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## Snack Man's Annual Sock Drive



Snack Man Alfred Sanchez, turned Sock Man for the month of March, and Grocery Outlet employees Shannon Belk and Jody Will at their 'waiting to be filled' sock bin.

**Story and photo  
by Elise Spleiss**

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - This is Snack Man Alfred Sanchez's fourth year collecting and distributing new socks, along with his snacks, to Citrus Heights homeless residents during his birthday month of March.

Sanchez, a well-known friend and advocate to the local homeless population in his outreach area of Greenback Lane and Auburn Boulevard, becomes Sock Man as he puts out the call for hundreds of socks to celebrate his birthday and help his homeless friends and neighbors.

Clean socks are crucial for hygiene. Sanchez estimates that he

goes out 300 times a year, handing about 10 pairs of socks each visit.

In 2021, Citrus Heights Grocery Outlet store co-owner Sara Wheeler with husband, Paul, suggested to Sanchez, a frequent customer, and as she says, "a fixture in our community," that he put out a colorful barrel at the store for his sock donations. That was the beginning of a tradition.

Grocery Outlet is a supporter of Sanchez's projects. As a family-owned 'Mom and Pop' run business, they are committed to the needs of their Citrus Heights community.

The sock drive will be held throughout March at the Citrus Heights Grocery Outlet at 6059

Greenback Lane. There are several ways to donate. Socks can be purchased at their totally remodeled store or brought in from elsewhere and dropped into the barrel at the door. Socks of all styles and colors can be delivered to Alfred Sanchez at his home at 6253 Longford Drive, Number 1 Citrus Heights, CA, 95621. Donations purchased elsewhere can also be dropped off at his home daily between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily. Call him at 916-517-6207 for more information.

For a second year, the Sunrise Christian Food Ministry at Advent Lutheran Church will accept socks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at 5901 San Juan Ave. ★

**You are  
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Love This  
Event!**

*By Carol Feineman*

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The Citrus Heights Chamber's 66th annual Community Awards Dinner on March 21 promises to be a night of elegance as the "true heroes in our community - the ones who make a difference every day" - are honored.

According to the chamber's Facebook page, "From leaders to unsung champions, we're shining a spotlight on those who make our town extraordinary."

"This brings all our community leaders, our volunteers, everyone who is passionate about Citrus Heights together so we can honor those who make our community special," said chamber board chair Gabrielle Rasi, DDS.

Community heroes to be celebrated include Michael R. Korpel, DHA, FACHE receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, and County Supervisor Sue Frost receiving the Community Advocate Award.

Also celebrated will be the Police Officer of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, Youth Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Ambassador of the Year.

Thirty-five members who have been with the chamber at least 25 years will be recognized. The Citrus Heights Chamber has been around since 1958.

The annual Community Awards Dinner will be from 6 to 9 p.m. March 21 at the North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave. Options are beef filet or vegetarian pasta salad. Includes salad, coffee, iced tea, water and one glass of wine.

Tickets are \$95 per person and are available at the chamber's website at [www.chchamber.com](http://www.chchamber.com) or by calling the office at 916-722-4545. The deadline to buy tickets is March 14. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit Citrus Heights HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team). ★

## United Way California Capital Region to Hold United in Purpose Gala Fundraiser

**United Way California  
Capital Region  
News Release,  
Kristin Thebaud  
Communications**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Community members are invited to come together on April 20 for an evening of impact at United Way California Capital Region's United in Purpose Gala, presented by U.S. Bank. The event, which will take place at Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, will raise funds toward United Way's Anniversary Goal to raise \$3 million to help 10,000 local children excel in school by 2025. The evening will include dinner, an inspirational program, fund a need, silent and live auctions, Golden Ticket Raffle, VIP reception with a chance to win a trip to New Orleans, and more. For tickets and



United Way California Capital Region held its inaugural gala last year to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Tickets are on sale for United Way's 2024 United in Purpose Gala on April 20. Photo courtesy of United Way

sponsorship opportunities: <http://www.uwccr.org/gala>.

"The United in Purpose Gala is more than just a

celebration; it's an opportunity for us to come together as a community and make a tangible impact

on the lives of local children," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, *Continued on page 3*



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# Interview with USL Head Coach Mark Briggs

By Mitch Barber

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Mark Briggs has a clear mission for the 2024 United Soccer League (USL) season, Republic FC's 11th. He told the Messenger Publishing Group that "it is to go one step further than last year and win the championship. Pretty simple, I think, after where we got to last year and reaching the conference final. We gotta go one step further this year and try and be better than what we were."

