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The former K-Mart site in Citrus Heights is now owned by Spring of Life Church, with future plans for a community center. Photo courtesy of Showcase.com.

Story by Tamara M. Warta

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - When the Citrus Heights K-Mart closed its doors back in the spring of 2016, the large retail space stood vacant until the city was abuzz with confirmed plans of a Studio Movie Grill moving into the site. Now, after a global pandemic and multiple liens against the movie theater company due to unpaid contractor fees, the bulk of the building once again stands still. However, the site may not be as empty as it seems.

The property at 8501 Auburn Blvd is now owned by Spring of Life Church, which currently operates

out of Orangevale. Back in October, Spring of Life purchased the property for an undisclosed amount and announced plans to use the space as a community center focused on helping people. The space is currently shared with a Big Lots store and a nearby nail salon and Gold's Gym.

Spring of Life is a primarily Ukrainian church that has been deeply involved with the welcoming of refugees that have poured into the Sacramento region since the start of the war. Last year, the church sent funds to bake over 10,000 loaves of bread for people in the Donetsk region of Ukraine, as well as purchased a 15-seat passenger van to

help with evacuations. They have also supported a call center that coordinates aid for refugees, delivered essential medications to Ukraine, and worked to evacuate children from the local children's homes.

Now, with a large population of displaced Ukrainians here in Sacramento County, they also focus on what's right in front of them while also continuing to help abroad.

Spring of Life's senior pastor Vandym Dashkevych, who could not be reached for comment, told CBS News back in October, "We don't just have religious services. We're more open for people. We serve refugees,

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Dignity Health Donates to Sacramento Area Nonprofits

Dignity Health Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health announced today the distribution of \$1,060,274 to 15 community-based organizations in Sacramento and Yolo counties. The goal of this contribution is to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations and bring about real and lasting improvements to the region.

"A core element of our mission is giving back and we take pride in sustaining our support for organizations that go the extra mile to address the diverse needs of our community," said Dignity Health Community Health and Outreach Manager, Phoua Moua. "These collaborations empower us to take on the intricate health and human challenges faced by our community."

"I find ongoing inspiration in the inventive and unique solutions crafted by our community partners to address the expanding needs of our community," said Michael Korpel, Greater Sacramento Market President of Dignity Health. "Through our investments in these organizations, we aim to cultivate a sense of belonging and comprehensiveness. Our objective is to provide the community with the necessary resources and support essential for leading healthy, prosperous lives while also minimizing the likelihood of significant future health interventions."

Every three years, Dignity Health and health system partners conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment in each county to determine the most pressing health priorities. The 2022 community assessment indicated that having access to mental and behavioral health and substance-use services are key priorities, as well as having access to basic needs such as housing, jobs, and food. With this in mind, Dignity Health and its grant committee selected several organizations to help address this need, including Arrive Alive California, Inc. Arrive Alive California, Inc.'s community focused educational programs are designed to stop dangerous and destructive behaviors through unique, holistic, and multi-faceted

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Camila's Fashion Boutique Opens

By Tamara Warta

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - For several weeks, Facebook community pages were abuzz with questions about what was moving into a vacant storefront near Sylvan Middle School. A few familiar Sanrio characters peered out of a window, catching the eyes of millennial moms who speculated on the potential opening of a Sanrio store — a once popular mall chain in the 1990s that has now all but disappeared from the retail scene.

Fortunately, eagle-eyed neighborhood watchers didn't have to wait long for their answer. Camila's Fashion Boutique opened its doors on December 30, and has been welcoming customers ever since. The store offers a variety of gifts aimed at tween and teen girls — along with anyone else who enjoys Sanrio, Pokémon, and Disney characters. Here you will find everything from plushies to stationary sets to basic electronics featuring these



Happy customers visit Camila's Fashion Boutique at their grand opening. Photo courtesy of Camila's Fashion Boutique

popular themes. The store is headed up by Manoela Lopez, a Natomas mother who

previously showcased her merchandise at various flea markets and vendor fairs, including the Bloom

Festival, Onit Coffee Market, and Sacramento Sweet Spot, according to

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Girl Scouts of Northern California Kick off 2024 Cookie Season

SAFE Accepting Grant Applications for Financial Literacy Programs

Girl Scouts of Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Girl Scouts of Northern California will kick off their 2024 Cookie Season on January 29. Consumers in all 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon Border can support their local girl entrepreneurs by ordering from the iconic cookie lineup online at ilovecookies.org. Local shoppers can also locate cookie booths starting February 11 for in-person cookie sales. The 2024 Northern California cookie season will run through March 17, and all cookie flavors are \$6 a box (shipping fees additional).

This season, cookie lovers can enjoy the full assortment of Girl Scout Cookies, including Thin Mints, Trefoils, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, Lemon Ups, Toffee-tastic, Girl Scout S'mores, and Adventurefuls. Visit www.ilovecookies.org for more information.

Girls Scouts of Northern California is one of the largest councils in the country, offering unique outdoor experiences, civic engagement, entrepreneurship opportunities, skill-building, leadership, and fun. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the cookie program are used locally and provide critical funds for girls' access to affordable programming, the outdoors, camp and program centers, STEM, financial aid, and volunteer support services. Girl Scouts and their troops depend on these funds to support their community service efforts.

This year, over 16,000



Girl Scouts of Northern California with their cookie display. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

Girl Scouts in Northern California will participate in the cookie entrepreneurship program with the goal of selling \$4.3M packages of cookies.

"I am thrilled to kick off another exciting cookie season and to support our cookie entrepreneurs in having a fun and successful year," said Bri Seoane, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern California. "Each year, these budding entrepreneurs impress us with their dedication to achieving their goals and supporting local initiatives. Through this program, they contribute to their communities and gain invaluable life and business skills that will serve them for a lifetime. I am immensely proud of each and every participant!"

During this highly anticipated time of the year, girls acquire essential life skills, including money management, team building, public speaking, and decision-making. Girl Scouts can earn a variety of badges and awards to develop valuable business skills, including Cookie Business badges, Financial Literacy badges, Cookie Entrepreneur Family pins, and Entrepreneur badges. Ultimately, this entrepreneurship program serves as a vital

steppingstone, equipping girls and gender-expansive youth with lifelong skills, and instilling a deep sense of confidence that they will carry into the future.

How to Purchase Girl Scout Cookies This Year

Starting January 29, consumers can source Girl Scout online via digitalcookies.org and have their favorite cookies delivered straight to their home or anywhere in the country or find the closest Girl Scout booth for in-person cookie sales starting February 11 at select businesses and neighborhoods in Northern California communities until March 17.

About Girl Scouts of Northern California

The mission of Girl Scouts of Northern California is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. As one of the largest councils in the country, Girl Scouts of Northern California serves a diverse membership of over 24,000 youth and over 21,000 adult volunteers in a 19-county area that stretches from Gilroy to the Oregon border. To learn more about Girl Scouts of Northern California, visit www.gsnorcal.org. ★



SAFE Credit Union Vice President Community Relations and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo. Photo courtesy of SAFE Credit Union.

SAFE Credit Union Press Release

FOLSOM, CA. – (MPG) - In its drive to improve financial literacy in the Greater Sacramento region, SAFE Credit Union will grant \$20,000 to a nonprofit organization providing financial literacy and financial stability programs in underserved communities.

SAFE is accepting applications for the grant until Friday, Feb. 9, through its online application, or at <https://www.safecu.org/community/community-impact/funding/community-sustainability-grant-application-1>.

