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Realtor Hailed as Good Samaritan



Carmichael businesswoman Kim Pacini-Hauch shows her Good Samaritan award, given for efforts aiding the Union Gospel Mission of Sacramento. The pooch is Koukla, rescued during the realtor's Mexican vacation.

**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

The Union Gospel Mission has given a Good Samaritan award to Carmichael realtor Kim Pacini-Hauch. One of very few billion-dollar lifetime sales achievers in her industry, Pacini-Hauch (65) is also known for philanthropic effort. She reached out to United Gospel during the non-profit's 2023 search for a transitional

home: a facility to house graduates of a strict program of commitment to sobriety and Christian adherence. "Kim came to us, wanting to help us find the perfect home," says Union Gospel's Executive Director Pastor Tim Lane. "When our Redemption House was found, she worked to help us purchase it. She did this pro-bono (donating back brokerage fees), out of the kindness of her heart...I'd never met her. Then, with no persuasion from us, she came to our aid.

She's a really upscale realtor with a down-to-earth heart." Pacini and husband Dick Hauch are long-time givers to the cause. "My family is Christian," she explains. "We believe in service to God and to others. Union Gospel Mission needs the right house in the right neighborhood, close to Mission headquarters. Residents also need access to nearby ministries until they're ready to be on their own. It took months, but

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First Snow Survey of the Season Finds Below Average Conditions

DWR Special Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first snow survey of the season on January 2, 2023, at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 7.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 3 inches, which is 30 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR's water supply forecast. Statewide the snowpack is 25 percent of average for this date.

After one of the largest snowpacks on record last season, the start of this water year has been dry despite some recent storms in the last weeks of December that provided a small boost in the snowpack. While state reservoirs are still above average for this time of year and strong El Niño conditions are present in



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the Pacific Ocean, the outlook for the rest of the winter remains highly uncertain. "California saw firsthand last year how historic drought conditions can quickly give way to unprecedented, dangerous flooding," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "Although El Niño does not guarantee an above average water

year, California is preparing for the possibility of more extreme storms while increasing our climate resilience for the next drought." DWR's electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the state indicate that the statewide snowpack's snow water equivalent is 2.5 inches, or 25 percent of average for this date, compared to 185

percent on this date last year. "While we are glad the recent storms brought a small boost to the snowpack, the dry fall and below average conditions today shows how fast water conditions can change," said DWR's Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Sean de Guzman. "It's still far too

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Gregg Fishman Elected SMUD Board Vice President



New SMUD Board Vice President, Gregg Fishman. Photo courtesy SMUD

SMUD Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - SMUD's Board of Directors elected Gregg Fishman as Vice President of the Board, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Gregg was first elected to the SMUD Board of Directors in January 2015 and represents Ward 3, which includes East Sacramento, much of the Arden-Arcade area, and the Campus Commons, College Glen, and Rosemont neighborhoods, as well as parts of Carmichael, Florin, Fruitridge and Vintage Park.

Vice President Fishman has been a clean energy advocate for much of his career. As a former SMUD employee, he promoted wind and solar energy when they were in their infancy. At the California Independent System Operator, he led public engagement efforts supporting new wind energy farms in California. As President of the SMUD Board in 2018, he led the utility in passing its Integrated Resource Plan, hailed by the California Energy Commission as "... an ambitious road map for lowering greenhouse gas emissions in the Sacramento region."

In his varied career, Gregg was a news reporter and anchor at KFBK and KGO Radio, a public information officer at SMUD and the California Independent System Operator (California ISO), and communications coordinator for the California State Association of Counties. He currently works at Sacramento Regional Transit as the Sr. Community Relations Officer.

Gregg is an active volunteer with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and has led a neighborhood effort that has planted more than 2,000 new trees since 2001. He received an award from the MLK 365 organization for helping to make it easier to remove racially restrictive clauses from local property records. He is a 25-gallon blood donor and a frequent volunteer master-of-ceremonies for Project Ride in Elk Grove.

Gregg is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He and his wife live in Arden Park and are the parents of two daughters. ★



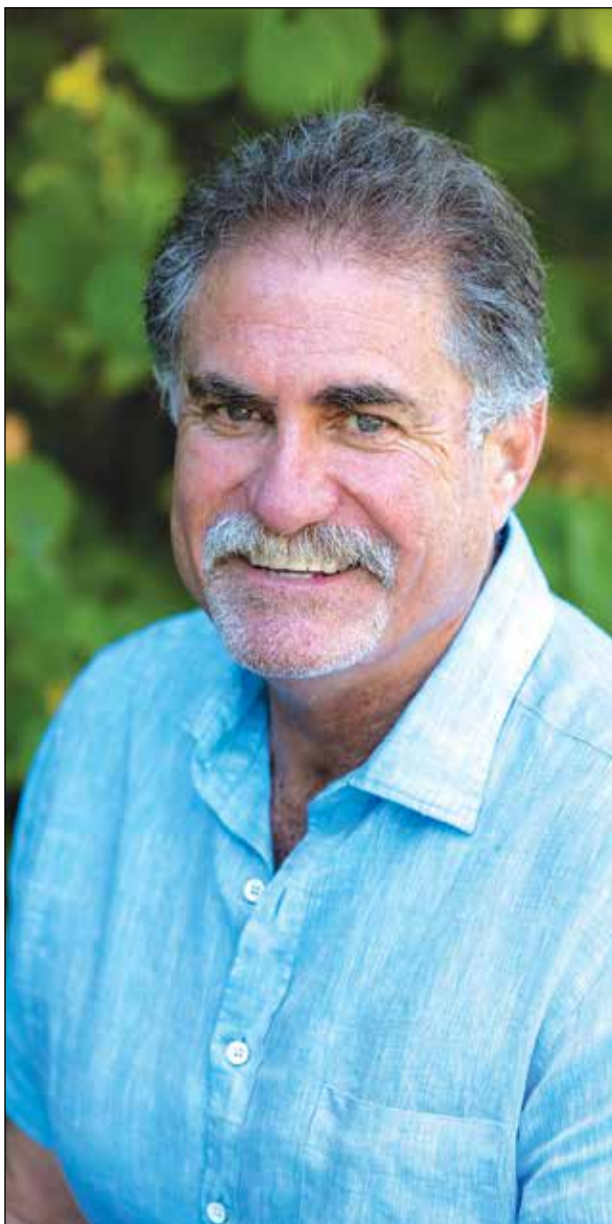
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Kevin Patrick Kiley Marries Chelsee Gardner



Kevin Patrick Kiley and Chelsee Lee Gardner were married on December 30th, 2023. Photo courtesy Office of Representative Kiley

Office of Representative Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The Office of Representative Kiley is delighted to announce that he and Chelsee Gardner were married on December 30th, 2023. The ceremony took place at Pioneer Church in Auburn, California, the oldest church in Placer County.

