mindset Coaching" 10523 Fair Oaks Boulevard #121, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023  
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 Marysol Laguna, 6070 Ehrhardt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sol Interpreting" 6112 Demonte Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023  
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 KS Management & Consulting Services LLC, 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KS Consultants" 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023  
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 Todd Rowe, 2660 Night Hawk Way, Camino, CA 95709 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Foothill Vending Services" 2660 Night Hawk Way, Camino, CA 95709. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08589**  
 Taxtime LLC, 7162 Fair Oaks Boulevard Apt 2, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TaxTime" 2701 Cottage Way Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2023  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08361**  
 Drew Berryessa, 9369 Emory Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Berryesco" 9369 Emory Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023  
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 BERRYESCO 12-29-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08564**  
 Brandon W Kelley, 1390 Broadway Suite A, Placerville, CA 95667 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Classic Muscle" 3341 Fitzgerald Road Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2023  
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 JIMBOYS 12-29-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08720**  
 Old Roots Inc, 3305 Elkhorn Boulevard Unit 8, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Old Roots" 3305 Elkhorn Boulevard

Unit 8, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023  
 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023  
 OLD 12-29-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08447**  
 Vera Lewis, 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Space 9 Collective" 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 SPACE 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08446**  
 PurSpace LLC, 9719 Lincoln Village Drive #504, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The PurSpace Shop" 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 PURSPACE 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08619**  
 Ryan McCarty, 40854 17<sup>th</sup> West Street, Palmdale, CA 93551 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Market Real Estate/The Market" 1610 R Street Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 MARKET 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08939**  
 Daphni Ames, 6617 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Illuminated Images by Daphni" 6617 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 ILLUMINATED 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08951**  
 Mohammad Nawaz Tawfiq, 4029 Marconi Avenue Apt #86, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bakhtar Fashion" 2922 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 BAKHTAR 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08785**  
 Albedo Arts Community Inc., 2668 Ball Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royal Sport & Dance Lab" 2668 Ball Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 ROYAL 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08923**  
 Blinker LLC, 1501 5<sup>th</sup> Street Unit 647, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blinkr" 1501 5<sup>th</sup> Street Unit 647, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 BLINKR 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08853**  
 Chelsea C Stepney, 6430 Verner Avenue #13, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Safe Gatherings Weight Loss Management" 6430 Verner Avenue #13, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 SAFE 1-5-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08599**  
 Rosa Farfan Nunez, 3441 Data Drive #373, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Roses Cleaning Company" 3441 Data Drive #373, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2023  
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024  
 ROSES 1-5-23

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #23CV011207  
 Tiffany Diane Delany-Bierbaum has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tiffany Diane Delany-Bierbaum to Tiffany Diane Bierbaum-Yates.  
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the pe-

tion for Change of Name should not be granted.  
 Dated: November 6, 2023  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
 YATES 12-15-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #23CV011592  
 Jibril Asim Jelani Bob has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jibril Asim Jelani Bob to Jibril Asim Jelani Kemet.  
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
 Dated: November 14, 2023  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
 KEMET 12-15-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #23CV011469  
 Traci Fonseca and Gerry Remiero have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nico Luis Remeiro to Nico Remeiro Fonseca.  
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
 Dated: November 13, 2023  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
 FONSECA 12-15-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #23CV009530  
 Marcela Itaborai Cabitto has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marcela Itaborai Cabitto to Marcela Itaborai Marin.  
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 16, 2024, 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: October 6, 2023  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
 MARIN 12-15-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #23CV010813  
 Olga Bakin and Valerii Bakin have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Semion Bakin to Sam Bakin.  
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 18, 2024, 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: October 31, 2023  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
 BAKIN 12-22-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #23CV010302  
 Erich Simpson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ronin Reed Walkowsky to Ronin Reed Simpson.  
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
 Dated: November 6, 2023  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
 SIMPSON 12-22-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
 CHANGE OF NAME  
 #23CV001549  
 Kathy Dawn Mirrione has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kathy Dawn Mirrione to Kathy Dawn Schroeder-Creed.  
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should

not be granted.  
 Dated: November 14, 2023  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023  
 MIRRIONE 12-29-23