"Equipping people with the skills they need to take charge of their finances is one of our main motivations here at SAFE," says Vice President of Community Relations and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo, adding only 27 percent of California's students attend schools

that offer personal finance courses.

"It's essential for people to understand how to put aside savings, how interest rates and loans work, and how to handle debt for them to succeed in life. With so few students receiving formal financial literacy training, financial cooperatives like SAFE Credit Union and our nonprofit partners are stepping in to provide this much-needed education," she continues.

Only 1 percent of California students are required to complete personal financial education courses to graduate from high school, according to state Department of Education statistics. There have been some political efforts to change that, with the Legislature recently considering proposals, and a 2024 ballot initiative in the works. However, the grant, says Delmundo, represents how SAFE and others in the region dedicated to providing financial education services are stepping in to fill the need now.

Delmundo says that young people especially can benefit from financial education programs since mistakes they may make early in life can affect them long into adulthood.

"It just takes one missed payment to harm a credit score," she says. "I've seen a lot of young people get buried in credit card debt while also tackling paying off student loans. I'm a strong proponent of helping people learn how to handle the

finances they have now so they can achieve their future financial goals."

SAFE offers its own financial education services through free webinars available to the public as well as workshops to employers and organizations. It also offers its no-cost Budget Cents interactive simulations to high schools in the region, where students get a first-hand look at the real-life expenses they'll face as adults. SAFE's high school branch program works closely with three area high schools to house a branch at each and provide supportive financial education for the students who staff the branches and their fellow students.

"There are a lot of us working to fill the financial education gap," says Delmundo. "And we are all keenly aware of how many people truly want this information. This grant helps us help others providing this service."

SAFE conducts four grant cycles each year as part of its overall philanthropic program that also includes direct giving, scholarships, sponsorships, and volunteerism.

For more information on SAFE's grant program and to contact VP Community Relations and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo, please contact Assistant Vice President Communications and Public Relations Carole Ferguson at carole.ferguson@safecu.org or by phone at (916) 836-6312. ★

Hard Rock Live Sacramento Takes Top Spots in Touring and Ticket Rankings

Heather Atherton, AthertonPR Press Release

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain announced two major international industry accolades today for its concert venue Hard Rock Live Sacramento. It was ranked number four in the "Pollstar" Top 100 international list of Club venues, based on year-end gross ticket sales. It earned the #4 spot worldwide, #3 in the U.S. and #1 in California. 2023 was Hard Rock Live Sacramento's

first full calendar year of operation after opening on June 3, 2022, with Grammy-winners Maroon 5. Hard Rock Live Sacramento is the only Hard Rock Live venue on the West Coast. Additionally, Hard Rock Live Sacramento was ranked #21 on the "Billboard Magazine" 2023 Year-End Touring List, International Venues Under 5,000 Capacity, #2 in California behind the Santa Barbara Bowl among four venues ranked in the state. Last year, Hard Rock Live Sacramento ranked #24 worldwide in "Pollstar" after only reporting

for 5 ½ months. "Pollstar" also listed Sacramento/Stockton as the #4 concert market in the U.S in 2023.

Additionally, Hard Rock Live Sacramento was ranked #7 on "Newsweek's 2023 Readers' Choice Awards" Top 10 list for Best Casino with Live Entertainment.

After a year and half of operations, Hard Rock Live Sacramento has hosted more than 222,500 guests to the venue, starting with grand-opening weekend performers Maroon 5 and Bret Michaels.

Hard Rock Live has now hosted 128 concerts and five MMA cage fights with Urijah Faber's A1 Combat. According to the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation (YSEDC), Hard Rock Live Sacramento has had an economic impact on the six-county greater Sacramento region of \$28,071,381 since opening June 3, 2022.

Hard Rock Live Sacramento has been on the radar of industry rankings since its opening. It was nominated for New Concert Venue of the Year 2023 by "Pollstar" in February. At the 2023 IEBA

Industry Awards in Nashville this past October, the venue and casino were nominated for Casino of the Year. In 2022, it was also listed as a Top 28 Venue to Watch by "Billboard Magazine".

"Hard Rock Live Sacramento has changed the entertainment landscape in the region," says Randy Maddocks, Director of Entertainment at Hard Rock Sacramento. "The impact that music and laughter can have on people is really what it's all about. It's also part of Hard Rock's DNA." ★

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Council Recognizes the Purple Pageant

City Streamlines Grant Process

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - During Public Comment at the January 11 meeting of the Citrus Heights City Council, resident Alfred Sanchez submitted a written comment regarding an item on the Consent Calendar—the second reading of amendments to the municipal code that will prohibit pedestrians from standing, sitting, or lying down on driveways or center medians. Sanchez wrote, “We see right through this. It is nothing more than another attempt to make homeless people in the City of Citrus Heights uncomfortable and hope they just go away. It will give police another way to push them away. I strongly encourage you to not vote for this.”

The Council did vote unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Bret Daniels announced that he will be hosting Mondays with the Mayor from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM every Monday at City Hall (unless closed for holidays). “You can come in and say hi, or you can come in and bark at me, or whatever you want to do.”

The Council then considered revisions to the guidelines for all the city-administered grant and incentive programs: Community Support Fund, Sign Improvement Program, Design Assistance Program, Activate Auburn, Economic Development Support Fund, History and Arts Grant, Community Projects Grant, and Neighborhood Improvement Partnership Grant.

When reviewing these programs, staff found that applications had dwindled, with much or all of the allocations for this fiscal year remaining unawarded due to lack of applicants. During their review process, they discovered inconsistencies in the language, requirements, and scoring rubrics used for the various applications. Those inconsistencies could have been confusing to residents hoping to apply, which might have contributed to the lack of applicants.

In order to streamline the process and increase transparency, all the grants and programs can now be applied for on the same application, using standardized language and a clarified review process. This new application will be more user-friendly with clear guidelines, and it can be filled out online, emailed, or printed and dropped off at City Hall.

Modifications include consistency in funding level approvals, with under \$5,000 considered by the city manager and anything higher going to the Quality-of-Life Committee for review and recommendations to Council. A scoring rubric will be used to evaluate all applications; so, if a program has more applicants than available funding, the objective scoring will rank applications to guide approval recommendations. Previously, some programs had reimbursement awards, but now all programs will provide up-front funding. All programs will also require a post-award report within 12 months, to ensure that the money was used as intended.

Councilmember Porsche Middleton said, “I want to say to staff, thank you so much for doing this and streamlining it. ... It’s important because we want to see a diversity in the number of applicants

and the type of applicants. We want to see those really creative projects.”

City Manager Ashley Feeney said that many of the local non-profits are excited for this change because it will make the process more efficient.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the revised grant guidelines.

Next, the Council heard an update about the Stars and Stripes celebration planned for 2024. The inaugural event was held last year, at the direction of the City Council, to celebrate the 4th of July and encourage community engagement. The family-friendly event featured kids’ activities, food trucks, music, and fireworks. Funding for this year’s celebration is already included in the approved budget.

Vice Mayor Jayna Karpinski-Costa asked, “Is it then the plan to spend \$40,000 on fireworks again? ... If I voted no last year, does my no vote carry on for this year too?”

City Manager Ashley Feeney said that Council wanted to see “enhancements of community events,” so the total budget for the event for this year is \$85,000—with around \$40,000 allocated again for fireworks.