The bride, Chelsee Lee Gardner, was raised in the small town of Rio Oso, California, and moved to Rocklin, California, in 2011. She works at Agape International Missions, a nonprofit devoted to the fight against sex trafficking.

The groom, Kevin Patrick Kiley, is also from the greater Sacramento area and was raised in Orangevale and Granite Bay. He currently represents California's 3rd Congressional District as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Chelsee and Kevin met at a community event in Rocklin, California, celebrating the Fourth of July. Kevin proposed to Chelsee in the summer of 2023 in the same park where they first met.

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CHP Celebrates 96 New Officers

Story and photos by MPG Editor Debra Dingman

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Many people spend years begrudging the California Highway Patrol because they were pulled over by a CHP Officer for some reason they did not feel was warranted. But after attending one of the graduations at the California Highway Patrol Academy in Sacramento, one might easily hold feelings of respect and honor instead.

Every facet of the program was succinctly orchestrated from being directed where to park to lining up to enter the event. Guests were greeted professionally with a genuine smile by blue-shirted cadets. Hundreds of family members waited in anticipation.

Upon entering the huge gymnasium with rows and rows of seats, one saw an entire wall of 4 x 8-foot photos of pictures—each portraying a different division of the service including SWAT Team, Mounted Horse Patrol, Academy Instruction, Road Patrol, Air Operations, Motor Officer, Motorcycle and Bicycle Patrols. What they didn't show was task force members, Headquarters and Division Personnel uniformed and Nonuniformed, Dispatchers, Auto Theft Task Forces, Commercial Enforcement Personnel, K-9s and more.

"There have been thousands of officers in this place," said Jim Ward, a retired CHP Officer who lives in Dixon. "But, it is far from routine. This is extraordinary. You are seeing less than 3-percent of those who actually apply." Ward served for 16 years on the Santa Ana freeway before moving to northern California duties.

Soon after the families and friends were seated, nearly 100 men and women marched into the California Highway Patrol Academy graduation ceremony with eyes straight ahead and showing serious faces wearing the traditional CHP uniform symbolizing authority and



Filing into their graduation ceremony, new CHP Officers were captured in photos by hundreds of proud families.

professionalism: the camel-colored pants, olive green jacket, and the cream-colored Trooper hat.

Commissioner Sean Duryee opened the ceremony and spoke about CHP training which is revered worldwide and consists of a regulated system of academics, exercise, diet, and self-discipline. Those honored had just completed the 6-month live-in Academy where their commitment meant missed birthdays, anniversaries, births of children, and holidays.

He told how they would receive their badge number and badge stating they would stay with them for life and talked about what each point of the star represents: character, integrity, judgment, loyalty, courtesy, honor, and knowledge.

"You've earned the right to wear it," he said. "That badge belongs to the people behind you. That badge represents the trust they have in you." He also spoke to the graduates about their futures. "The tragedies of others will become your daily

routine. You will show empathy, take time to listen, give a shoulder to cry on, and show compassion.

Don't ever become cocky or arrogant. The moment you stop learning and growing, you start limiting your future."

Keynote speaker Barbara Rooney, California Office of Traffic Safety Director shared the wide variety of backgrounds that the graduates came from. There were a couple musicians, EMTs, and firefighters.

"Almost all branches of the military are represented here and 1st to 3rd and even 4th generations of officers in the family. There was a preschool teacher, marathon runner, private pilot, computer engineer, and even a juggler," she said. "Ten have received the Governor's Medal of Honor."

She reminded them they were all joining a 100-year-old agency created in 1929 to provide uniform traffic law enforcement throughout California, assuring the safe, convenient and efficient transportation

of people and goods on its highway system.

"Now, there are 7,000 uniform personnel in our state with 40 million people," she said congratulating them.

The governor added his remarks through a televised message.

"I'm adding my voice to the chorus who honors you," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "We have the 5th largest law enforcement agency in the country and you have earned our respect and trust. We extend our gratitude, thanks, and welcome."

A video presentation of the extensive training followed and the audience saw situational experiences where cadets were drilled on how to fight criminals and save lives.

Special recognitions were given for class officers, marksmanship, outstanding athlete, and most inspirational cadet. Afterwards, they lined in front of the buildings for the official 'badge pinning' while taking photos with proud spouses and

family members. They will earn a generous base salary of \$109,248 during their first year plus full health and dental benefits for themselves and their families.

The ceremony is one of three per year and was closed with the entire graduating class reciting the Code of Honor with raised right hands swearing that they "would lay down their life rather than swerve from the line of duty."

Watch Soon

The CHP has just released to the public an inside look at its live-in training facility with this month's programming of the new reality series, Cadets. Premiering Jan. 17 on the CHP's YouTube page, the nine-part docuseries focuses on a cadet class navigating the six-month journey through the CHP Academy on the way to becoming officers.

The release of Cadets is part of the CHP's ongoing, multi-year recruitment campaign to recruit and hire 1,000 officers. A trailer for the series, produced entirely by CHP staff, is available online.

"Cadets is not just a series; it's a testament to the CHP's commitment to excellence, diversity, and the relentless pursuit of transforming individuals from all walks of life into dedicated officers ready to serve the community," said the Commissioner Duryee. "We are excited to offer a start-to-finish look inside our Academy as future law enforcement officers are brought to life."

Viewers will "ride along" with nine cadets as they overcome physical and mental adversity throughout the journey to earning their badge and becoming a CHP officer. The audience will also hear firsthand from the cadets as they speak candidly about their experience.

"By sharing their experiences, in their own words, we hope to inspire more service-minded individuals to follow in their footsteps and join us for a rewarding career in law enforcement," added Commissioner Duryee. ★

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Public Health Awarded Grant for Child Safety Seat Education

Presidential Primary Election Update

Ballot Drop Box and VoteCenter Locations

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) has posted the list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election on the website.

Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed to voters beginning Monday, February 5, 2024. Ballot Drop Boxes will begin opening Monday, February 5, 2024, and Vote Centers will begin opening Saturday, February 24, 2024. A complete list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations, their days and hours of operation, and an interactive map can be found at: <https://elections.saccounty.net/votecenters/pages/locations.aspx>

A QR code to the interactive map will be included in the County Voter Information Guide to replace the flat printed map. This simple change supports the County's GoGreen policy, is accessible to voters with disabilities and is fiscally responsible, saving the county over two (2) million pages of printed material and the associated mailing cost.