The club won its only USL championship in 2014.

The Tower Bridge Battalion has been cheering since then.

Briggs said of them, "I think they're like a 12th person on our team. They give us extra energy when we're in difficult moments. They make us run those extra five yards when we're tired. I can't speak highly enough of the Tower Bridge Battalion. I think they're incredible and we're proud to have them as our supporters' group."

The Tower Bridge Battalion will support numerous players this season who made their way through the Republic FC Academy, such as forward Rafael Jauregui, the youngest goal scorer in club history; forward Da'vian Kimbrough, who just turned 14 and signed with the club at 13 becoming the youngest pro in U.S. team sports history; midfielder Blake Willey who grew up in the Pocket area; and 16-year-old central defender Chibuiké "Chibi" Ukaegbu.

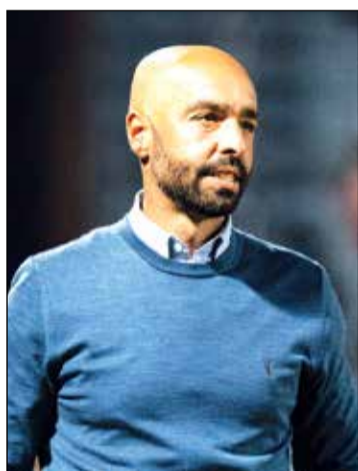
Briggs also started his own career at an early age in England. When asked about pickup soccer there, he said, "It's a huge thing. You drive past every park and there's people going on [the pitch] and, it was for me every single day growing up, soon as I finished school, there would be 20, 30 of us at the park just playing. I think it's where the game over here... You don't get that in America. I think you can go anywhere else in the rest of the world, England, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, like there's



Forward Rafael Jauregui prepares to kick the ball. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



Defender Chibuiké "Chibi" Ukaegbu prepares to make a pass. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



Sacramento Republic FC Head Coach Mark Briggs. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



Assistant Coach Martin Vásquez gives instruction on the pitch during a Sacramento Republic FC practice. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

always just people playing, you know? Of course, you don't need anything —just a ball. [If] you can't find a goalpost, use trees, use whatever it is, you can just play and I think that's what I'd like to see happening a little bit more over here in America."

And then there's veteran midfielder Rodrigo Lopez, who was on Republic FC's 2014 championship team, winning MVP honors in

the final. He's from Guadalajara, Mexico, another country with quite the pickup soccer scene.

USL soccer is a different level of soccer. Coach Briggs said of

Republic FC, "You have professional players, a professional team of the highest caliber there has ever been in Sacramento. I think the reason to come out and support your

local club [is] first and foremost, but also you have top top players that are in this league, and I think a lot of people still have the perception that it's semi-professional, and it's not semi-professional; it's fully-professional. If you have a kid that likes soccer, there's no better learning tool than watching a professional live."

What does Briggs do when he isn't coaching elite soccer?

"I'm usually with the family: my wife, my kids, my dog. Usually walking around parks or playing with the kids," the coach said. "Every now and then, I pick up a pickleball racket or tennis racket. Sometimes a golf club and the majority of the time's with the kids and with my wife."

Briggs is comfortable in Sacramento. He said of the city, "It's not flashy — you know the glitz and glamour of your L.A.'s and San Diego's. It's humble people that work hard and enjoy life and I certainly feel at home here."

Let's see if he and the team can bring Sacramento another championship in 2024.

*The Indomitable Club will open their season on March 9 against Orange County SC at Heart Health Park, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.* ★

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# Hoover and Patterson Introduce Measure to Address Homelessness



Josh Hoover

Office of Assemblyman  
Josh Hoover News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Today Assemblymembers Josh Hoover (R-Folsom) and

Joe Patterson (R-Rocklin) announced Assembly Bill 2417 to expand and improve California's response to our state's homelessness crisis. This legislation increases funding flexibility for treatment and service-oriented programs by repealing the state's existing one-size-fits-all "Housing First" approach to homelessness.

"Our current approach to homelessness is failing to get the results our communities are asking for," Assemblyman Josh Hoover said. "We need a renewed focus not just on housing, but on getting people the necessary treatment they

need to get out of the cycle of homelessness. It's time for our state to support programs that are driving real change and getting people the help they need."

Since 2018 California has spent over \$20 billion taxpayer dollars to solve the homelessness crisis. During that same period the state's overall homelessness population has increased by 32 percent and today half of the nation's unsheltered homeless live in California.