“I want to go on record of not supporting aerial fireworks,” said Vice Mayor Karpinski-Costa, “on behalf of the dogs who don’t like aerial fireworks, my dogs being two of them...on behalf of the veterans who suffer.”

“I know the community wants an event, but I don’t know that we have to have noisy fireworks that I think cause more harm the next day to dogs and people than it did joy for the people for the 30 minutes that it ran,” said Karpinski-Costa. “And the cost of it all: You’re not paving streets in my district, but you can throw \$40,000 up in the air. And so that’s why I am against it.”

Mayor Bret Daniels said, “I am very sympathetic to the vice mayor’s words.” But he said they shouldn’t be canceling things that people enjoy just “because it bothers somebody else.” He said that “fireworks in the sky are about as American as you can get. ... There’s no doubt the community was starving for this event. We gave it to them, and we put it on better, I think, than anybody else. ... It was absolutely wonderful, so I’m fully supporting moving forward with what we did, and more.”

Councilmember Porsche Middleton said, “Yeah, let’s do it. My family enjoyed it. My father suffered from PTSD, so I totally get what the vice mayor is saying; I understand. But I also understand that we need to continue to build and engage our community, and this is a good way to do it.”

Councilmember MariJane Lopez-Taff agreed: “I’m very, very supportive of this particular program. I thought it was a great way to get the entire community out. ... In talking with residents, they talk about these events as community gatherings. ... I would want to see this get bigger.”

The Council consensus was to support the Stars and Stripes celebration with aerial fireworks, so staff with move forward with that direction.

The next Citrus Heights City Council meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024. ★



The women and girls of the Purple Pageant were recognized by the City Council as community partners of distinction for their volunteer work throughout Citrus Heights. Photo Provided by the City of Citrus Heights.

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Citrus Heights City Council recently issued a proclamation recognizing the Purple Pageant as a Community Partner of Distinction. The Purple Pageant is a community service pageant where women and girls learn etiquette, communication, and life skills in order to become leaders within their communities.

Mayor Bret Daniels read the proclamation, stating that the Purple Pageant “exemplifies the spirit of unity, creativity, and celebration within our vibrant city.” The Pageant has supported the Citrus Heights community since 2018, with 68 graduates from their program. These volunteers are “the ‘backbone of our community,’” read Daniels, “fostering a sense of pride and togetherness.”

Daniels further read that the Purple Pageant “stands as a symbol of the community with its commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and the communal spirit

that makes our city exceptional.”

Mayor Daniels offered his sincere gratitude for the work done by the Purple Pageant as a community partner, as members of the Pageant “devote time and effort” volunteering at various events throughout Citrus Heights.

Purple Pageant CEO Lisa D. Taylor accepted the proclamation, stating, “These ladies work tirelessly in the community. They give, and they give, and they give.” Taylor said the Pageant will continue to focus on teaching “manners, etiquette, and life skills—and this will be the future of the City of Citrus Heights.”

Taylor also shared that the Purple Pageant is hosting the Purple and Gold Gala on January 28 at the Granite Bay Country Club, in support of the Lupus Foundation.

Mayor Daniels said, “It’s not only what you’re doing, but it’s about what you’re teaching. And it’s something that’s so missing, just so missing, from society, and so needed. It’s incredibly wonderful.” ★

Sound Wall Beautification Project RFP 2024 Notice to Proposers

Public Works Projects News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Proposals will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, California, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 for the Sound Wall Beautification Cleaning and Painting contract, City of Citrus Heights, California.

Qualified contractors submitting bid proposals (and for the duration of the contract) shall possess a valid State of California C-33 (Painting and Decorating). All licenses must be in good standing without any official unresolved record of complaints registered or filed with the Board or California Department of Consumer Affairs.

The work to be performed generally consists of public-facing sound wall

power washing, repainting and application of anti-graffiti coating, and all other works as described in the request for proposals document.

Proposals are required for the entire work described herein and must include completed proposal forms and supplemental information. An electronic copy of the Proposal Documents, Draft Contract Agreement and other project documents is available on the City’s website at no cost.

It is the proposer’s responsibility to check the City’s website for any updated information at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

An OPTIONAL pre-proposal conference is scheduled to be held Monday, January 22, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the City of Citrus Heights City Hall, located at 6360 Fountain Square Drive. ★

5 Over 50 Volunteer Award Nominations Open

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is celebrating individuals who are 50 years of age and older who dedicate their time, energy, and passion to making our community a better place. The Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission is now taking applications for its 5 Over 50 Volunteer Award.

Nominees must be 50 years of age or older, actively involved in volunteer work, and residents of Sacramento County. If you know someone who meets the criteria and has made an impact in Sacramento County, nominate them for the 5 Over 50 Volunteer Award. Learn more about the application process and access the form by visiting the Adult and Aging Commission page. Two letters of reference are



5 Over 50 Volunteer Nominations now open. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

required. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 9.

The 5 Over 50 Awards will be presented on May 21 during a Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting. The award is presented in May to coincide with Older Americans Month. Five nominees will receive the award, with one person

selected from each district within Sacramento County.

Sacramento County’s Adult and Aging Commission members look forward to celebrating the winners. The 5 Over 50 Award not only recognizes these individuals for their hard work but also celebrates their impact in making Sacramento County a great place to live. ★

Camila’s Fashion Boutique Opens



An array of Sanrio Valentine’s Day items currently welcome guests to Camila’s Fashion Boutique. Photo courtesy of Camila’s Fashion Boutique

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a recent report on the store. For years, her sales were also made through an online Shopify store while showcasing her available products on social media. Lopez selected the location due to the close proximity to the middle school, as well as its location next to a Starbucks and Little Caesar’s Pizza.

While the aesthetic of the store definitely seems aimed at tween girls, there is something for everyone. Michelle M., a Citrus Heights resident, recently visited the store and said, “I have several family members who love Sanrio characters, especially my granddaughter, so we stopped in today while waiting for our pizza to see what the new store offered.

I was not disappointed, and purchased a few things for her birthday. My grandson loves Super Mario and Pokémon so I purchased a toy for him, too.”

Camila’s Fashion Boutique is sure to get some love from the Citrus Heights community, as it resides in a city that struggles to retain unique businesses or sustain significant retail life at destinations like the Sunrise Mall. While Lopez did not respond to requests for comment, the store seems to be faring well so far, with an active Facebook presence and regular operating hours.

Camila’s Fashion Boutique is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is located at 7088 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights. ★

Skilled Nursing Facility Nears Completion on Dewey Drive



The new building near the intersection of Dewey Drive and Stratton Avenue.

Story and photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Construction of a planned 24-hour skilled nursing facility near the intersection of Dewey Drive and Stratton Avenue in Citrus Heights continues to move forward with a projected opening date, pending final inspection approvals this spring. The project broke ground in 2019.

Exterior construction and landscaping is now largely completed. The project was built by Western Care Construction Company, Inc. of Rocklin.

The 40,000-plus-square-foot facility, called Shadowbrook Gardens, sits on 3.72 acres at 5915 Dewey Dr. in Fair Oaks, according to project documents, located just outside the boundary of the City of Citrus Heights in an unincorporated part of Sacramento County.

Project architect Jon Delling referred questions to the property owner/developer Shyrel Gaskey.

The project is bordered by Woodpark Way on one side and nearby Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church on the other. Entrances to the facility are from either Dewey Drive or Shadowbrook Way.

"It has been a very long process with our architect, design team and sub-contractors," Gaskey said.

