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Citrus Heights Officially Kicks Off Holiday Season



Citrus Heights resident Anistyne (9), Annalyse (13), and mom Rochelle Castillo braved the long line for their turn to get their photo taken with Santa. Photo by Elise Spleiss

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

- Intermittent rain did not deter hundreds of residents from Citrus Heights and beyond from being a part of the official kick-off to the Christmas season, the Citrus Heights Christmas Tree Lighting.

You knew you had arrived at the right place when greeted by the music of the Citrus Heights



Mom Tina Penman, Jillian (2) and dad Greg Penman found a friendly bear to pose with during their visit to the Magic Forest. PAL sponsored the trees and Sgt. Janet Schaefer created the forest herself, each with a different theme.

Community Marching Band's Christmas repertoire. The familiar voice of Jingle Julie, Master of Ceremony for the evening prepared the audience for another night of good family fun, with some new elements.

Due to the weather, many of the activities were moved inside including visits with Santa, Santa's Workshop craft and game

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Retail Theft BLITZ Operation and Arrests Made

Citrus Heights PD News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On December 1, 2023, detectives with the Citrus Heights Police Department's IMPACT Unit and the California Highway Patrol's Organized Retail Crime Task Force, conducted an undercover retail store theft operation at two locations in Citrus Heights, resulting in the arrest of multiple theft offenders.

The objective of these operations is to reduce retail thefts and hold those committing these crimes accountable for their actions. This operation was conducted in the 6100 block of San Juan Avenue and was chosen due to the high number of shoplifting incidents at these stores.

This operation utilized both undercover and uniformed detectives and was successful with the arrest of six individuals and the return of nearly \$2,000 in stolen merchandise seized during their arrests over several hours. Most of these offenders have prior felony criminal convictions and, or, probation terms.

The Citrus Heights Police Department's IMPACT Unit, in conjunction with allied agencies, will continue to conduct these operations throughout the City with the goal of preventing and deterring thefts from our businesses. The following individuals were arrested during the operation:

Hanna Hall Mortensen, 29-year-old female from Citrus Heights, CA arrested for 459.5 PC (shoplifting); Nailah Ebony Perkins, 38-year-old female from Citrus Heights, CA arrested for 459.5 PC (shoplifting); Christian Paul Pinedo, 36-year-old male from Mather, CA arrested for 459.5 PC (shoplifting) and 148 PC (resisting arrest); April Marie Romo, 30-year-old female from San Jose, CA arrested for 459.5 PC (shoplifting); Jennifer Patricia Sainz, 34-year-old female from Fair Oaks, CA arrested for 459.5 PC (shoplifting); Sylvia Sainz, 37-year-old female from San Jose, CA arrested for 459.5 PC (shoplifting).

These arrests are part of ongoing investigations into these incidents and related incidents. Anyone with information related to these crimes, or others in Citrus Heights, is encouraged to contact the Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers tip hotline at (916) 443-HELP. Tips leading to an arrest may earn a cash reward. ★

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

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Ami Bera Announces \$225K Federal Award

Raining or Shining, Tree's Lighting

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area and the Santa's Forest where a dozen themed decorated trees doubled as a photo opportunity for all. City Council chambers became the destination to visit Santa.

While waiting for Santa to arrive and hit the switch to light the tree, attendees were welcomed by Mayor Tim Schaefer who introduced city council members. Vice Mayor Bret Daniels noted this was the first year it had rained for the event. City Manager Ash Feeney introduced and thanked all involved in making the night a success.

Finally, Santa arrived and with the flick of a switch, just as the rain was subsiding, thousands of lights from the tree lit up the sky. The crowds then went on to explore and participate in the many activities offered.

Sponsors of the evening were San Juan Unified School District and Republic Services. Pride Industries provided volunteers for the hot cocoa and cider and cookie station. Brianna Tripp, Employee Specialist in the Youth Services Department said community outreach is of the utmost importance at Pride. Several choices of cookies were provided by Costco.

The Police Activities League (PAL) put on a Santa's Workshop which hosted activities for the kids. Members of REACH, the neighborhood areas, passed out colorful Christmas bell necklaces to all attendees. The City had many volunteers in many capacities keeping the evening running smoothly.

The Anytime Express train ran throughout the evening, taking riders around the parking lot.