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**  
 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES KENT  
 CASE NO. 23PR000549  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of James Kent.  
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by Shelly Kerley, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Shelly Kerley 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 January 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Zoom; 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.com/jsscdpet129 Meeting: 16133529231  
 This matter is set for a court hearing/appearance using the Zoom Application for the above referenced date and time. In order to participate in your Zoom hearing, you must either use a computer or smart device with internet access, and have downloaded the Zoom application. If you do not have compatible technology, then you can attend the hearing using a telephone and calling the designated toll free telephone conference line. You must appear by Zoom Application or Telephone using the designated department account referenced below at least 5 minutes before your scheduled hearing date and time; and wait for a court representative to take roll. Department 129 zoom link: https://saccourt-ca.gov.zoomgov.com/jsscdpet129 or Toll Free Telephone Conference Line @ (888) 475-499, with meeting ID #689-534-3925  
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 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 Petitioner is: Shelly Kerley, 6217 Clara Way, North Highlands, CA 95660; 916-470-2063  
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 KENT 12-22-23

**LIEN SALE**  
 LIEN SALE  
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## Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

### It's OK to be Human



We can see and accept imperfections in others. However, we are frequently hard on ourselves. Quick self-condemnation occurs if we make a mistake or suffer a setback. Perhaps there is regret over past decisions. No one is perfect. No one gets it right the first time. It's OK to be human like the rest of us.

Mistakes are a normal part of life. There is nothing wrong with you because you make them. It's not something to be ashamed of. Mistakes are how you learn. When you make a mistake, you must first assess what happened and why and then pick yourself up and keep going.

Don't take yourself too seriously all the time. Everyone does silly and funny things. Sometimes these actions are intentional, other times they are accidental. It's OK to laugh at yourself. Laughing at yourself relieves stress. People who can make light of themselves are viewed as being modest and considered affable. It is more comfortable to be around someone who pokes fun at their own gaffes than a person who is grimly serious.

Being human means being unique. Your perceptions, dreams, goals, desires, personality, and aptitudes are yours alone. You don't need to compare yourself to others. Someone else can't live your life and you can't live theirs.

People have different aptitudes. Not everyone is "gifted." No one is good at all things. You are born with certain abilities. Some tasks will come to you easily while others require much more effort. At times, you may feel deficient because you are comparing yourself to someone else. This comparison is unproductive.

Being human means you are free to change, improve, and grow. You have free will along with independent thought. If you don't like something, change it. You do not start out at a destination, you have to work to get there. It's up to you to determine what happens with your life.

Not everyone will like you; they

don't have to. You won't like everyone; you don't have to. It's part of being human. You are not a bad person because you don't care for certain individuals. There is nothing wrong with you just because someone is not fond of you.

It's OK to gravitate to those with whom you feel comfortable. It is disingenuous to be a chameleon for the purpose of being accepted by everyone. Be who you are. If you have personality attributes you are unhappy with, change them for the sake of being a better person, not so you will be accepted.

Being human means you will have emotional ups and downs. Emotional fluctuations are normal. Of course, you would rather feel good than bad. But there's nothing abnormal about having a bad day or feeling off. Don't get hung up on it. Whenever you feel bummed out, recall thoughts of happiness. It's always good to start each day by reviewing everything you have to be grateful for.

Being human means recognizing the world doesn't revolve around you. Each person likes to feel important. You are no better or worse than anyone else. You are not the only one who faces challenges. Everyone has to solve problems and overcome obstacles. What separates people is how they deal with the issues facing them.

Have fun. Laugh a lot. Life is meant to be enjoyed. Life is not an exact science, it's an adventure. There are many situations you can't control, so don't get frustrated. Make the best of your circumstances. Get up whenever you stumble. Learn from your mistakes. You are only human. Enjoy your journey.

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# Ag Pass Program to Assist Farmers During Disasters

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Last winter's floods took a devastating toll on the Sacramento area's agricultural industry. More than \$38 million in losses were reported by area farms. That loss of revenue included damaged crops, dead livestock, and damaged infrastructure.

When the flooding struck, commercial agricultural producers were forced to evacuate. In many cases, animals and equipment that couldn't be loaded onto trailers and moved were left behind, while crops were also left unprotected. Once out of the area, farmers were not allowed back in until the water receded. There wasn't a system in place to show law enforcement who belonged and who didn't during the crisis.

The Sacramento County Department of Agriculture recognized this issue that farmers and ranchers faced by leaving, and with the assistance of the County Office of Emergency Services, have developed a program to assist the local ag industry with a way to allow them back in to protect their farms and livestock during a disaster.