"We are in the middle of having all the physical systems tested and approved by the California state governing authority and by Sacramento Metropolitan Fire," she said.

Project approval will come from the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) formerly the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

"We hope to have the building finalized and ready for occupancy in March of 2024," she said. "However, having said that, it is possible it could take a few months longer for all the powers that be who need to, to fully sign off (on this project)."

Gaskey said an agreement for the operator to run the new facility is continuing and yet to be finalized.

In earlier news interviews Gaskey said she expects the primary use for the building to be acute rehabilitation for patients being discharged from area hospitals. The new facility could also serve to help patients recover following traumatic injuries such as a stroke, surgery, or accident until they can return home.

Project documents from Sacramento County show the facility will have space for dining, kitchen, and physical therapy. A new main entrance from Dewey Drive will lead to a patient drop-off area at the end of Shadowbrook Way.

She said the final number of new jobs created will depend on which facility operator is eventually selected to run the facility, but noted that similar facilities require at least 40 employees in order to fill round-the-clock shifts.

"There will be 72 licensed beds and a ton of new job opportunities," she said. "As we get closer to a celebration for completion, I will keep you informed." ★

River Cats Announce National Anthem Auditions for 2024 Season

Performers Must Submit Demo Prior to Feb. 10 Auditions

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

It's sung prior to the first pitch of every game, and now you have the chance to do the same as the Sacramento River Cats have announced their National Anthem auditions for the 2024 baseball season will take place at Sutter Health Park on Feb. 10.

Auditions are open to all soloists, groups, and instrumentalists, and those interested in performing prior to a River Cats game must submit an audition demo by Friday, Jan. 26. Demos received past this date will not be considered. All demos submitted must be an

acapella version of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung in full with clear, consistent, and correct lyrics.

The full performance must not exceed 90 seconds.

To submit a demo, please email an mp3 or YouTube link to Logan Flair at lflair@rivercats.com. The subject line should

read "2024 National Anthem Demo" and include a name, phone number and email address in the body of the email. Submissions that do not meet any of the submission directions or guidelines will not be considered for call backs.

The River Cats will invite the top demos submitted to Sutter Health Park for a live audition. Due to the volume of applicants, performers will only be contacted if they are selected to audition in person. Participants will be contacted the week of Jan. 29 with further instructions. ★



DA Thien Ho's Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision

Sacramento County District Attorney News Release

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case of Johnson v. City of Grants Pass, in which the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals continues to undermine and limit laws that regulate unhoused encampments. These limitations were originally created in another Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals case, Martin v. City of Boise.

Sacramento County District Attorney

Thien Ho states, "With the unprecedented increase of the unhoused population in Sacramento and our community at a breaking point, my office was the first prosecutor's office in the country to file an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to review the Grants Pass case and overturn Martin v. City of Boise. I am grateful that today the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review these poorly reasoned cases. Our office will soon file an additional amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn both cases." ★

Budget Deficit Will Test If School Spending Is The Key To Achievement



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California's governors and legislators write state budgets, they begin with projecting how much revenue the state is likely to receive.

It's a semi-educated guess that is often billions of dollars removed from the eventual reality, given the high level of volatility in the state's taxation system.

With a revenue number in hand, officialdom then calculates how much of it must be allocated to public schools under Proposition 98, the 1988 ballot measure that governs financing of K-12 schools and community colleges.

It's roughly 40%, but since the revenue assumption is shaky at best, Prop. 98's complex formulas are subject to varying interpretations. The calculation also includes estimates of local property taxes, so the number that emerges for schools is also rather arbitrary.

Whatever the figure may be in any given year, it never precisely squares with reality, which then requires reconciliation in the next budgetary cycle. The 2024-25 budget that Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed this week exemplifies the annual exercise.

When he and the Legislature agreed on a

2023-24 budget last June, they decided that Prop. 98 would give schools, in property taxes and state aid, \$110.6 billion in 2021-22, \$107.4 billion in 2022-23, and \$108.3 billion in 2023-24.

This week's budget declares that those numbers are cumulatively \$11.3 billion too high since revenues are running well under previous estimates. Meanwhile, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, had calculated that they are \$21 billion too high because his revenue estimates are lower than the governor's.

The differing revenue estimates – and the equally divergent calculations of school financing – together account for most of the \$30 billion-plus gap between Newsom's estimate of a \$38 billion deficit and Petek's \$68 billion estimate.

By tapping into a special reserve fund for schools, Newsom's budget proposal makes up most of his \$11.3 billion shortfall between what Prop. 98 requires and what school officials thought they would be getting over the three-year period, thereby shielding them from having to absorb big reductions in money they've already spent.

However, if Petek's more pessimistic revenue estimate turns out to be closer to reality than Newsom's, schools could take big hits and state officials would face pressure to change how schools are financed and how state aid, whatever the level, is allocated.

The latter generally is based on attendance – so

much for each student, with bonus allocations to school districts with substantial numbers of English learners or students from poor households to help them overcome a chronic achievement gap in basic academic skills.

Newsom's proposed budget projects that K-12 schools will receive \$126.8 billion in 2024-25 from local property taxes, state aid and federal funds, or an average of \$23,519 per student.

That's double what it was a decade ago, but there's no indication that the sharp increase in school spending has resulted in a commensurate increase in academic achievement. The state's own competency tests, as well as nationwide tests, show little, if any, overall improvement and the achievement gap is as wide as ever.

Per-pupil financing is likely to increase in the years ahead because public school enrollment is declining and Prop. 98's formula is largely based on revenue, regardless of how many students are in the system.

K-12 enrollment peaked at 6.3 million in 2004, is now below 6 million and is expected to drop to under 5 million in the next decade due to low birthrates and the state's overall population decline.

It will test whether money is truly the key to educational achievement, as the education establishment contends, or other factors are preventing California kids from realizing their potential.

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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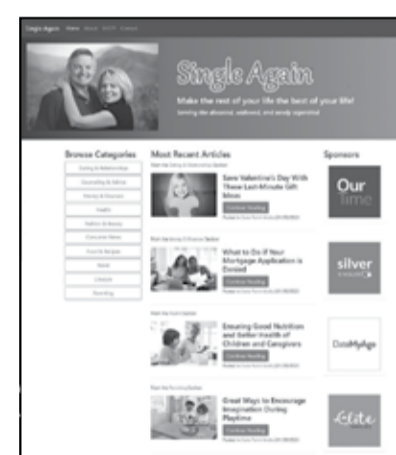
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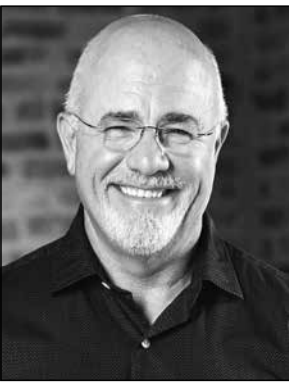
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Dave Ramsey Says

**Work Hard Now,
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Dear Dave,
My wife and I have started teaching our five-year-old son about money. Do you feel we should step in and fix things when he makes mistakes, or let him experience the consequences of his actions? It's so hard on my wife, especially, to see him disappointed when he makes a mistake, and his plans don't work out.

– Lane
Dear Lane,
I know this might sound mean to some folks, but sometimes a good financial disappointment when you're young is the best thing that can happen to you. They're hard to watch happen, or to experience, but often they'll teach life-long lessons. No decent parent wants to see their child sad or hurt, but reality is a pretty good teacher when

it comes to learning how the world really works.