CHPD's Sgt. Janet Schaefer created a Santa's Forest where themed decorated trees such as this *Alice in Wonderland* tree doubled as photo opportunities for families with their children. Photo by Elise Spleiss

The most popular activities for the evening were found at Santa's Workshop where service organizations and other groups offered crafts, games and other activities. Chamber of Commerce sponsored one table that had lines out the door. Volunteers helped children create a bag of Reindeer Food made from oatmeal in the shape of a hat, one a girl and one a boy. It was so popular four adults were needed at times to keep it running smoothly. In fact, it is planned to expand the workshop into what was the last few years Santa's Forest. This year the trees were not sponsored by a service or other organization. Sgt. Janet Schaefer decorated the trees herself. The trees will be donated when they are 'undecorated'. Other craft groups included

the Purple Pageant, Miller's Ace Hardware, Texas Roadhouse and Raising Cane Restaurant.

Diane Ebbitt-Riehle, Chamber of Commerce Interim Executive Director, and active with PAL, marveled at seeing the artificial snow falling outside from where she was sitting inside. "It looked just like real snow, the wind was blowing just enough, it was perfect."

In an email, Communications Officer Marisa Brown said, "We were delighted to see the community come out and join us for our annual Tree Lighting event. Neighbors came together to share in the holiday magic, whether it be photos with Santa, making reindeer food or singing along for all to hear!"



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

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 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, community and faith-based organizations and state, tribal and local governments across the country. Since the program's inception in 1994, more than 1 million Americans have served in AmeriCorps, providing more than 1.6 billion hours of service and earned more than \$4 billion in education scholarships. For those interested in joining AmeriCorps, you can learn more at AmeriCorps.gov/Join. ★

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Blood Drive Friday, January 19

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Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Vitalant will host a City of Citrus Heights community blood drive to meet the community's need for blood and blood products. There is currently a critical need for blood, and all blood types are needed.

Donors are encouraged to make an appointment by going to donors.vitalant.org and use blood drive Code SMFM928, or by calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825 and mentioning blood drive code SMFM928. Walk-ins will be accommodated if space allows.

The blood drive will take place on Friday, January 19, from 12 - 4 p.m. at the Citrus Heights City Hall,



The community's need for blood and blood products. There is currently a critical need for blood, and all blood types are needed. Image by Ahmad Ardity from Pixabay

6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

Whole blood donors must be at least 16 years old (16-year-olds must have a signed Vitalant parental consent form available online at Vitalant.org), weigh a

minimum of 110 pounds, be in good general health and bring a photo I.D. Other donation types have specific eligibility criteria.

For more information please visit vitalant.org, or call Vitalant at 877-258-4825. ★

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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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Elie, the CHPD's comfort dog, delivering joy to a local family.



Det. Eric Klockenbrink, Officer Vedad Caus, Det. Elena Ellis, Det. Ryan Smith.



CHPD Officer Jared Bracken.

The 13th annual Shop with a Cop was held at Target on Sunrise Blvd Thursday morning, December 7, 2023. Each child was given \$120 from donations provided by Stones Casino, Sunrise Marketplace, and Target. Twenty local kids were nominated by their schools and shopped with 40 CHPD team members (Sworn, Professional Staff, Explorers and Volunteers). Photos by Sgt. Schaefer/CHPD ★



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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 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. ★

Sunrise Marketplace Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Sunrise Marketplace celebrated the start of its 25th anniversary with a celebratory open house on Friday, December 8th at its administrative offices in the Greenfaire Village shopping center at 8095 Greenback Lane, Suite D in Citrus Heights.

The occasion provided a special opportunity for business and property owners within Sunrise Marketplace (SMP) as well as board members, city staff and officials and Nor-Cal security officers to say farewell and thank you to Citrus Heights Police Officer, Jeff Schouten who will be retiring at the end of the year as an SMP specialist.

As a full-time law enforcement representative and the CHPD department liaison to the Sunrise Mall, Officer Schouten began serving as the Sunrise Marketplace (SMP) specialist on May 12, 2020.

With over 27 years of experience, Officer Schouten was also one of the founding "legacy" officers who helped build the foundation of the CHPD when it launched in 2006.

CHPD Chief Alex A. Turcotte recognized his friendship and the professional career of Officer Schouten who he recalled came up with him through the ranks together at the Citrus Heights Police Department.