For more information, contact VRE at (916) 875-6451, email voterinfo@saccounty.gov, or by using the toll-free voter

assistance hotline at (800) 762-8019. The hotline has the ability to connect voters with disabilities with TTY (Text Telephone).

KEY ELECTION DATES

- **Monday, February 5** - Mailing of ballots to all registered voters begins
- **Monday, February 5** - Voted ballots may be returned in any of the Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout the County
- **Monday, February 19** - Close of voter registration for this election. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by this date or delivered to the VRE Office at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento 95823 by 5:00 p.m. Online voter registration must be completed before midnight on this date at www.registertovote.ca.gov
- **Tuesday, February 20** - Conditional Voter Registration (VBM) begins
- **Saturday, February 24** - 11 Day Vote Centers open
- **Tuesday, February 27** - Last day a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot can be mailed to you. After this date, VBM ballots are only available at the VRE office or at any of the 90 Vote Centers
- **Saturday, March 2** - All Vote Centers open throughout the County
- **Tuesday, March 5** - Election Day ★

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In our continued effort to enhance child safety on the road, Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) has once again joined forces with partner agency Mercy San Juan to continue the successful car seat safety program. Aimed at educating parents and caregivers on the proper installation and use of child safety seats, this initiative is made possible through a \$78,546 grant generously provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

The grant, which funds an array of community outreach events, prioritizes education classes and training sessions tailored to underserved and refugee communities. The comprehensive car seat safety program encompasses various components, all designed to empower parents and caregivers with the knowledge and resources needed to ensure the safety of their little ones as they travel.

Key features of the program include:
 • **Child Safety Seat Inspection Events and Education Classes:** The initiative will host events dedicated to inspecting child safety seats and providing educational classes to parents and caregivers.

• **Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) Training and Recertification Courses:** To bolster expertise in child passenger safety, the program will offer training and recertification courses for Child Passenger Safety



Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) has once again joined forces with partner agency Mercy San Juan to continue the successful car seat safety program. Photo courtesy SCPH

Technicians.

• **No-Cost Child Safety Seats for Families in Need:** Families facing financial constraints will have access to child safety seats at no cost, ensuring that economic barriers do not compromise the safety of children.

• **Community Outreach Efforts in Underserved Communities:** Collaborating with local organizations, the program will actively engage in community outreach efforts to promote car seat safety in underserved areas.

Dr. Kasirye, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer, highlighted the essential role of OTS grant funding in assisting families, caregivers, and education professionals in ensuring children's safety. Emphasizing that

safeguarding children is a collective priority, "Properly secured car seats are pivotal in preventing harm to children in the unfortunate event of a crash," states Kasirye.

Sacramento County residents interested in learning more about the program can contact Riley Stoltenburg at StoltenburgR@saccounty.gov or call (916) 875-6094.

The funding for this critical program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Sacramento County remains committed to ensuring the safety of its youngest residents through proactive community engagement and education on proper car seat usage. ★

Local Water Districts to Host Public Workshops on Potential Combination

Sacramento Suburban Water District News Release

SACRAMENTO AREA, CA (MPG) - Carmichael Water District (CWD) and Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) are exploring combination opportunities between the two neighboring water utilities to improve efficiencies, reduce costs, increase water supply reliability, and enhance customer service.

The public is invited to hear an update on combination discussions and the results of a new Further Analysis Report, which provides a detailed look at combination opportunities and in-depth responses to questions posed through the process.

The workshops will include a brief presentation and the opportunity for attendees to ask questions and share their thoughts with CWD and SSWD technical

experts, managers, and board members. **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.**

Hosted by Carmichael Water District CWD Boardroom
 7837 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA 95608
 Info: (916) 483-2452 or mail@carmichaelwd.org
carmichaelwd.org

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, AT 6:30 P.M.
 Hosted by Sacramento Suburban Water District

SSWD Boardroom
 3701 Marconi Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821
 Info: 916.972.7171 or feedback@sswd.org
sswd.org

More information
 Detailed information is available online on the CWD website at carmichaelwd.org and SSWD website at sswd.org. ★

Realtor Hailed as Good Samaritan

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we found the right house. I was happy to go on this journey with the Mission. It's always nice to donate professional services; the value is tangible."

A 36-year real estate veteran, Pacini-Hauch grew up in Incline Village, graduated from the University of Nevada and moved to Sacramento in 1983. Real estate brought her stellar success. Now specializing in luxury homes, she works under the RE/MAX Gold umbrella, with her own Luxe Living brand.

Giving back seems a secondary career.

Dog-loving Pacini-Hauch supports any number of animal and humanitarian causes. The realtor and her husband, retired anesthesiologist Dick Hauch, have their own charitable foundation.

"You get to a point in life when you recognize the need is so great for so many organizations," says Pacini-Hauch. "The Bible shows us the Good Samaritan, who cared enough to save a life when the man's own people left him to die. How can you look the other way when you see suffering?"

"You can't necessarily be the one who

gets people off the streets. But you can support charities that do. If being a check-writer is all you can do, then write a check. If you can't write a check, volunteering your time is even more valuable. There's always a way to help.

"Giving is a learned behavior. My parents didn't have much but they cared. They were always helping with

fundraisers and inviting people home to share meals. "I've made giving back a function of my profession. If you make a living in a community, you owe it a commitment.

"You'll be richly rewarded by how good you feel."

Learn about Union Gospel Mission at www.ugmsac.com. ★



VOTE EARLY! AVOID LINES



March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election

Vote Early and Vote by Mail.

All voters will be mailed a ballot

- You should have received your official ballot in the mail.

You can return your ballot starting February 5th

- By mail, no postage necessary
- At a Ballot Drop Box
- At a Vote Center (starting February 24th)

You can find a full list of Ballot Drop Boxes and Vote Center locations in your County Voter Information Guide, in your mail ballot packet, or at www.elections.saccounty.gov

Vote Early! Vote by Mail.

Update your language preference

Every registered voter will receive an official ballot in the mail containing contests, candidates, and voting instructions in your preferred language. If you prefer your ballot and voter information in Spanish, Chinese, or Vietnamese, update your language preference online by scanning this QR code or call (800) 762-8019.



The Presidential Primary is Party Specific

During the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election voters will nominate one presidential candidate from each party to run against each other in the November 5, 2024 General Election. To vote for the presidential candidate you want in the primary election, ensure you are registered with your preferred party by visiting www.elections.saccounty.gov or calling our office at (800) 762-8019.



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Social Security Matters

Will My Friend's Fiancée be Entitled to a Survivor Benefit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have a very good friend who has cancer and will begin chemotherapy this week. He is 71 years old and is currently receiving Social Security benefits. He has been living with his fiancée for a little more than 2 years, but they have been a couple for about 15 years and will be married in the next few weeks. She is 60 years old.