One of the jobs of a parent is to look for teachable moments with their kids. Of course, when it comes to teaching there's always a chance the student won't learn the lesson well enough the first time around. I'm not sure how you're doing things, but if I were in your shoes, I'd follow these steps. First, give him a chance to earn some money. In my book, that means work. No allowances! There's a lot of self-esteem and value to be found in accomplishing a given task successfully. Then, once you pay him for the work he does, you have another perfect chance for teachable moments, because you can help him learn about saving, spending and giving, and how to do all three wisely.

It's always hard on parents when they see their kids unhappy. I know we went through it with ours. As a parent and protector, you want to jump in and make everything

okay. But the hard truth is that fixing or doing everything for them is the easy way out. And in the process of doing that, a child will begin to develop a sort of learned helplessness.

Sometimes, Lane, you need to love kids enough to not do things for them. Let them make some mistakes, experience the consequences and fix things themselves. And it's better for them to do all this while they're still under your guidance and protection.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 Ramsey Solutions ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Resistance to Change



We feel comfortable with what is familiar. Routines offer safety. Change takes us into the unknown. Change forces us onto new paths. Change is resisted because it is easier not to change.

Resistance to change isn't based on logic, it's based on fear of the unfamiliar. Resistance to change limits your benefiting from new opportunities. It provides a false sense of security. You become more of a spectator rather than a participant in your future.

As resistance to change becomes ingrained over time, your aversion to change becomes involuntary. It's human nature to prefer the path of least resistance and it takes more effort to change than not to.

When Thomas Edison first invented the light bulb, it was not universally welcomed as the great breakthrough it was. Actually, many people did not want it at all. They were afraid widespread use of electric lights would enable businesses to work their employees 24 hours a day. There was resistance to change from oil lamps and candles.

Jill worked as a receptionist for a busy doctor's office. She had been there five years and was very happy with her job. Barbara, the office manager, was retiring and Jill was offered the job. Although the office manager's position was a promotion with more responsibility and pay, Jill wasn't sure she wanted to change jobs.

Jill was a competent receptionist. She was well liked by everyone at the office. As office manager, Jill would be supervising the other staff. Jill was worried about what would happen if she didn't like the new job or couldn't do well in it. If things didn't work out, what would she do? Jill didn't think she would have the option of returning to the receptionist position because someone else would have been hired to replace her.

Jill decided not to take the promotion. She was too uncomfortable with changing her daily routine. Jill's resistance to change caused her to pass up

an opportunity that most likely would have worked out to her benefit.

Jerry was a salesman for a computer manufacturer. He made a good living and didn't mind the job. Jerry enjoyed speaking with people so he was comfortable with selling. But there was something he enjoyed more than anything; Jerry loved to cook and made delicious meals. His concept of an ideal life was operating his own catering business.

Jerry became laid off when the company he worked for was acquired by a larger firm. Jerry had some savings so he could take his time finding the right job. Jerry wasn't worried about getting another job since there were lots of high tech firms in the his city.

Jerry contemplated starting a catering business rather than getting another sales position. His friends encouraged him to go for it. But Jerry was hesitant. He was comfortable making a living in sales. Starting and running his own business would be a major change. It would be a lot of work and would take time to build up his income.

After much deliberation, Jerry decided to get another sales job and put off his dream for another time. Jerry wasn't comfortable with all of the unknowns associated with going into business for himself. So Jerry choose not to change but to stay with the familiar.

As the previous examples illustrate, resistance to change tends to be limiting. There is usually more to lose by refusing to change compared to changing. Unless there is a sound logical reason not to change, embrace change as an exciting new pathway to opportunity. You will be glad you did. In order to get the most from life you must be willing to change.

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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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WOODPECKERS 2-9-24

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Natalya Karashchuk, 7929 Tetotom Park Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Natalya's Services" 7929 Tetotom Park Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
NATALYAS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00315
Gay Carroll-Haring, 2726 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bliss Road Studios" 2726 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2024
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BLISS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09154
Chromatic, LLC, 2014 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chromatic Wellness Center" 2014 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023
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CHROMATIC 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00313
Joshua Lee Downey and Joshua Lewis Ray, 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 76, Sacramento, CA 95825 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tanpopo" 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 76, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2024
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TANPOPO 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09313
Safety Realized LLC, 5635 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Summit Safety/Tahoe Sleds" 5635 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2023
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SUMMIT 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09097
Nick P Gavrilenko, 8308 Carriage Oaks Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GreenWave Floor Care" 8308 Carriage Oaks Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023
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GREENWAVE 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00205
James Cyparski, 7762 South Cliff Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JC Construction" 7762 South Cliff Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2024
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JC 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00102
O'Shay Gonzalez, 6020 Wilkinson Street, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shaywitdokay Collectible Hub" 6020 Wilkinson Street, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2024
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SHAYWITDAKAY 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09179
Ricardo Lara Saldana, 7850 Riverhurst Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite Cleaning" 7850 Riverhurst Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2023
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ELITE 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08871
Arias Brothers Inc., 1880 Prairie City Road #110, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hermanos Jalisco Grill" 1888 Prairie City Road #110, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2023
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HERMANOS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09446
Narinder Kumar, 180 S Lexington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trinetra Indian Grocery" 310 S Lexington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
TRINETRA 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00153
Yevgeniy Voyku, 4020 Stephen Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "YV Mobile Mechanic" 4020

Stephen Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 4, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
YV 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00175
Mia Nguyen, 621 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ace's Pace" 621 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2024
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ACES 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00002
Emily Vallejo, 8026 Briar Ridge Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M Plus E Additions" 8026 Briar Ridge Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
ADDITIONS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08903
Daniel Sergey Moltivenik, 5532 Missie Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clear Skies" 5532 Missie Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
CLEAR 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00253
Curt Davis, 1599 English Colony Way, Penryn, CA 95663 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Insight Flooring Inspections & Moisture Tests" 1599 English Colony Way, Penryn, CA 95663. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
INSIGHT 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08948
R.L. Niello Co. Inc., 2701 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Niello Volkswagen/Niello Collision Service" 2701 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
NIELLO 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00295
Full Circle Dealer Services, Inc., 1481 River Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AutoFIPro" 1481 River Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
AUTOFIPRO 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00286
Cecily Sorenson, 4519 Baron Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CS Accounting and Notary Services" 4519 Baron Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
CS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08447
Vence Lewis, 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Space 9 Collective" 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
SPACE 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00178
Gregorio E. Monterroso, 8544 Imran Woods Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KC Builds" 8544 Imran Woods Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
KC 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00357
Ardalan Bayat, 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 19, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Healing Hands of River City" 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 19, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 11, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
HEALING 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08353
Grif Group LLC, 535 Anton Boulevard Unit 850A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Credit 1 Finance Group" 535 Anton Boulevard Unit 850A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
CREDIT 2-9-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV001274
Darian Alexander Brown has filed a petition with this court for

a decree changing the name(s) of Darian Alexander Brown to Darian Alexander Wilkins.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 21, 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: December 1, 2023, Richard K. Sueyoshi Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024
BROWN 1-19-2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV000054
Fazl Ahmad Ahmadi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ahmad Sodais Ahmadi to Sodais Ahmadi and Ahmad Ozair Ahmadi to Ozair Ahmadi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 21, 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: January 3, 2024, Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 2024
AHMADI 2-2-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV013801
Ahmad Alhamadani and Sura Ali has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Assaad Ahmad Abdulrahman Al Hamadani to Assaad Hamadani.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 13, 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: December 20, 2023, Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 2024
HAMADANI 2-2-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV000007
Dionna Marie Campbell has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dionna Marie Campbell to Dionna Marie Wangan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 18, 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: January 2, 2024, Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2,

Ukrainians to Get a New Home

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we serve kids, teenagers, young generation, so we're open for people."