"Jeff is leaving a solid legacy behind him,"



CHPD Officer Jeff Schouten served as full-time law enforcement representative and CHPD liaison to the Sunrise Mall since May 12, 2020.

Turcotte said. "We share a long history together and I wish him well in the next chapter of his professional career."

In 2014, Officer Schouten was first selected to serve as a dedicated CHPD officer for the Sunrise Mall.

Since accepting his initial assignment, Schouten has dedicated his career toward improving overall shopping experience throughout the entire Sunrise Marketplace, according to SMP Executive Director Kathlynn Carpenter.

"He's been a wonderful colleague and a great friend to work with," she said.

In May 2020, the Citrus Height City Council approved an agreement between the police department and the largest business district in the city to provide a full-time police officer dedicated to problem solving and crime prevention in the

commercial district.

The Sunrise MarketPlace business improvement district (SMP), which is made up of 400-plus businesses in the Greenback-Sunrise commercial corridor, agreed to pay Schouten's full salary and benefits in exchange for the dedicated patrol services.

In his career, Officer Schouten has also served as CHPD lead on its merchant detention program (MDP) developed to help business owners aggressively combat theft suspects. The MDP allows participating businesses in SMP to file reports directly with the Sacramento County District Attorney to aid in the efficient and timely prosecution.

Scouten was also awarded a Life Saving Ribbon by CHPD for a July 13, 2021 incident at Smashburger in the Sunrise Marketplace. Two employees arrived at the location when one of them collapsed and began showing signs of an overdose, according to reports. Officer Schouten arrived within minutes and began rendering aid for over six minutes until paramedics arrived. The victim's brother credited officer Schouten with saving his brother's life.

Large display panels which showcased the history and accomplishments of the SMP since its inception 25 years ago were also recognizing the memory of special moments, concerts and public events with an eye towards new milestones. ★

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Social Security Matters

I'm Returning to Work; What Should I Do About Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I started collecting Social Security at age 62 earlier this year. I had an opportunity to partner in a new business this year that will allow me to earn about \$200,000 in 2024. Because this is significantly above the allowed earnings when collecting early benefits, I need advice on how I handle this with the Social Security Administration. Am I supposed to call them and advise them of my change in income for 2024? If so, am I going to be penalized in any way? I expect they will stop all payments in 2024 once I alert them to the change. Will I be eligible for Social Security payments when I retire again? This is planned to take place before I reach full retirement age of 67. For information, my 2023 income will not exceed the 2023 allowable income limit. **Signed: Un-retiring Temporarily.**

Dear Un-retiring: You have a couple of options, considering that you recently claimed early Social Security benefits but are returning to work with income significantly more than the 2024 earnings limit of \$22,320.

The first is to simply

contact Social Security and tell them you are returning to the work force and tell them your anticipated 2024 income. They will suspend your SS benefits for all of 2024 (to avoid overpaying you and making you return those 2024 payments later). If you plan to continue in your new business beyond 2024, you can advise them of that as well and they will continue the suspension of your benefits, until such time as you either discontinue working or reach your full retirement age (the earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA). At that time, SS will resume your monthly Social Security payments and, at your FRA, will give you time credit for all months your benefits were suspended, providing you with a higher monthly payment after your full retirement age is attained (with an adjustment for benefits already paid).

Your other option is to contact Social Security soon and request that your recent application for Social Security benefits submitted earlier this year be withdrawn. You have 12 months from the date of your application to do this, but you will need to repay Social Security all money which they paid to you or on your behalf (including your monthly payments, any income tax you had withheld from those payments, and any dependent benefits which might have been paid based on your record). That will effectively "wipe the slate clean" with Social Security and will be as though you had never claimed, allowing

you to simply wait until you stop working, or until your FRA, or even beyond your FRA, to re-apply for Social Security at a higher monthly amount. The advantage of this option is that when your benefit restarts there will be no adjustment (reduction) for past benefits paid.

What I suggest you not do is simply wait to see what happens. That would result in Social Security catching up after the IRS informs them of your 2024 earnings, resulting in you receiving an Overpayment Notice from the SSA demanding repayment of 2024 benefits paid. In that case, you would need to quickly repay Social Security in a large lump-sum or have your SS benefits withheld until the debt for exceeding the earnings limit was repaid. In a nutshell, I suggest you call Social Security and tell them you are returning to work, what your earnings are expected to be, and for how long.