I am naturally concerned about his, and her, future so my questions are:

What, if anything, should he and his wife do to ensure that she gets his Social Security benefits?

What benefits will she be entitled to, and how soon will she be able to begin receiving them after his death? **Signed: A Friend with Questions**

Dear Friend: You are kind to be concerned about your friend and his fiancée. Here's what you need to know:

Social Security goes by state rules when it comes to what is often referred to as "common law marriage." That means that whether your friend's fiancée will receive any benefits as a surviving spouse in a "common law" relationship depends on whether they live in a state which recognizes common

law marriage. Most states do not, but state laws have changed over the years and many states which once recognized such unions as "marriage" no longer do. Although they may have "been a couple" for 15 years, if your friend and his fiancée have been living together for only two it is likely only the last two years will count for Social Security benefit purposes. So, whether your friend's fiancée will get anything when your friend dies depends on where they live - unless they get married, in which case the rules are different.

In order for a married widow(er) to receive surviving spouse benefits, the couple must have been married for at least 9 months. If they marry and your friend lives longer than 9 months thereafter, then his wife will be entitled to a surviving spouse benefit from her husband. The amount of his wife's benefit will be based upon the amount your friend is receiving at his death, adjusted for her age when she claims her surviving spouse benefit.

A surviving spouse can claim benefits from the deceased as early as age 60, but those benefits will be reduced for claiming before full retirement age (FRA). Taken at age 60, the wife's benefit would be 71.5% of your friend's SS benefit at his death. The wife need not claim the survivor benefit immediately; she could opt to delay claiming in order to get a higher percentage of the husband's amount. Survivor benefits reach maximum - 100% of the deceased's benefit amount - at the recipient's FRA.

So, if your friend and his fiancée now live in a state which currently recognizes common law marriage (CO, IA, KS, MT, NH, SC, TX, UT, RI, or in the District of Columbia), then your friend's partner will be considered his "wife" and entitled to survivor benefits as normal (the fiancée would need to prove they cohabitate in a marriage-like relationship to claim benefits).

If they do not live in one of those states, but they get married and the marriage lasts for at least 9 months, then the wife will be entitled to normal benefits as a surviving spouse (as described above).

But if the couple do not live in one of the above states which recognize "common law" relationships, or if their soon-to-occur marriage doesn't last at least 9 months, or if they do not get married, I'm afraid your friend's partner will not be entitled to any survivor benefits from your friend.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



If you turned off the TV last night or left the Golden One Center after the Kings' loss to the Charlotte Hornets ambivalent to the outcome, please don't call yourself a fan.

If, on the other hand, you woke up the following day with your stomach in knots, or you drove home from the game the night before in a fowl mood, count yourself someone with skin in the game.

I fully expected to be writing this column praising the Kings for a 2-1 road trip, and celebrating a three-game winning streak, as they dismantled the Charlotte Hornets the night before.

Well, that's not the case, and both players and coaches own this one.

Harrison Barnes was MIA once again, contributing a paltry three points and one rebound in 23 minutes of work. Really, Harrison? The classy veteran that got a 19-million-dollar per-year contract in the off season. Breaking news — we need a bigger contribution than what you're bringing every night. And, honestly, what is Barnes doing in the starting lineup?

Message to coach Brown. Wake up! Just removing Kevin Huerter from the starting lineup may be a step in the right direction, but a true shakeup is what is needed.

Harrison Barnes should be coming off the bench, and Trey Lyles needs to take over his spot in the starting lineup. Plain and simple. This is not about hurt feelings, or what you brought to the table 2 years ago, it's what have you done for me lately, and Harrison, you've been missing in action.

I liked the move putting Huerter on the bench, but Chris Duarte was the wrong choice to replace him.

As much as everyone loves the spark that Malik Monk gives the Kings off the bench, and talk of 6th man of the year, Malik is a qualified NBA starter, and its high time coach Brown starts accessing his talent a little better.

After relegating Davion Mitchell to basketball purgatory, suddenly he emerges again and helps the Kings win two consecutive road games over Atlanta and Memphis. This was a welcome sight, and something Kings fans have been waiting for. The same can be said for increased minutes in the same two games for Trey Lyles, who has been stellar off the bench, and in this writer's opinion has earned a shot at the starting lineup.

Will someone tell me what's wrong with a lineup of Sabonis, Fox, Monk, Lyles, and

Keegan Murray?

Granted, Murray is way too inconsistent, but I believe you ride with him as a second-year player, and work on the more obvious changes, like utilizing Huerter and Barnes coming off the bench.

Huerter has started every game, and still hasn't found his stroke. Barnes simply disappears for games at a time, with no apparent repercussions.

When I played basketball, you either performed or someone else on the team took over your minutes.

Last night's loss to the Hornets was an embarrassment, and with the team assembled today, there is no excuse for it.

Really bad coaching and 21 turnovers did the trick, and if immediate changes are not made, I sadly believe we are in for more of the same.

Without question, the Kentucky Wildcats know how to turn out NBA basketball players, and in the case of the Sacramento Kings — De'Aaron Fox, Malik Monk, and Trey Lyles should all be in the starting lineup. Let's see if Huerter, Barnes, Duarte, and others can provide a spark coming off the bench. Let Harrison Barnes bid for the 6th man award, and start earning some of his 19 million dollars per year.

Just filling in the correct lineup card sounds way too simplistic, and it is!

Basketball is played on both ends of the court, and the Kings defense this year has been tepid and inconsistent at best. That can change. It only starts with a shakeup in the starting lineup, but for sure having Davion Mitchell starting every game will give the Kings a better chance at setting a defensive tone from the outset.

Coach Brown earned Coach of the Year honors last season, and I celebrate his award. But that was last season, and just like his players, he needs to up his game.

Please, start winning some challenges, or even taking a chance by calling for a challenge. To some degree you have to trust your players on the floor when they are vociferously telling you to take a challenge. His record this year is abysmal, and making correct challenges is part of the NBA game. Coach Brown, you have to get better.

19-13 is not a bad record, and the sky isn't falling. Change is needed for certain though, and I hope the coaching staff is listening.

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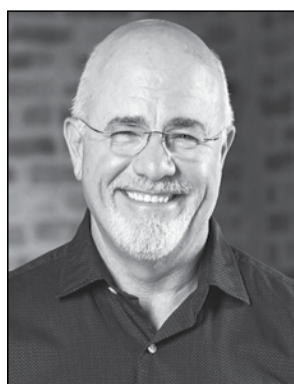
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Dave Ramsey Says

you're basically unemployed. On top of that, you have just \$40,000 with which to start a business. It's time to rev up your engines and get to work, not spend a bunch of money vacationing. Trust me, there'll be plenty of time to celebrate after you've won, maybe in even bigger and better ways, if you'll just delay gratification and put in the dedication and hard work now.