Since the building was purchased, the site has remained silent. This is because the church is busy fundraising and going through the lengthy and arduous permitting process. A section of their website invites people to give financially towards the rebuilding, and the church recently held a December 22 Christmas concert with all proceeds benefiting the new space.

Dashkevych and his congregation have big dreams for the space, which is not projected to open for at least a few years. Embracing the Ukrainian culture of both the church and local refugees, the community center will host festivals, outreaches, and likely host the church services

currently happening in Orangevale.

Spring of Life Church is one of the main coordinators of Parasolka, which provides local immigrant services. "Parasolka" is the Ukrainian word for umbrella, and with a team of approximately 150 volunteers, the organization provides everything from legal counsel to food and fellowship to refugees.

All of Parasolka's services and events operate out of the church, and the move to the much larger community center site will allow the group to expand and offer even more resources.

To learn more about how Spring of Life Church is helping refugees, you can visit parasolka.org or the church's official website, solsacramento.com. You may also donate towards the new building through the church website. ★

Dignity Health Donates to Sacramento-Area Nonprofits

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approaches led by subject matter experts and specialists.

"At Arrive Alive California, Inc., we are committed to developing, promoting, and facilitating evidence-based education to raise awareness on possible life altering decisions, thereby saving lives," said Angela Y. Webb CEO/Executive Director at Arrive

Alive California, Inc. "With the support of Dignity Health, we can take a big step towards building a community of responsible and empowered individuals who prioritize safety and well-being."

The Greater Sacramento Market has awarded community grants to fifteen collaborative projects across Sacramento and Yolo counties for CY 2024. ★



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: January 5, 2024
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
 Nguyen 2-9-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARNETTE ANN DIAZ CASE NO. 23PR000390
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Marnette Ann Diaz
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by Gina Frisby, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Gina Frisby 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 24, 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 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,

Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Gina Frisby, 5708 Alloway Street; 916-671-9359
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024
 DIAZ 1-12-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUAN G. VASQUEZ

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 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
 Vasquez 01/19/2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LENA AMARIS CLARK SHARIAH

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 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 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 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: Monica Anne Clark Johnson, PO Box 276562, Sacramento, CA 95827; 510-693-7516
 Publish: Jan 12, 19, 26, 2024
 SHARIAH 1-26-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BEULAH CALHOUN

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 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, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
 Zoom Telepresence: https://saccourt-ca.gov.zoomgov.com/my/sscdept129 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/my/sscdept129 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 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: Gordon G. Bones, 5860 Esrig Way, Sacramento, CA 95841; 916-965-6647
 Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 2024

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-007 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS AMENDING CITRUS HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 74 "SOLID WASTE" RELATING TO ILLEGAL DUMPING

The foregoing is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **January 11, 2024.**

The purpose of this amendment is to help update and bring the Enforcement and Penalties of Chapter 74 Solid Waste into uniformity and provides alternative options to enforce violations as infractions or administrative action when appropriate. The adopted addition of language for the section of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code is as follows:

Sec. 74-9. - Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter may be subject to any of the following legal enforcement remedies, including but not limited to: Criminal Prosecution of a misdemeanor or infraction, civil action, including but not limited to injunctive relief, administrative enforcement actions, including administrative citation, and/or revocation of a use permit, if applicable. These remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies authorized by law.

AYES: Council Members: Lopez-Taff, Middleton, Karpinski-Costa, Daniels
NOES: Council Members: None
ABSENT: Council Members: Schaefer
ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

The full text of the adopted ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, (916) 727-4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

Amy Van City Clerk Citrus Heights Messenger 1-19-2024

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-006 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS AMENDING CITRUS HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 94 - TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE VI. - PEDESTRIANS, SECTIONS 94-416 to 94-440

The foregoing is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **January 11, 2024.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to find there is a compelling interest to protect all pedestrians within Citrus Heights from the risks of death and serious injury resulting from colliding with vehicles by reducing the number of pedestrian-vehicle encounters resulting in death or serious injury to pedestrians in the public right-of-way while simultaneously honoring the rights of its residents under First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the California Constitution.

AYES: Council Members: Lopez-Taff, Middleton, Karpinski-Costa, Daniels
NOES: Council Members: None
ABSENT: Council Members: Schaefer
ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

The full text of the adopted ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, (916) 727-4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

Amy Van City Clerk Citrus Heights Messenger 1-19-2024



Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The roller coaster team of the NBA, namely the Sacramento Kings, put together a comprehensive and highly entertaining performance Sunday night in Milwaukee. For all of us that are die-hard Kings fans, you witnessed a team effort on both ends of the court, and, finally, coach Brown tightened up his rotations, limiting substitutions to four players off the bench.

In previous outings, coach Brown has kept us guessing as to who would come off the bench, and at times it was difficult to make sense of the substitutions.

One notable rotation included for perhaps the first time, Sabonis and Alex Len on the court at the same time, and the team responded, playing with enthusiasm at both ends.

Many times during the early season, we have needed more rim protection, and simply more size to match up with bigger teams, but Brown has been resistant to putting Sabonis and Len together. Sunday gave way to optimism as Len became that needed rim protector, and although his 4 points and 5 rebounds may not sound like much, in only 11 minutes of play his presence was felt.

Domantas Sabonis claimed his 10th triple double of the season, 2nd in the NBA, and has begun to develop a mid-range game that gives him another weapon for the opposition to deal with. In addition to 21 points, 13 rebounds, and an astonishing 15 assists, Sabonis added a 3-pointer for good measure.

This was a highly entertaining game that turned into a loss in overtime for only one reason, our inability to hit free throws. Our best free throw shooter, Malik Monk, missed two in a row in overtime, and De'Aaron Fox missed one of two, setting up the last-second, 30-foot arching rainbow by Damian Lillard to win the game by one point for the Bucks.

The Kings were coming off of a disappointing loss to the Philadelphia 76ers, but were still 2-1 on the road trip coming into Milwaukee.

Coach Brown was tossed from the game for the first time this season, and

the team responded with energy, making the 4th quarter a real contest, ending with a Fox layup that tied the game and forced overtime.

As much as I hate to bring officiating into the equation, once again the referees did an abysmal job. At times we would be better off with a coin flip in deciding out-of-bounds calls, or whether to call a charge versus a block.

I truly believe if we switched out the division 1 NCAA referees for the NBA group, we would see an immediate improvement in the quality of the officiating.

Of course, it shouldn't be this way, and with the advent of having the ability to challenge calls, the NBA has mitigated some of the more obvious mistakes, but more needs to be done.

I believe it starts with better off-season training, but without a doubt, the NBA needs to hold each referee accountable, and a vetting process should be in place so that some referees can rotate out, and news ones in.

When it comes to challenges, the Kings simply don't take advantage of the process in place, going many games without even taking a challenge. When the Kings challenge, they are simply not good at it, with an abysmal 28% winning percentage. It's hard to understand how you can be wrong three out of every four times, but the stats don't lie, and just like shooting free throws, the Kings need to get better.