"If we are serious about fully addressing the growing homelessness crisis, we must ensure we are treating the root causes

of homelessness," said Assemblyman Joe Patterson. "Shelters without accountability have proven to be ineffective. AB 2417 will allow the existing successful programs in my district, and statewide, to focus their efforts on providing proven effective services to assist individuals in restoring and rebuilding their lives."

AB 2417 shifts California's focus "Beyond Housing" by recognizing that individuals experiencing homelessness have diverse needs and may require different pathways to stability. The bill would allow state agencies and departments to allocate

funds to programs that prioritize mental health and drug treatment as a prerequisite for participation.

The proposed legislation comes in response to growing concerns over the shortcomings of the "Housing First" model, which has failed to adequately address the root causes of homelessness in many cases and has left many individuals without access to essential services. Moving "Beyond Housing" offers another tool in the toolbox for local governments as they seek to develop more holistic approaches to addressing homelessness. ★



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## United Way California Capital Region to Hold United in Purpose Gala Fundraiser

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United Way California Capital Region. "With your support, we know our ambitious goal of raising \$3 million to help 10,000 children excel in school by 2025 is entirely achievable. Together, we can create a brighter future for our children and build a stronger, healthier, more compassionate community."

More than 450 community members came together last spring for United Way's inaugural gala to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary and to raise \$640,000 to help local children succeed in school.

Founded in 1923, United Way California Capital Region has been a transformative force in the Sacramento community for more than a century, serving Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo counties. The local

United Way's Square One approach to ending poverty is grounded in a public health model and uses a threefold strategy to address community needs from birth and beyond: helping kids excel in school, investing in families and strengthening schools. At United Way's core is the philosophy that families possess the blueprint for their success. United Way supplies books to young children, provides literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, and launched Sacramento's first guaranteed income program. United Way works across diverse school districts, providing case management for foster youth and leading the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org](http://www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org). ★

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# Huntington Learning Center Offers K-12 Tutoring Support



David Layfer and Debi Nason own the Huntington Learning Center.

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

## CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

Huntington Learning Center, a franchised private-subject tutoring and academic skills center at 5739 Sunrise Blvd., has for more than 30 years served kindergarten through 12th-grade (K-12) students in the greater Citrus Heights area.

“We have a great team of teachers who are truly passionate about the students they serve,” said center director Debi Nason. She oversees a team of 20 teachers, full and part-time, whom she calls “family.”

Nason, a former school administrator in San Jose, purchased the Citrus Heights franchise with David Layfer who serves as its director of education. The pair both started with Huntington as instructors, and then bought the franchise from the previous owner in 2015, before moving it to its current location in 2021.

Huntington Learning Center is a leading national provider of tutoring and test prep programs, offering students convenient and flexible schedules and one-on-one tutoring support in the specific areas where they need help the most.

Grasping complex math concepts, improving reading comprehension or prepping for an ACT or digital SAT can be challenging for students at just about any grade level. Through its individualized K-12 tutoring and test prep programs, Huntington Learning Center reports a 90-percent overall success rate, Layfer said.

“We pay great attention to building curriculum especially for each student and we constantly assess the level of student progress carefully along the way,” Layfer said. “We’re also constantly providing feedback to the student on their progress and their

will need help improving their fundamental reading skills, while others need to work on getting the main idea, how to read for context or how to follow directions more accurately.

“Each teacher is given advance time before a student arrives to fully prepare for their lesson,” Layfer said.

“The teacher logs on to a laptop, reviews the notes from the previous teacher,



Huntington Learning Center is at 5739 Sunrise Blvd., Citrus Heights.

parents as well.”

A bulletin board at the center is filled with advancement certificates marking recent student-achievement milestones.

“We (David and I) deeply understand the anxiety, frustration and challenges parents in our community face when their child falls behind in school,” Nason said. “We’re here to help their children build their skill sets, confidence and motivation so that they can excel both in school and in life.”

Layfer is responsible for training new teaching staff in Huntington curriculum and ensuring that they accurately record student progress in each session.

“Some of our teaching staff have been with us for well over 12 years,” Nason said.

About 65 students are currently enrolled at the Citrus Heights center and that total climbs up to about 80 during summer break.

Specific program costs can be paid for through a financing plan or available federal student-loan funds, according to Nason.

Each student has a two-hour, one-to-one session with a teacher.