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Politicians Refused to Fix California's Boom-and-Bust Tax System. They Now Face a \$68 Billion Deficit



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It is truly amazing – and not in a good way – that California's politicians cannot grasp a phenomenon that has plagued state finances for years, known as "volatility."

It's this: The state budget is extraordinarily dependent on personal income tax revenues, most of which comes from a relative handful of upper-income taxpayers whose incomes vary year to year because much of it comes from investments.

When the affluent make lots of money, the state treasury overflows with revenue, but when the economy falters, incomes and tax revenues fall. Unfortunately, because politicians have short attention spans, they tend to increase spending when revenues surge, only to face deficits when they inevitably decline.

The syndrome's peaks and valleys have become more severe because dependence on the wealthy has increased, economic cycles have become more acute and windfalls tend to be spent on services that are politically difficult to adjust, such as public schools, health care and aid to the state's poor families.

Actually, California politicians do grasp volatility. That was demonstrated 11 months ago when Gov.

Gavin Newsom proposed a 2023-24 budget that addressed what he said was a \$22.5 billion deficit just eight months after he had boasted of a \$97.5 billion surplus.

"No other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this," Newsom had bragged in May 2022, thus encouraging his fellow Democrats in the Legislature to sharply increase spending.

When Newsom acknowledged the looming deficit last January, he blamed revenue volatility, displaying a chart showing big swings in income taxes on capital gains and saying it "sums up California's tax structure, sums up boom and bust."

Gabe Petek, the Legislature's budget analyst, revealed last week that accumulated deficits for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and the forthcoming 2024-25 fiscal years, based on spending commitments already made and current and projected revenue, are \$68 billion.

"Largely as a result of a severe revenue decline in 2022-23, the state faces a serious budget deficit," Petek told the Legislature. "Specifically, under the state's current law and policy, we estimate the Legislature will need to solve a budget problem of \$68 billion in the coming budget process."

Moreover, Petek's office projects deficits in the neighborhood of \$30 billion a year for the remainder of Newsom's governorship.

So it's not that Newsom and legislators don't know about the corrosive effects of volatility – it's that they, like their predecessors, are unwilling to do

what's necessary to counteract it: overhaul the revenue system.

When volatility first became a major problem during the Great Recession, then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders created a commission to suggest remedies. Chaired by businessman Gerald Parsky, the commission held months of hearings and finally, on a divided vote, recommended the state reduce its dependence on income taxes and shift to a revised form of sales tax.

The report was buried as soon as it reached the Legislature. When Jerry Brown returned to the governorship in 2011, he persuaded voters to create a "rainy day fund" that would absorb some revenues during boom times and cushion the impact of future downturns.

The fund now has about \$24 billion and a separate school reserve has \$8.1 billion. At best, reserves would cover less than half of the \$68 billion deficit and none of the \$90 billion in projected deficits for the three following years.

It's certainly better to have those reserves than not, but they are incomplete responses to volatility and that a judicious, even gradual, overhaul of the tax system is still the best solution, as politically difficult as that may be for a Legislature dominated by left-leaning Democrats.

Procrastination will only make the problem worse.

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



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08260
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08324
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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EXPRESS 12-15-23

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
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023
ATLAS 12-15-23

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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CONSULTING 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08336
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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DELTA 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08406
Glitch Network LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Easy Demons Club" 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 8, 2023
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EASY 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08252
Julie Tchang, 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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THREEBIRDS 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08475
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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FLUX 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08271
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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S&H 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08537
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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JDV 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08561
PureFunction Formulations LLC, 8200 Baymore Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Purefunction" 8200 Baymore Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2023
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PUREFUNCTION 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08496
Volodymyr Filatov, 9736 Fair Oaks Boulevard Apt 406,

Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Well Done Handyman Services" 9736 Fair Oaks Boulevard Apt 406, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2023
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WELL 12-15-23

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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RANCHO 12-22-23

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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ERICAS 12-22-23

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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REDS 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08610
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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COFFEE 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08286
Jeanine M Perkins, 7207 Winter Willow Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CA Jeanine's" 4581 Mack Road, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2023
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JEANINES 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08263
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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CITY 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08671
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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SACRAMENTO 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08014
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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DIVINE 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08393
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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SACRAMENTO 12-22-23