What a surprise the Philadelphia 76ers have a league best 84% free throw percentage, and the Kings are dead last in 30th place with a percentage of 73%.

So, while a part of me applauds the vociferous energy that coach Brown brought to the floor Sunday night, I think he should direct some of that energy towards his team with regards to shooting free throws.

Thank you to the many that have reached out to me with your thoughts and comments. Let me know what you think at vgarrskingsfan@gmail.com.

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By Michele Townsend

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - As we get older, many of us need a helping hand. Our bodies may be sick, they may be broken, or they may just be worn out. In addition, the world currently has more illnesses than it ever has before. Many families would like nothing more than to keep their aging family members at home. However, Home Care is very expensive.

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Sacramento County News Release

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"I am honored to serve as the 2024 chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors," said Kennedy. "It is a privilege to serve the residents of our county in this capacity, and I am ready to take up the responsibilities that come with this role. I am committed to working collaboratively with my fellow supervisors and community stakeholders to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I look forward to a productive and successful year."

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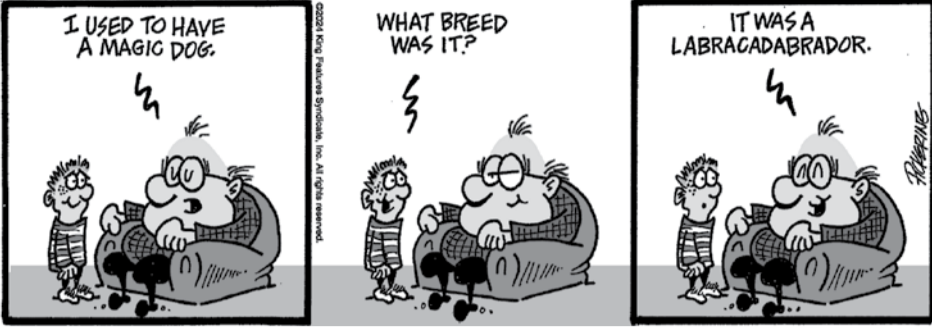
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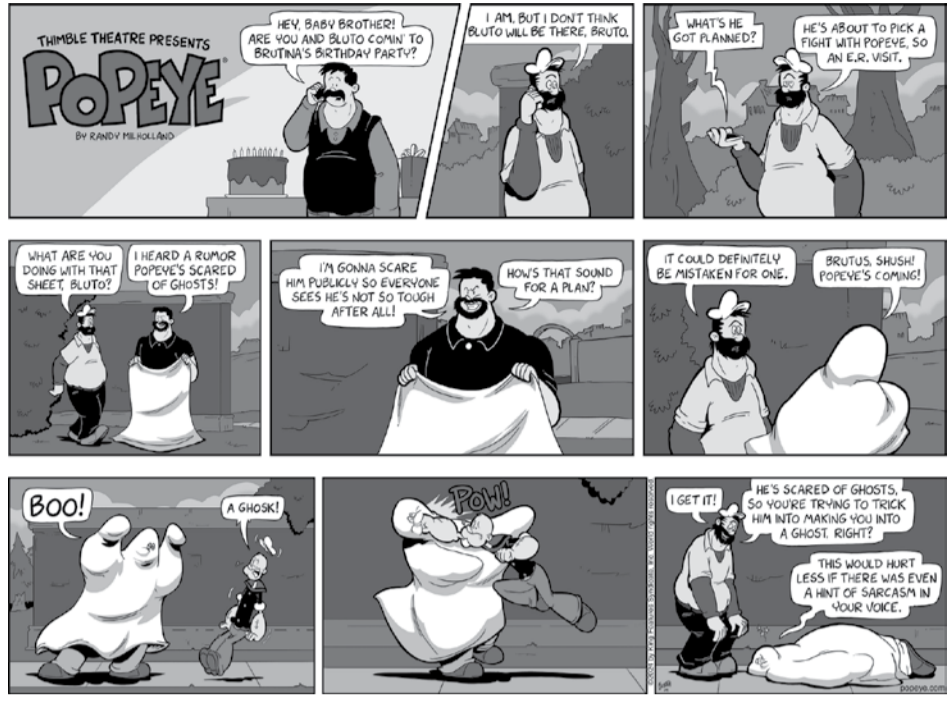
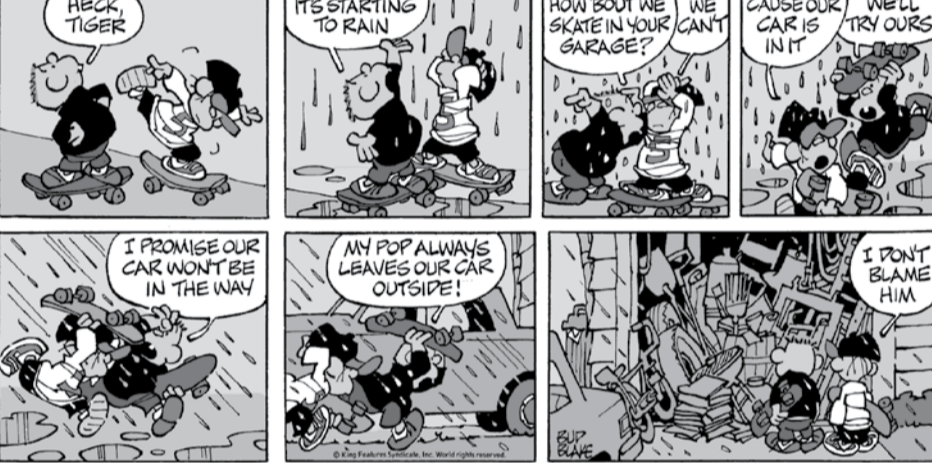
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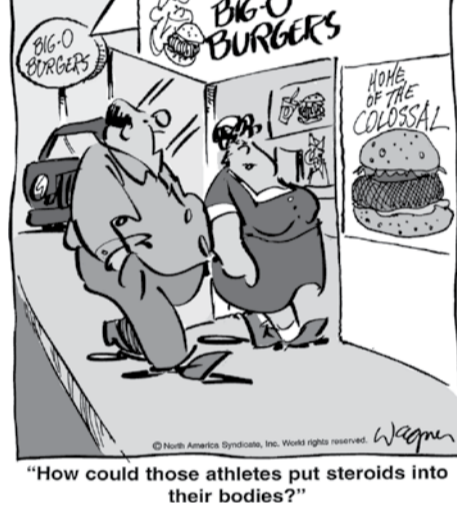
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By Rachel Becker, CALMatters.org

California's legislative advisors lambasted the state's ambitious proposal to regulate urban water conservation, calling the measures costly and difficult to achieve, "in many cases without compelling justifications."

The proposed rules, unveiled in August, call for more than 400 cities and other water suppliers serving about 95% of Californians to meet conservation targets beginning in 2025.

The state Legislative Analyst's Office suggested significant changes to the State Water Resources Control Board's proposal, warning that the regulations would set "such stringent standards for outdoor use that suppliers will not have much 'wiggle room' in complying." They also warn that the added costs will ultimately be borne by customers.

"Whether the benefits of the new rules ultimately will outweigh the costs is unclear," the report says. "These doubts are particularly worrisome given we find that suppliers will face notable challenges complying with these requirements."

The report recommended that lawmakers direct state regulators to "make several of the proposed requirements less stringent (such as the residential outdoor standard), consider how to target state funding to assist lower income customers, and extend some of the deadlines for suppliers to

ensure they can actually achieve the framework's goals."