When it comes to opening a new business, a good rule of thumb is this: Everything's going to take twice as long to accomplish as you thought it would, and everything's going to be twice as expensive as you thought it'd be. I'm sure you're both smart people, but my guess is you're not exceptions to this rule when it comes to opening and running a small business.

Think about it, every single dollar connected with your business could mean the difference between survival and going under. Like I said,

I kind of get your husband's thought process, but it would be a very unwise idea right now. You've got to look at the big picture. You're going to be heartbroken, and maybe in a real financial bind, if you have to close up shop in a few months because you ran out of money.

On the other hand, if you work hard now, stay smart and make this thing a success, you can take a vacation—and really celebrate—when the time is right!

—Dave

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Dear Dave,

My husband and I bought a franchise recently, and we are opening our business in a couple of months. We've got \$40,000 saved up, but my husband wants us to take a two-week vacation before we open for business. He feels that the business will completely consume us for the next two or three years, and he wants to go into things relaxed and refreshed. How do you feel about this idea?

— Jill

Dear Jill,

I understand where your husband's coming from. A business is very time consuming, and to make it a success you'll both have to eat, sleep and breathe it for a very long time.

But here's the reality of your situation. Right now,

California State Senate Republican Caucus News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) announced that California has a projected \$68 billion budget deficit through the next fiscal year, a sharp but entirely predictable turnaround from surpluses Governor Newsom bragged about just last year. This deficit will have significant consequences for education funding and other programs, as economic reality brings legislative Democrats' overspending and over-promising back down to earth.

The Vice Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Senator Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) offered his reaction to the LAO's announcement:

"Despite all warnings that it was unsustainable, California's tax-and-spend majority increased state spending by \$116 billion over the last six years, nearly doubling the general fund budget in that short time. Republicans cautioned that this level of spending would lead to greater deficits, and it would be more prudent to show restraint. Unfortunately, the majority party ignored those warnings, enacting a budget in June that already projected a \$14 billion deficit, even before the LAO's new report revised the deficit to \$68 billion."

Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones (R-San Diego) added, "Governor Newsom and Democrat lawmakers turned a \$100 billion surplus into a \$68 billion deficit in just 2 years. Even more alarming, the five-year deficit forecast is an astounding \$155 billion, thanks to the overspending Democrats jammed into the last few budgets. California built up significant budget reserves under the requirements of a bipartisan 2014 initiative, but Democrats have managed to outspend even what the reserves can cover.

"During my first budget cycle as an Assemblymember in 2011-2012, California operated with a \$143 billion budget. Fast forward to the 2023-2024 budget cycle, Democrats' spending soared the budget to a staggering \$311 billion! In a mere decade, our state's budget has more than doubled in size, an exponential surge, while the financial capabilities of Californians certainly haven't undergone such a monumental increase as many struggle to afford to even stay in the state.

"Hopefully, the supermajority will see it is time for a more realistic budget strategy, instead of throwing money at a laundry list of projects that sounds nice on the national television debate stage." ★

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How Will California Respond To The Home Insurance Market Meltdown?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While Gov. Gavin Newsom and state legislators wrestle with a massive state budget deficit this year, a few blocks from the Capitol another crisis that could have far more impact on California families will be playing out.

Ricardo Lara, California's insurance commissioner, will be trying to dissuade companies that provide insurance coverage to millions of homeowners from fleeing the state. Citing heavy losses from disastrous wildfires and the potential for more destruction in the future, the largest insurers, such as State Farm and Farmers, have already cut back on new policies and renewals.

As a result, many homeowners in fire-prone regions have been forced into the state's last ditch insurance plan, called FAIR, which offers reduced coverage at high premiums, to protect themselves and comply with their mortgages.

The industry wants to include actuarial projections of future losses and the costs of reinsurance in their premiums. Neither factor is now allowed under regulations approved by voters more than three decades ago under a ballot measure that also made the insurance commissioner an

elected official.

As the list of insurers reducing their exposure in California mounted last year, the Legislature briefly tried to come up with a revised regulatory process that would induce them to keep writing policies, but adjourned in September without action.

Newsom punted the crisis to Lara and he quickly laid out in broad terms new rules that would allow estimates of future losses to be folded into premium requests and hinted that including reinsurance might be approved. In return, Lara would require insurers to maintain at least 85% of their market in fire-prone regions.

His announcement set in motion what could be a year of hearings and other processes to write new rules that would, in effect, modify much of the 1988 ballot measure that created California's highly regulated insurance system and strictly limited the factors that could be included in rate requests.

It has exacerbated a running feud between Lara and Consumer Watchdog, the organization that sponsored the 1988 ballot measure and has benefited handsomely from "intervenor fees" for participating in premium rate proceedings ever since. Consumer Watchdog has been highly critical of Lara throughout his tenure, and charges that his proposed systemic changes would be a sellout to the insurance industry.

"He's basically capitulated to the industry," Jamie Court, the group's president, said of Lara at one point. "There's not really much coming back for the

consumer in here."

In response, Lara cites his duty to maintain a viable insurance market and accuses Consumer Watchdog of protecting its own financial interests.

"One entity is involved in nearly 75% of all interventions for rate approvals, materially benefiting from a process that is meant for a broader public participation," Lara responded to the allegations, adding, "throwing bombs is easy and putting out bombastic statements from entrenched interest groups doesn't benefit anyone."

Until the crisis, California's average homeowner premium was slightly lower than the national average.

There's no question that if Lara makes major changes to insurance regulation, homeowners' premiums will increase. In fact, last month, he approved a 20% premium increase for State Farm, which holds more than a quarter of the state's market and had announced a moratorium on new policies.

It's a trade-off, one that not only affects current homeowners but those who aspire to ownership and therefore must obtain insurance to obtain mortgages. Moreover, the availability of insurance for their potential customers affects developers who build and sell new homes.

As with the budget crisis, politicians cannot repeal the unwritten laws of economics. Ultimately, there's no free lunch.

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Proponents Withdraw Referendum Challenging 2022 Fast-Food Worker Law

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. announced today that a referendum eligible for the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot has been withdrawn by the proponents.