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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BOTANICA 12-29-23

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

County November 30, 2023
Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
PHAYA 12-29-23

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
Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
FAT 12-29-23

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 30th Street Unit-C, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023
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GABES 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08684
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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EMPOWERED 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08677
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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SOL 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08719
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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KS 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08347
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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FOOTHILL 12-29-23

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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TAXTIME 12-29-23

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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CLASSIC 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08700
Debra A Bannister, 5228 Keystone Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Butter Me Sourdough" 5228 Keystone Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023
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BUTTER 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08057
Roper Food Service, 4990 Rocklin Road #100, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jimboys Tacos 110" 708 E Bidwell Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 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
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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
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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
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PURSPACE 1-5-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08619
Ryan McCarty, 40854 17th 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
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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
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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
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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
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ROYAL 1-5-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08923
Blinker LLC, 1501 5th Street Unit 647, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blinkr" 1501 5th Street Unit 647, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2023
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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
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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
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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
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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.
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Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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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 Louis 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.
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Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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/join/953492129> 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/join/953492129> or Toll Free Telephone Conference Line @ (888) 475-499, with meeting ID #689-534-3925

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

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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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CDFW Awards Scholastic Archery Equipment Grants



CDFW volunteer NASP instructor Debbie W. trains new NASP teacher in Monterey, CA. Photo courtesy of CDFW

CDFW News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) National Archery in the Schools Program (CalNASP) will add 11 new extensions to its in-school target archery program for the 2023-24 school year. That is a department record since CalNASP's inception in 2005.

CalNASP is a target archery program designed to be taught by credentialed teachers and delivered to students in physical education or elective classes in grades 4-12. The program provides educators the opportunity to engage with participants through a sport that is inclusive of all students, no matter their skill level or ability.

"CalNASP allows true inclusion when it comes to students being able to participate in a team sport," says CalNASP Coordinator Leticia Palamidessi. "The very nature of the program is

set up so that schools of any size or capacity can offer their students the opportunity to be a part of a team, and I'm proud more schools and more students will have this opportunity this year."

CDFW's CalNASP Equipment Grant provides new schools with a start-up archery equipment kit, training on how to use the equipment and curriculum resources to begin target archery classes. Prior to 2023, the most equipment grants awarded in one year by CDFW were 10, totaling roughly \$32,000 per year.

"Not only did CDFW award the most equipment grants in program history in 2023, they also garnered the largest applicant pool, as well," said Palamidessi.

In 2023, the CalNASP Equipment Grant was awarded to five California high schools, and six elementary/middle schools. Two of the schools teach a large percentage of unhoused or foster youth, while another has 10

percent of its students with a documented disability. Adaptive equipment is available for students with physical disabilities who wish to participate in CalNASP.

Public, private, charter, continuation, home and special education schools can all apply for and administer CalNASP. The curriculum is aligned to the State Physical Education Standards and offers standards-based activities from other subject areas, such as Math, English and Language Arts.

To qualify for CDFW's CalNASP Equipment Grant schools must get district approval to teach target archery during school hours as part of their everyday, in-school lessons. They must also submit a full application packet during the grant application cycle which runs from Sept. 1 - June 30. Teachers administering the program will have to obtain an archery certification through CDFW prior to starting lessons. ★

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.yourlocalunitedway.org/our-work/invest-in-families/housing-navigation/>. ★

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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, show 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. ★

Sacramento Kings and SMF Announce Historic Partnership

Sacramento County Department of Airports News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Kings and Sacramento International Airport (SMF) announced a groundbreaking partnership, marking one of the first formal partnerships between a U.S. airport and an NBA franchise. Over the next three seasons, SMF will serve as the official airport partner of the Sacramento Kings.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Sacramento International Airport and provide fans and travelers exclusive touch points to the Kings," said Sacramento Kings President of Business Operations John Rinehart. "Through unique co-branded experiences, we will magnify what it means to be Sacramento Proud while creating impactful moments for all who travel to and from the airport."

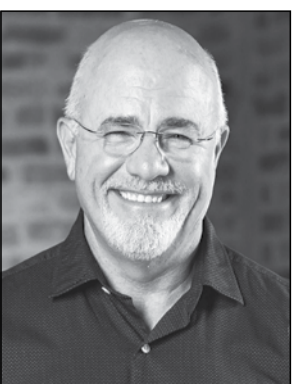
"SMF has proudly served as the departure point for Kings road games for many years, so this partnership represents an evolution for our respective teams," said Sacramento County Department of Airports Director Cindy Nichol. "This collaboration provides us an opportunity to work with one of the most creative marketing teams in the NBA."