Shelves of green binders are arranged throughout the center grouped by subject or specific study skill the student needs to master in their individualized learning plan. Some students

acknowledges work to be done by the student that evening, and then scores assignments as they are completed. We encourage all our teaching staff to actively leave feedback concerning student progress completed in each session.”

“Many of our students also often bring in their daily classroom homework for the extra help, which we can give them,” Layfer said.

Help with mathematics is an important core component of Huntington’s curriculum, from elementary school fundamentals through calculus, helping students build confidence as they work on practice problems together.

“Our teachers not only teach students important learning skill sets but they also provide the support and nurturing attention students need to help spark the love of learning, a valuable skill set students can carry with them for a lifetime,” Nason said.

Huntington Learning Center of Citrus Heights is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 916-728-2981 or visit <https://huntingtonhelps.com/locations/citrus-heights-ca> for more information about specific tutoring and test prep programs. ★

# National Experts Arrive in Sacramento for Game-Changing Advisory Panel

Traci Rockefeller Cusack, T-Rock Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Starting March 6, local and national experts are gathering in Sacramento for an Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel (ULI TAP) to interview critical Sacramento stakeholders and form recommendations that reimagines a capital destination district.

The Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel will include Paul Levy, former president and CEO of Philadelphia’s Center City District; Tom Murphy, former Mayor of Pittsburgh; Jason Kenney, Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of General Services; and Kate Collignon, Managing Partner at HR&A San Francisco.

The panel will interview developers, city staff, Sacramento placemakers, economists, and industry leaders over the course of two days to form key recommendations and submit a preliminary proposal to share with local officials in the coming weeks.

Findings from the report will be shared at the State of Downtown on March 26 and included in advocacy efforts following the annual event.

Previous recommendations from Urban Land Institute panels have paved the way for the formation of the Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA), which is responsible for projects such as the R St., Artists Lofts, BARK Park, and CLTRE Club. Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel has also most recently provided recommendations for the Broadway Complete Streets Program and for the recovery of downtown San Francisco.

Sacramento currently sits at a pivotal moment of opportunity. The Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel is one of many elements that Downtown Sacramento Partnership is utilizing to curate a multi-phased approach to redefine Sacramento post-pandemic. Further recommendations, strategies, and economic analyses will be released throughout 2024. ★

# Republicans Join Advocates and Entrepreneurs at Press Conference

California Legislative Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On February 21st, Republican lawmakers joined small-business owners and advocates on the West Steps of the Capitol for a press conference announcing legislation to support small businesses. During the press conference, speakers highlighted the challenges of operating a small business in California, including high taxes, heavy-handed regulations, rising costs, and crime.

“Small businesses are the backbone of California’s economy, but policies from the state on crime, taxes and regulations make it harder and harder to build and grow a business,” said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher. “I’m proud to stand with these lawmakers and advocates as we fight to improve California’s business climate, reform the pro-criminal Prop. 47, and help these companies thrive.”

“California’s business environment ranks among the worst in the nation,” said Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones. “Our small businesses are struggling to stay alive with the burdens of excessive taxation and regulation, not to mention skyrocketing retail theft. California Republican lawmakers are committed to fixing these problems and creating an economic environment where our businesses can flourish.”

At the event, lawmakers presented legislation to address some of the financial, economic and regulatory roadblocks to doing business in the Golden State. Those bills include:

A plan to help retailers with a Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday from Asm. Diane Dixon, a proposal to help California businesses compete for state contracts from Asm. Laurie Davies, a bill allowing small businesses to correct regulatory violations before being fined from Asm. Tri Ta, legislation to cut down on lawsuits that stifle development from Sen. Roger Niello; and a constitutional amendment to pay down the state’s unemployment insurance debt and avert a small-business tax increase from Asm. Gallagher.

“California has become a very challenging place to raise your family and run

a business,” said Senator Roger Niello. “My policy proposals will bring relief to those struggling from retail theft, crime, and burdensome regulation, and I hope to make our great state a place where families feel safe and small businesses can thrive.”

Speakers at the press conference also condemned the wave of retail and cargo theft that has plagued businesses throughout the state. Legislators announced bills to crack down on those thieves, including:

New grants to investigate and prosecute retail theft from Asm. Juan Alanis, a permanent extension of California’s organized retail theft law from Sen. Niello, and a proposal to cover cargo theft under the organized retail theft law from Asm. Alanis.

“Retail theft is particularly devastating to NFIB’s small business members whose ability to absorb inventory losses is razor thin,” said National Federation of Independent Business California State Director John Kabateck. “California’s business community and taxpayers deserve an end to this scourge and the time to get it done, is now.”