The Attorney General's official title and summary of the referendum is as follows: **REFERENDUM CHALLENGING 2022 LAW AUTHORIZING CREATION OF COUNCIL TO SET MINIMUM WAGE AND WORKING STANDARDS FOR FAST-FOOD WORKERS.** If the required number of registered voters sign this petition and it is timely filed, a 2022 law will not take effect unless approved at the next statewide general or special

election after November 8, 2022. The challenged law:

- Authorizes creation of Fast Food Council (upon submission of 10,000 fast-food worker signatures) to set working standards and minimum wage (up to \$22/hour in 2023, with capped annual increases) at fast-food restaurants with 100+ nationwide locations;
- Prohibits retaliation against fast-food workers for making certain workplace complaints.

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9604(b), proponents may withdraw a referendum at any time before the Secretary of State certifies it as qualified.

As a result of the withdrawal, certain provisions of Assembly Bill 1228 (Chapter 262, Statutes of 2023) become operative on January 1, 2024. ★

DBW Now Accepting Grant Applications for Shoreline Erosion Control



Shoreline near San Clemente Pier in the City of San Clemente. This is the site of a beach restoration project led by the Army Corps of Engineers and currently scheduled for construction this winter. Photo courtesy of California Department of Parks and Recreation

California Department of Parks and Recreation Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is now accepting grant applications from government agencies to help slow, stop, or reverse the impact of erosion on California's shoreline. The deadline to submit applications for the Shoreline Erosion Control and Public Beach Restoration programs is Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, by noon.

Federal, state, regional and local government agencies use Shoreline Erosion Control grants to build structures that protect public infrastructure in developed shoreline areas against wave erosion, and Public Beach Restoration grants to strategically place sand on eroded beaches.

In fiscal year 2022/23, the following three projects were approved under the Public Beach Restoration Program:

- \$11,500,000 for a project in Encinitas and Solana Beach.
- \$2,900,000 for a project in Orange County, including Seal Beach, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach.
- \$1,085,000 for a project in San Clemente.

Grant funding is available through a competitive process. To apply for a fiscal year 2025/26 grant, an agency must submit a formal application to DBW requesting funding for a specific phase of a project (feasibility study, design, or construction) along with a

resolution from its governing body authorizing the application for grant funding. Projects are authorized for funding through the state's budget process. Individual projects, if approved, would be notified of available funding in June 2025.

Applications for both grant programs must be submitted to DBW through its Online Grant Application System (OLGA). Prior to applying, the division encourages new applicants to view a 45-minute webinar that provides detailed instructions on creating an account in OLGA as well as navigating the application system.

Sections 65 through 67.4 of the Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) authorizes DBW to study erosion problems, act as shore protection advisor to all agencies of government, and plan, design and construct protective works when funds are provided by the Legislature. In addition, HNC Sections 69.5-69.9 authorizes the division to pursue and promote federal and local partnerships to restore, enhance, and nourish publicly owned beaches through the cost-effective engineered placement of sand on the beach or in the nearshore environment.

Additional information about the application process is available on DBW's website at dbw.parks.ca.gov/Erosion-RestorationGrants. For questions on the application process, please contact DBW Project Manager Casey Caldwell at (916) 902-8824. ★

\$125K Jackpot Hit on New Year's Day at Thunder Valley Casino

Thunder Valley Casino News Release

LINCOLN, CA (MPG) - One lucky Thunder Valley Casino Resort guest rang in 2024 with a Thunder Strike Jackpot win of \$125,290.55 on New Year's Day.

The winning guest, Ener Flores, was playing the on the "Ultimate Fire Link – Olvera Street" slot machine when he hit the enormous jackpot on a \$1.00 bet.

"We are thrilled to see Mr. Flores start off the New Year with such a large jackpot," said Dawn Clayton, Thunder Valley Casino Resort General Manager. "Every slot machine in the casino is wired into our exciting Thunder Strike Jackpot, which can strike on any slot at any time,

meaning you never know when you will hit it big at Thunder Valley. We look forward to celebrating many more jackpot winners in 2024!"

Thunder Valley Casino Resort features thousands of slot machines, from classic reel favorites Double Gold and Cash Machine to all the newest and hottest video slots, including Prosperity Link, Lightning Dollar Link, Buffalo Ascension, Devil's Lock, and Little Shop of Horrors Director's Cut.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

is: Gina Frisby, 5708 Alloway Street; 916-671-9359
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUAN G. VASQUEZ CASE NO. 23PR002176

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Juan G. Vasquez: A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sherri Wilmoth, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Sherri Wilmoth be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows February 7, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy

to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Grace S. Johnson, Smith & Johnson Law APC, 115 W. Walnut Street Suite 3, Lodi, CA 95240; 209-333-9292
 Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 2024
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LENA AMARIS CLARK SHARIAH CASE NO. 24PR000014

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Lena Amaris Clark, Lena Amaris Clark Shariah.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows February 20, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations

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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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 Publish: Jan 12, 19, 26, 2024
 SHARIAH 1-26-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BEULAH CALHOUN CASE NO. 34-2023-00336228

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kenna Reid, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Kenna Reid be appointed as personal representative(s) to ad-

minister the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows February 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
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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/916133529231> 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.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV009805