This partnership holds importance for the Sacramento community as it represents a fusion of two influential entities dedicated to enhancing the local experience. The historic collaboration opens doors to innovative initiatives that will directly benefit the local population,

allowing them to engage with their favorite basketball team in unique and exciting ways including opportunities to win exclusive Kings prizes, interact with Kings personalities at select events at the airport and view franchise memorabilia. From exciting game-day activations to social media content and community-driven programs, this partnership aims to generate lasting memories for fans while fostering a strong sense of unity and pride among Sacramento residents.

Beyond the local impact, this collaboration also marks a significant milestone in the realm of sports partnerships in California showcasing the innovative spirit of both SMF and the Sacramento Kings. By pioneering this unique partnership, SMF and the Kings are not only breaking new ground in the state but also inspiring other organizations to explore unconventional collaborations that can enrich communities and create memorable experiences for fans.

As this partnership unfolds over the next three seasons, SMF and the Sacramento Kings are committed to delivering unparalleled experiences, both within the airport premises, Golden 1 Center and throughout the Sacramento region. Together, they are set to redefine the way communities interact with sports and travel, setting a new standard for partnerships that prioritize community engagement, creativity, and shared enthusiasm. Sacramento can look forward to a bright future, filled with exciting events, innovative initiatives, and a sense of camaraderie. ★



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,

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UH... THE OPPOSITE OF NATURAL STUPIDITY?

POPEYE by KENNY PHILLIP

I NEED TO GET A GIFT FOR ROUGH HOUSE.

YA KIN TELL HIM YA WILL START PAYIN' FER YER FOOD.

I WANT TO GIVE HIM A GIFT, NOT FALSE HOPE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PEOPLE ARE SO GENEROUS THIS TIME OF YEAR.

GAH! I MEAN YES, THEY ARE.

AND WHAT CHARITY ARE YOU COLLECTING FOR?

OH UH... THE POLICE'S ADOPT-A-CAT FUND?

WE AIN'T COLLECTIN' FOR THAT TIL NEXT WEEK.

GOD SIR I AM BEGINNING TO THINK THIS IS A GIFT.

YOU'RE THE BIGGEST GRIFTER IN TOWN! WHY DO YOU CARE?

THERE'S A LINE SIR! THIS IS CHRISTMAS! YOU DON'T USE CHARITY TO SCAM GOOD-HEARTED PEOPLE.

GRIFTING OTHER GRIFTERS, HOWEVER, IS ALWAYS IN SEASON.

CAN I GET EXTRA FOR MY COP COSTUME RENTAL?

EXPENSE REPORTS EXIST FOR A REASON.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

I WONDER IF THE PIGS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

I NEVER SEE THEM DO ANYTHING BUT EAT AND SLEEP ALL THE TIME.

DO YOU THINK THEY GET EACH OTHER GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

HMM, HE'S GOT A POINT. I NEVER SEE YOU WEAR THAT SWEATER I BOUGHT.

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"Deck the halls with more cameras."

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- 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
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- Hindu serpent deity
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- 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
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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 photorealistic dinosaurs when Jurassic Quest® opens at Cal Expo Center for one weekend only Jan. 12-14.

Loved by millions, only Jurassic Quest can bring families memories this BIG! Walk through 165 million years of the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods to learn about the creatures that ruled the Earth! In addition to life-like dinosaurs, Jurassic Quest's classic experiences for the whole family include some of the largest rideable dinosaurs in North America, live dinosaur shows, interactive science and art activities including a fossil dig and real fossils like T-Rex teeth, a triceratops horn and life-size dino skull, a "Triceratots" soft play area for our littlest explorers, bounce houses and inflatable attractions, photo opportunities, and more.

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 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



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



Dino Dustin and Bronto Brittany play 'keep away' with Tyson and the T-Rex's mom. Photo courtesy of Jurassic Quest



Trixie the Triceratops is kept momentarily safe in the hands of a Jurassic Quest trainer. Photo courtesy of Jurassic Quest

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, 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, 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. ★

Happy Holidays

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." ★

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