The Board of Supervisors has approved



January flood waters caused millions of dollars in damage to area ag producers. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

the County's first Ag Pass Program. Ag Pass will be activated during a declared disaster that allows, when safe, the ability for coordinated re-entry of commercial agricultural producers to an evacuated area through collaborative pre-incident planning, coordination, and implementation.

The County held a series of community meetings to discuss how to create the new program to allow qualified agriculture and livestock producers safe passage to their properties. The Ag Pass Program provides guidance and direction for local governments

and non-governmental organizations on how to safely allow accredited agricultural workers back onto their property to assess their businesses. To become part of the Ag Pass Program, commercial agricultural producers will need to register through the Sacramento County Department of Agriculture, Weights, and Measures.

Under the program, County accredited members will be limited to performing only those functions and tasks that have been determined essential for the support of commercial operations to lessen the impacts

of economic loss or to provide auxiliary support to peace officers and emergency personnel in locating water sources and access routes.

The Ag Pass coverage is limited to registered commercial agricultural operations under the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. An initial application for the Ag Pass will require Primary Pass holders to outline all critical tasks and require an approximate number of personnel.

"This pass does not give any special privileges or authorization to disregard the direction of public safety officials or force any employees, laborers, farmhands, or members of the public, regardless of their immigration status, to disregard the orders of any public safety official," said Chris Flores, Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner.

Agricultural producers are encouraged to contact the County Department of Agriculture to learn more about this new program. Applicants must take training from the County before an Ag Pass is issued. All passes must be renewed annually.

Training classes are expected to begin in early 2024. ★

# Defendant Convicted of EDD Fraud, ID Theft, Evading Police, DUI

## Sacramento County DA News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On October 17, 2023, Michael McKinney pled to Employment Development Department (EDD) fraud, evading police, identity theft and driving under the influence. On November 30, 2023, the Honorable Kenneth Brody sentenced

McKinney to 6 years and 8 months in state prison.

On September 18, 2021, California Highway Patrol officers attempted a vehicle stop on McKinney for speeding on Interstate 80. McKinney led officers on a high-speed chase, reaching speeds of over 130 mph. McKinney continued to drive on Auburn Boulevard until his tires went flat. McKinney then exited his

vehicle, ran across Interstate 80 and led officers on a foot pursuit on the Haggin Oaks Golf Course. Officers arrested McKinney and determined his blood alcohol content was 0.128%.

On June 30, 2022, Sacramento police officers conducted a probation search of McKinney's bedroom. Officers recovered 97 fraudulent credit cards and 28 identification cards containing

McKinney's face with different names. Officers also found other indicia of identity theft and evidence of EDD fraud.

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and the California Employment Development Department conducted an investigation and determined McKinney filed 23 fraudulent EDD claims and received \$538,050 in fraudulent funds. ★

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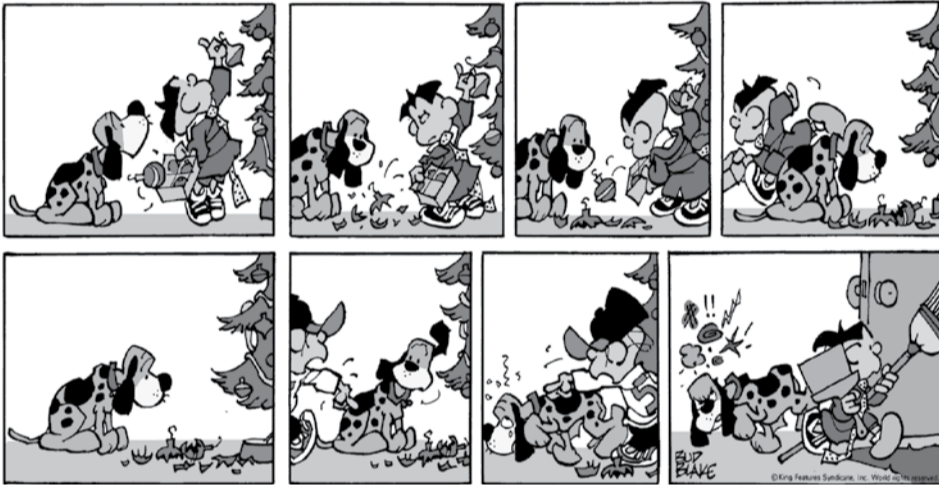
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- Paleozoic or mesozoic, e.g.
- Alexandre Duma's "The Black \_\_\_\_\_"
- Concerning, archaic
- Talking Heads' "And She \_\_\_\_\_"
- Give a speech
- \*2023 World Series winners
- \*Imploded submersible's destination
- \*Kali Uchis' "I Wish Roses"
- Don't step on it twice!
- \*Ryan Gosling's #48 Across role
- Winter window picture
- Imprisons
- Aphrodite's son
- Hindu serpent deity
- Toughness
- Angler's hope
- Stephen Curry, e.g.
- Opposed to
- Tastes like lemon
- Seven-year desire
- Turf alternative
- \*Highest-grossing 2023 movie to-date
- Chris Hemsworth's repeating role
- Auction batch
- Cheese on Peloponnese
- Kombucha, e.g.
- \*Retired media magnate
- \*King Charles III's Royal House
- On the radio (2 words)
- \*Ryder Cup 2023 runner-up
- 1000 kilograms
- "Beat it!"
- Lake, in France
- Manila hemp
- Foot digits
- Freudian topic
- Runner