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Carol Miller Justice Center, 301 Bicentennial Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Vanessa Amador, Norcal Attorney Brokers, 1355 Florin Road Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95822, 916-396-9934.
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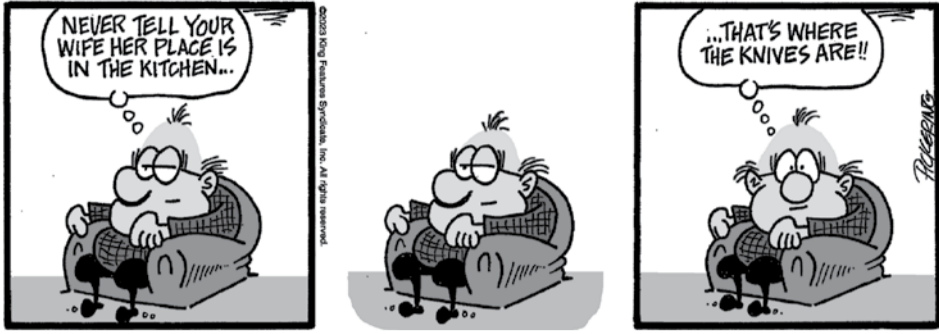
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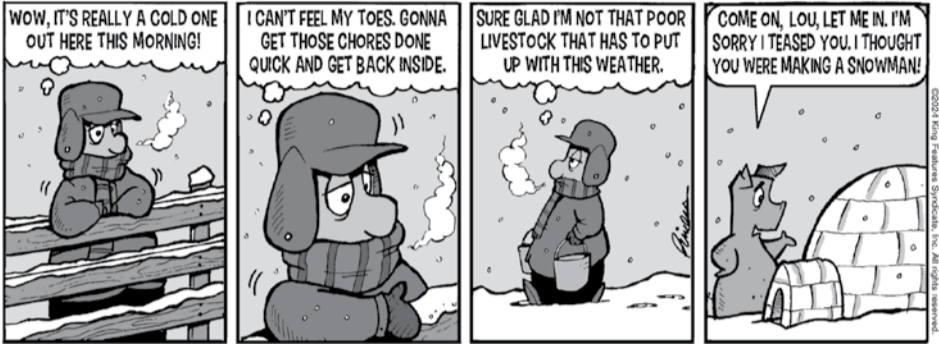
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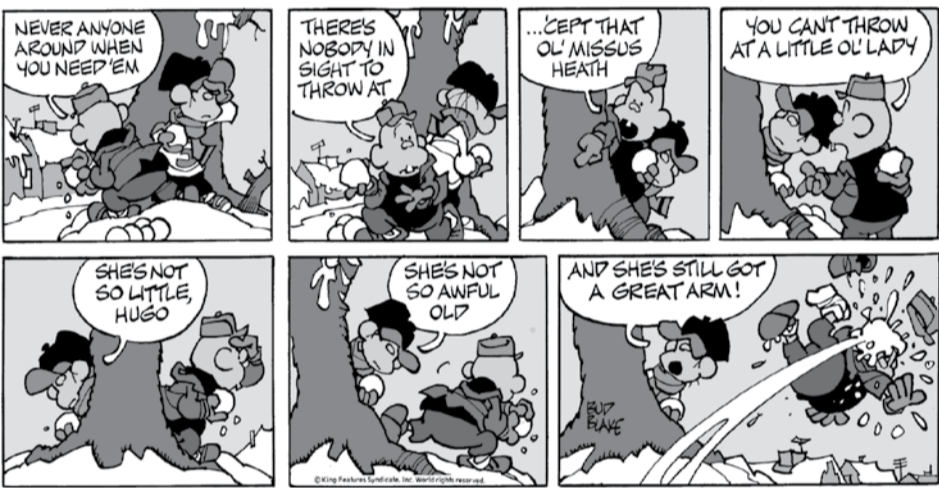
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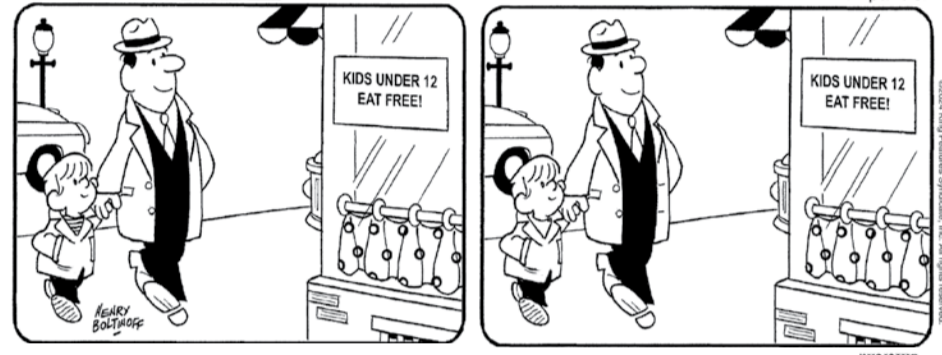
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Robert Craig Films Announces Study Guide to Reduce Homelessness

CAPIAA Welcomes its New Executive Director, Khydeeja Alam

AthertonPR News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a continuation of the mission to bring awareness and solutions to homelessness in America, Robert Craig Films is announcing the release of an Interactive Study Guide, which will be widely available on March 5th, 2024, titled, "No Address." This is an important part of "The Big 5" solutions for homelessness born from the Robert Craig Films produced — award-winning "Americans with No Address" documentary and "No Address movie."

THE INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE
"No Address" provides education and structure for groups nationwide who would like to contribute in a meaningful way to reduce homelessness. Written by a partnership of many industry leaders, it outlines how to best approach and engage in supporting people experiencing homelessness. It consists of resources for how to serve them best. The guide will help individuals, small groups, congregations, pastors and leaders as they help the homeless.

The Interactive Resource Guide is the first of its kind, jointly presented by national executive leadership to serve those experiencing homelessness. These experts include Dr. Robert G Marbut Jr., former White House "Federal Homelessness Czar" and Discovery Institute senior fellow. Dr. Marbut shares, "This has never been done before. In an effort to support individuals and groups nationwide who would like to contribute in a meaningful way to reduce homelessness, this study guide will provide industry leaders who are offering resources for how to best serve those experiencing homelessness."

The Interactive Study Guide provides education and structure for how to best approach and engage serving people who are experiencing homelessness and will be available to all organizations and individuals. Other expert contributors to this project are National Commissioner Jolene Hodder, The Salvation Army, John Ashmen Citygate Network President Emeritus, as well as Myrka Dellanos with videos by Max Lucado and Amy Grant.

- Topics include:
- Types of homelessness; big picture and root causes
 - Why it is up to the people to make the change and not rely on policy and government programs
 - Engage rather than enable
 - How to best collaborate with existing agencies as an individual or group
 - Why duplicating services beyond the established professional agencies can harm more than help
 - Building leadership alliances between faith organizations and agencies serving the local homeless community

The Interactive Study Guide will serve individuals, small groups, congregations, pastors and leaders published by David C. Cook.

"Having the opportunity to partner with Robert Craig Films on this impactful project was an immediate yes for us," said Chadd Miller, executive vice president of David C Cook's Learning Resources Group. "We are passionate about creating an innovative, interactive study guide, intentionally designed to equip the church to help our brothers and sisters who are experiencing homelessness. I'm excited to bring this study to churches and community groups — including my own." ★



Khydeeja Alam was appointed new executive director of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs. Photo courtesy of Speaker's Office, California State Assembly

CAPIAA News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Khydeeja Alam as its new executive director. Khydeeja Alam was sworn in by the Honorable Robert Rivas, speaker of the California State Assembly, at the State Capitol surrounded by family and friends.

"California's diverse AAPI communities enrich and strengthen our state in countless ways and have a pivotal role in driving our state and nation forward," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "Director Alam brings more than a decade of experience working on a variety of priority issues for the state, and deep ties to nonprofit and philanthropic partners that will help further the Commission's important work. I thank her for her dedicated service to our state, and commitment to elevating the needs and concerns of our dynamic AAPI communities."

Khydeeja brings a wealth of experience and leadership in advocacy, non-profit, and state government to this role, and the commission is confident in her ability to lead CAPIAA in its mission to elevate the political, economic, and social issues of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

"I extend a heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Khydeeja Alam for this exciting appointment. I have had the pleasure of witnessing her career unfold through the years as a former colleague," said Speaker of the California State Assembly Robert Rivas. "She is passionate, determined and a fierce advocate for her community. There is no one better suited to represent the best interests of over 6 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who call California home. As speaker, I look forward to working alongside her in this new capacity."