Water board officials didn't comment on the criticism or recommendations, but spokesperson Edward Ortiz said the report, along with other feedback received from industry and the public, will be considered. He said a new draft of the rules will be released this spring.

"With changing weather conditions threatening to reduce the state's water supply 10% by 2040, California is advancing an all-of-the-above strategy to bolster water supplies throughout the state, including conservation," Ortiz said.

Heather Cooley, director of research at the Pacific Institute, a global water think tank, said conservation and efficiency are the cheapest, fastest ways to meet California's water needs as climate change renders supplies more variable and uncertain.

"We have to take real action to ensure we can provide safe, clean, reliable water for California communities," she said. "Retrofitting and taking out old devices, transforming our landscapes, all of those things have a cost. But it's far less than developing new sources of supply."

Mandated by a package of 2018 laws, the intent of the rules is to make conservation "a way of life" in California. The rules, which are two years behind schedule, are expected to be adopted by the water board this summer before taking effect in October.

The rules don't target

individuals or businesses, instead setting individualized conservation targets for urban water agencies across the state based on goals for indoor and outdoor water use, leaks and other factors.

By 2035, water providers will collectively need to reduce water use by 14%. The savings would be enough to supply about 1.2 million homes every year, or about 1% of the state's total water use.

The report called this amount "modest," noting that "the agricultural sector uses about four times as much water as the urban sector."

Water agencies and city officials warned state regulators last fall that complying would be costly, roughly \$13.5 billion from 2025 to 2040 for rebates and other efforts to cut residential use. The benefits are anticipated to reach about \$15.6 billion, in large part because suppliers and customers will buy less water.

The Legislative Analyst's report noted that an assessment by a consulting firm commissioned by a water supplier raised questions about those calculations. They noted that customers, particularly low-income households, would likely bear the brunt of rates increased to cover the costs.

"Even if benefits outweigh costs in the long run, whether they merit the amount of work and costs to implement the requirements as currently proposed is uncertain," the report said.

Jay Lund, vice-director of the Center for Watershed Sciences

at the University of California, Davis, called the report "an unusually frank assessment."

"Although there is good room for further conservation, this additional State effort seems like it is probably not needed, or at least, need not be as stringent and complicated as it seems. It has been asked, 'Is this juice worth the squeeze?'" he told CalMatters in an email.

During the last three-year severe drought, which ended last year, the Newsom administration set voluntary conservation goals that were largely ineffective. Californians used only about 6% less water from July 2021 through the end of last year compared to 2020, far less than Gov. Gavin Newsom's 15% goal.

Some areas, especially in hot, inland areas of the state, will require more stringent conservation than others under the proposed rules. Inland and eastern California will be required to cut back the most, with the biggest cuts, up to 34%, needed in desert areas, followed by the Tulare Lake region.

Even in the North Coast area, which as a whole is not expected to need to cut back at all to meet the 2035 targets, two large suppliers serving more than 1.6 million customers will nevertheless need to reduce their water use by a quarter.

But increasing conservation in the places that need it most will seem a bargain when inevitable longer and drier droughts occur, said Felicia Marcus, former

chair of the water board and now a visiting fellow at Stanford University's Water in the West Program.

"The goal is both to make each locality more resilient to the nightmare curveballs climate change is throwing at us, and to do it in a way that integrates efficiency first and foremost as the most cost and carbon effective measure in the long run," Marcus said.

Sonja Petek, the principal fiscal and policy analyst who authored the report, said the office isn't saying to abandon the conservation regulations, it's just recommending changes to make them more feasible.

"Water conservation is one of the important components of the state's overall water management strategy," she said, citing more severe and prolonged droughts and the need to reduce reliance on overdrafted groundwater basins. "Our concern is that if these regulations were adopted as written, it could lead to a scenario where compliance is not feasible for some water suppliers, so the state might not achieve its ultimate goals."

Assemblymember Laura Friedman, a Democrat from Burbank and an author of the original legislation, said the report "raises some valid concerns with the rulemaking process thus far, however, I have faith in the water board to do its due diligence in implementing the standards that were passed." ★

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Keith and Sadie amble around the grounds at the Florin and Power Inn Safe Stay Community – a collection of tiny sleeping cabins that shelter homeless people while providing for not only their basic needs but also connecting them to critical supports that help them exit homelessness. Sadie, an amber-colored hound, was recently vaccinated and spayed by the Bradshaw Animal Shelter's new mobile vet clinic, right on the premises. She is shy and wary of other humans, but she stays glued to Keith's side as they walk through the astroturf courtyard to get rechecked by the traveling veterinarian.

"It is great to have this service come to us. Sadie is important to me; I am glad to know she is fixed and healthy. I've had her since she was a puppy and I want to take care of her," Keith says.

Keith and Sadie have been at the Safe Stay Community for about three weeks. Keith is hopeful that his steady social security income and the help from the rehousing navigators will land him a safe, clean, and pet-friendly apartment soon. "I have excellent credit," said Keith. "I've never had bad credit. I'm hoping that helps me find a place that will take Sadie. I just need something I can afford on my social security."

Keith came to Sacramento four years ago. A musician in New Orleans, he had been posting videos of himself singing and playing on Facebook. A woman reached out to him via direct message and said she liked his singing and his look and would love to meet him. His wife passed away a few years prior, and he was lonely. They began chatting online and exchanging photos and promises. She lived in Sacramento, and she asked



Keith and his beloved Sadie. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

him to come and live with her. She had a place and a car that he could use to find a job. She'd take care of him.

Keith spent his last \$700 on a red eye from New Orleans to Sacramento. The woman who picked him up from the airport

was not the woman he'd seen in the photos. She was also homeless, staying with her mother, and didn't have the promised car. Keith had been catfished, and now he was broke, in an unfamiliar city, and unsure of what to do next. With nowhere to go and

no resources to care for himself, Keith still went home and stayed with the woman he'd been chatting with for weeks.

Keith found a job he could walk to—\$20 an hour doing construction. He was a hard worker and had good skills, and soon

Keith was promoted to foreman and made \$25 an hour. To his surprise, one day a woman showed up at his front door with a little dog. She couldn't care for it anymore and had heard he was good with dogs. Who can turn away a dog in need? Keith fell in love with Sadie immediately.

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But he wasn't in love with the woman he was living with. When Keith revealed he didn't want a romantic relationship with the woman who'd tricked him, she kicked him and Sadie out. He rented his own apartment and reinvested in his first love—music. He purchased a guitar, and a new amp and started playing again. Finally, Keith was feeling like this life-changing move across the country wasn't so bad.

And then came a global pandemic. His construction job halted, and he lost his job. To add insult to injury, his apartment was robbed, and his guitar and amp were stolen. His landlord gave him short notice to vacate so that he could renovate the apartment and rent it for more money. With just his social security payments, Keith couldn't find a place he could afford, and he was right back to where he started—homeless.

"These cabins are amazing. Having my own bed, a door, three meals a day, a place to shower, a safe place for Sadie. I'm so grateful. All I need is a dog-friendly apartment that I can afford on my social security, and I'll be fine."

The staff from City Net, the onsite provider at the Safe Stay, is working diligently to find Keith housing that he can afford with his income and/or minimal assistance that will accept a pet.

Keith has grown children in Florida. One day, when he can, he wants to fly back to see them, but he doesn't want to be homeless when he sees his family for the first time in years. "I want them to be proud of me." ★

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