**DOWN**

- Joust verbally
- Cat food flavor
- Word before sesame
- Gangly
- Type of shower
- \*Company from which #57 Across retired, \_\_\_\_\_ Corp
- Nest egg, acr.
- Trattoria staple
- Sign of a saint
- Kin group
- South American monkey
- Design detail, for short
- Sacred objects on a pole
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# Ami Bera Announces \$225K Federal Award

Office of Rep. Ami Bera  
News Release

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) today announced that Improve Your Tomorrow, a Sacramento-based nonprofit, has been selected to receive a federal award of \$225,900 per year. The funding, made available through AmeriCorps VISTA, will bolster college readiness for Sacramento area youth and will support 10 year-round service positions locally.

“I am thrilled to share that Improve Your Tomorrow has been chosen to receive over \$225,000 in federal funding, furthering their vital mission of empowering Sacramento young men of color to pursue and graduate from college,” said Representative Ami Bera. “AmeriCorps volunteers are among the most dedicated and selfless contributors to our society, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact these 10 volunteers make on the Sacramento community.”

Improve Your Tomorrow is a Sacramento-based nonprofit that is working to empower and uplift young men of color throughout California by enabling them to pursue and complete their college education.

“Improve Your Tomorrow is profoundly honored to stand among the four distinguished AmeriCorps VISTA Awardees in



Rep. Ami Bera with graduates at the Improve Your Tomorrow graduation ceremony, June 2023. Photo courtesy of Office of Rep. Ami Bera

California. This kind of unwavering support from Congressman Ami Bera and AmeriCorps California showcases a commitment to expanding service opportunities that address critical achievement gaps within our education system. Thanks to the advocacy of youth champions like Congressman Bera, Improve Your Tomorrow will harness the transformative power of the VISTA program — a pinnacle of professional service

opportunities in our state. This investment in at-promise YOUTH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROPEL improved outcomes for the thousands of young men of color we are dedicated to serving,” said Michael Lynch, CEO & Co-Founder, Improve Your Tomorrow.

In addition to the award announced today, AmeriCorps will also provide more than \$68,950 each year in education scholarships for the AmeriCorps

VISTA members supported by this award to help pay for college, vocational training, or pay back student loans.

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for service and volunteering, brings people together to tackle the country’s most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering. Every year, tens of thousands AmeriCorps members serve through 21,000+ schools, nonprofits,

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# Creating Families through Adoption

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - It took a little effort, but 4-year-old Elias signed his own name on his adoption papers. During the short and cheerful proceeding, the judge defined adoption as a choice to be a family, a lifelong agreement to treat them as your own natural-born child. Finding the adoption to be in Elias’ best interest, the court declared him and his grandmother, Kimberly McCloskey, as a parent and child under the law. “Today is a great day,” McCloskey said.

## Adoption Day

Court is not usually a place for young children, let alone a courthouse full of them. But on Saturday, November 4, 29 families finalized the adoptions of 34 children at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relation Courthouse. Volunteers—including nonprofits and government agencies, judges and court staff – made the day fun, colorful and memorable for children and their new official families with balloons, sweets, toys and books, a police car and firetruck.

## Family, Foster Care and Adoption

The adoption process started for McCloskey a year ago when her daughter wasn’t able to care for Elias and he ended up in foster care. Wanting to provide a stable home and keep him with their family, she stepped up and asked to adopt her grandson, who she describes as smart and loving.



Kimberly McCloskey and Elias. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

## Kimberly McCloskey and Elias

“I just wanted him to stay in the family, I wasn’t sure if [his foster family] was going to allow for me to continue to see him, and I didn’t want him out of my life,” she says. “I came forward and said that I wanted to adopt him.”