One of the key focus areas for CAPIAA under Alam's leadership will be to educate, raise awareness, and advocate for the rights and safety of AAPI communities. The Commission will work towards an inclusive and supportive environment for all residents of the state.

"The Commission is excited about the fresh



The Honorable Robert Rivas, right, speaker of the California State Assembly, administers the oath of office to Khydeeja Alam. Photo courtesy of Speaker's Office, California State Assembly

perspective and dynamic leadership that Khydeeja Alam brings to the table. Khydeeja will undoubtedly play a crucial role in advancing CAPIAA's mission to ensure the voices and needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are at the forefront of discussions and investments by California decision makers," said CAPIAA Chair Serena Kirk.

As executive director, Alam will spearhead efforts to maximize outreach efforts with Asian and Pacific Islander American communities, including informational campaigns about public and private programs that benefit community interests, and addressing issues of access and cultural language sensitivity within state agencies, departments, and other commissions. Most importantly, Alam will bring visibility around the incredible work the commission continues to do on behalf of California's AAPI communities.

"The California Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (AAPILC) welcomes Khydeeja Alam as the new executive director for the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA). The Caucus looks forward to continued partnership with the Commission under the leadership of Khydeeja to ensure that we continue to uplift and mobilize our AAPI community here in California," said Assemblyman Evan Low, chair of the AAPILC.

Alam will also play a pivotal role in providing assistance to policymakers and state agencies by identifying the needs and issues of AAPI communities, developing appropriate responses, and implementing programs to address these concerns effectively.

"I welcome Khydeeja Alam as the new executive

director of CAPIAA. Her lived experiences as an immigrant and her hard work that led her to be where she is today is an incredible benefit to the AAPI community and a celebration of the rich tapestry of perspectives that will guide CAPIAA towards meaningful progress," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma.

The only ethnic commission established by California state law, CAPIAA's mission is to address the diverse and complex needs, issues, and concerns of Asian American and Pacific Islander American communities. The commission plays a crucial role in advising the governor and legislature on the views, needs, and concerns of the state's population of over six million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

"Khydeeja Alam's dedication to public service will serve her well as executive director. She's a respected leader in her community and trusted advisor to many lawmakers. I look forward to seeing what she will accomplish in this new role," said Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins

Khydeeja Alam: "I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to represent the AAPI community. As CAPIAA's new executive director, I look forward to continuing the commission's incredible work, and taking it to the next level, while ensuring that over six million AAPI community members have a strong representation. I believe the stronger the footprint of the commission, the stronger and more resilient the AAPI communities will be. As a first Pakistani American in this role, I wear my identity with pride. This position allows me to pay it forward, uplift, and empower the community and the next generation of AAPI leaders." ★

Farm Bureau Photo Contest Winners Illustrate California Farm Life

California Farm Bureau Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A college student from Los Banos majoring in plant and soil sciences has earned First Place in the 42nd annual California Farm Bureau Photo Contest.

Cayden Pricolo, who won \$1,000 for an action shot of the hand harvest of watermelons at a farm in her hometown, noted that photography is an invaluable tool for helping urban and suburban residents understand where their food comes from.

"Photography is a good way to advocate and show the rest of the world how the ag industry is done," she said. "Without these people doing this manual labor, we wouldn't be able to have successful farming to provide food for the world."

The 2023 photo contest attracted hundreds of images from amateur photographers who are members of county Farm Bureaus throughout the state. Contestants used digital cameras and smartphones to capture the winning images.

Ismael (Mel) Resendiz of Fallbrook garnered Second Place and \$500 for a photo of an employee harvesting protea flowers at his 250-acre farm. Third Place and \$250 went to Woodlake resident Mishael McDougal, who submitted a portrait of a Jersey cow that joins her for nutrition education classes at local elementary schools.

Timothy Danley of Willows won Fourth Place and \$100 for a drone shot of his father working lime into the soil.

Six photographers earned Honorable Mentions and \$50 each: Jocelyn Brown of Nevada City, Ashley Carreiro of Riverdale, Mariah Earl of Vacaville, Stan Grosz of Fresno, Mary Ann Renner of Ferndale and Larry Speed of Hughson.

In the Budding Artists category for photographers ages 13 and younger, 12-year-old Ashley Jansen won First Place for a closeup of a bee pollinating an almond blossom on her family's farm in Arbuckle. Natalie Webb, a 10-year-old from St. Helena, earned contest accolades for the fourth straight year, grabbing Second Place with a shot of green grapes in a vineyard near her home. Both prizes were presented by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

All 12 prize-winning photos were published this week in Ag Alert®, the California Farm Bureau's weekly newspaper, and California Bountiful®, the organization's magazine.

Winning images may be viewed and downloaded for publication from Farm Bureau's "Meet the Winners" profiles here.

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early to say what kind of water year we will have, and it will be important for Californians to pay attention to their forecasts and conserve water, rain or shine.”

Last year, California experienced climate whiplash when the driest three year-period on record ended with extreme storm events in January and March that caused damage and flooding across the state. These extreme weather events highlight the need for all Californians to prepare for flood risk. DWR is working with tribal,

federal, state, and local partners to provide flood resources and training to communities across the state.

The State-Federal Flood Operations Center (FOC) has pre-positioned flood fight materials at more locations across the state and is starting this winter with more supplies on hand, including 2.2 million more sandbags. This fall, DWR coordinated pre-flood season meetings with emergency response agencies across the state and organized 38 flood-fight trainings for city, county, state and

tribal agencies to prepare for possible local emergencies.

One year ago, the January survey at the Phillips location showed a water content of 177 percent of average and was followed by a series of damaging atmospheric river storms in January and March that caused flood impacts across the state and produced one of the largest snowpacks on record.

In addition to deploying resources including over 1.9 million sandbags across the state last year, the FOC coordinated a joint state, federal and local response

to snowmelt-driven flooding concerns and prepared for the historic snowmelt by providing hydraulic and hydrologic modeling and snowmelt forecasts that allowed agencies to deploy resources, reinforce levees and protect communities.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California’s “frozen reservoir.” Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced

by DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are important factors in determining how DWR manages the state’s water resources. Due to last year’s above average conditions and historic snowpack, a total of 3.5 million acre-feet of water was captured in State Water Project (SWP) reservoirs. Lake Oroville, the SWP’s largest reservoir, is currently at 130 percent of average to date and state water managers are prepared to capture and store as much water as possible. ★

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