While McCloskey admits that it can be tough dealing with and advocating for yourself in the court system, she did get support from social workers who helped

guide her through the process, which included becoming a certified foster parent, home interviews, fingerprinting and foster parenting classes.

“The goal of permanency is to provide a child the opportunity to develop secure attachments which can promote more positive educational and social outcomes, and promote a child’s optimal physical and emotional growth and health overall,” says Melissa Lloyd, Sacramento County’s Deputy Director of

Child Protective Services. “All children deserve to have a family and strong connections for life.”

## Supporting Children and Families

While National Adoption Day is officially November 18, Sacramento County celebrated Adoption Day early so new families can enjoy their first official November holidays together. Several community organizations also took part to make the day special, including:

Sacramento Fire Department; Sacramento County Library; Sacramento Sheriff Department Youth Services; Department of Child and Family Adult Services; Court Appointed Special Advocates of Sacramento; Wayfinders Family Services; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

“Adoption Day brings national attention to the significant number of children and youth who remain in foster care awaiting their forever home,” Sacramento Superior Court’s Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Dena Coggins said in a statement. “Our last National Adoption Day event occurred in 2019 and was extremely successful. We are excited to bring this wonderful event back to Sacramento County.”

For more information on foster care and adoption in Sacramento County, contact the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services at [dcfas.saccounty.gov](http://dcfas.saccounty.gov) or call 916-875-5543 for information on becoming a resource family. For more information on National Adoption Day, visit <https://www.nationaladoptionday.org/>. ★



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# Mobile Vet Clinic for Unhoused Pets Launches

**Sacramento County News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - PAWS, or Pet Aid and Wellness Services, rolled into action at the Safe Stay community on Florin Rd on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, and began seeing its first four-legged patients, marking a pivotal moment for accessible pet healthcare in Sacramento County. PAWS is the first mobile spay/neuter outreach clinic for pets of unhoused pet owners in the area and was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2022.**

**Spaying and Neutering at the Forefront:**

The primary mission of PAWS is to address pet overpopulation and reduce unwanted litters. The mobile clinic is fully equipped to provide spay and neuter services, ensuring that pets of unhoused owners have access to this vital and preventive care. By focusing on these procedures, PAWS aims to contribute significantly to controlling the pet population.

**Comprehensive Veterinary Care on Wheels:**

PAWS goes beyond spay/neuter services; it will also offer vaccinations, medical care, and diagnostic services for ill and injured pets. PAWS offers comparable services to care provided by a traditional veterinary office. This comprehensive approach aims to promote the overall health and well-being of all pets in the community and reduce preventable diseases.

**Removing Barriers to Care:**

By removing barriers such as transportation and cost, PAWS bridges the gap in access to veterinary services and represents a significant stride towards a more inclusive approach to pet healthcare. All services are provided by the County at no cost to pet owners.

**Strategic Operation Schedule:**

The mobile clinic will operate four days per week, with two days dedicated to providing services at shelters for individuals



The Pet Aid and Wellness Services rolls into service in Sac County. Left to right: Jessica Gresham; Rich Desmond, District 3 Supervisor and Board Chair; Freedom Witten; Patrick Kennedy, District 2 Supervisor and Board Vice-Chair; Annette Bedsworth; Dr. Cynthia Metcalf; and Kazmiera Grundy. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

experiencing homelessness. One day per week will be spent at encampments throughout the County, reaching pets in need where they are. An additional day each week will be devoted to providing spay/neuter services for shelter pets at Bradshaw Animal Shelter.

Dr. Cynthia Metcalf, who joined Sacramento County Animal Care Services earlier this year as the full-time veterinarian for PAWS, emphasized the clinic's commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of both pets and their owners. "PAWS is not just a pet clinic; it's a lifeline for those who do not currently have access to veterinary care. We're breaking down the barriers to that care and ensuring that every pet, regardless of their circumstances, receives the love and attention they deserve, and that every pet owner's concerns are heard," Dr. Metcalf said.

The public can learn more about PAWS and view a calendar of upcoming service areas at the Sacramento County Animal Care Services website. ★



Dr. Metcalf assesses a new patient. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County



The veterinary team addresses a client's concerns about their dog. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County



The 'waiting line' for the PAWS veterinary clinic is a friendly hangout. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County



An 8-month-old cat who was able to receive its first vaccinations and a microchip at the PAWS clinic. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

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