“As a career deputy sheriff, I have seen our law-enforcement agencies work tirelessly to adapt to the ever-changing mandates imposed upon them,” said Assemblyman Juan Alanis. “I’m proud to join my colleagues in supporting our law-enforcement agencies’ efforts, protecting our communities and businesses once again.”

Other attendees at the event included: Sutter County Supervisor Karm Bains, Assemblyman Tri Ta (R-Westminster), Assemblywoman Laurie Davies (R-Laguna Niguel), Assemblywoman Diane Dixon (R-Newport Beach), Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez (R-Rancho Santa Margarita), Assemblyman Bill Essayli (R-Corona), Assemblyman Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale), Assemblyman Devon J. Mathis (R-Tulare), Senator Janet Nguyen (R-Huntington Beach), Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R-Yucaipa), Senator Kelly Seyarto (R-Murietta), and Senator Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield). ★

# ABC License Administrators Can Now Submit Catering Authorization Applications Online

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s (ABC) catering authorization applications are now available online for the first time, permitting users to complete the form within minutes.

“We are excited to bring an online method for licensees to apply and pay for the most common application submitted to the department,” said Licensing Division Chief Jaime Taylor. “Catering authorizations are used for selling and serving alcohol at many types of events, from weddings to large scale music festivals. Our new online applications will make the process much simpler and faster, providing an enhanced service to Californians who are applying for a catering authorization.”

Catering authorizations allow licensees with an active caterer’s permit to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption during events approved by ABC. Applicants must have an ABC Online Services account with the License Administrator role. Applicants can submit their application,

pay with a credit card or eCheck, and upload required documents or approvals.

To qualify for the online authorization, the event must be more than five days but not more than 60 days from the application date. Users can submit and pay for events online for up to three consecutive days if each day has the same number of attendees and hours during which alcohol is served. If the dates are not consecutive, or if the number of attendees and hours are not the same, each day must be submitted and paid for as a separate event.

There is a limit of 36 catered events per year at any given location. This limit applies to all Caterer’s Permits (Type 58), including those held by club licenses (Type 50, 51, and 52). An exception may be made to exceed 36 catered events if the licensee can clearly establish that additional events are in the best interest of the State and necessary to satisfy substantial public demand. Exceptions can be requested at a local ABC District Office.

For more information about online catering authorization applications, please visit <https://www.abc.ca.gov/licensing/license-forms/caterers-permits/>. ★

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With Mary Jane Popp

## Four Letter Word

Now don't get ahead of me because I said a four letter word. We all have to face times when our backs are up against the wall. So how do we learn to deal with it and maybe even learn to laugh? **Dr. David Levy** faced adversity and learned to laugh at himself and get up to face life. Dr. Levy is an award-winning Professor of Psychology at Pepperdine University, and he has been sought out for appearances on CNN, PBS, NPR and Nat Geo as a media consultant on current events. So came his book "Life is a 4-Letter Word" laughing and learning through 40 life lessons.

**EMPATHY.** He told me it is easier said than done, but with practice, it can become easier. I remember when a concert pianist was asked how he got the Carnegie Hall, his answer was simple...practice, practice, practice.

**6. HAVE THE WISDOM NOT TO FIGHT EVERY BATTLE.** Because sometimes it is not even about winning, but knowing that the battle may not be worth fighting over.

**7. LEARN TO TRUST FACTS OVER FEELINGS.** This lesson has the backing of the United States Navy, so if you don't like it, take it up with them.

**8. DIFFERENTNESS IN ITSELF IS NOT A THREAT.** Something to keep in mind, especially in today's society, when circumstances can get so divisive among people. It's okay to be different.

**9. LOVE SOMETHING ENOUGH TO LET IT GO.** This is a lesson from one of his personal favorite stories about Zorro, his beloved Labrador. This story has a special place in his heart because it is hard to let go of your best friend. I know I sure do and have had to do it more than once.

**10. WITH AGE, THE ABSENCE OF CATASTOPHIC NEWS IS GREAT NEWS.** It was the first time in his life when he was genuinely ecstatic to have a kidney stone. I guess what he means is all you have to do is think of all the other much worse possibilities!

My favorite lesson was "Things could always be worse." So enjoy the moment at [www.drdauidlevypsych.com](http://www.drdauidlevypsych.com). And live the 4-Letter word...**LIFE!** ★

Here are ten he shared with me.

**1. SOMETIMES A TIE IS REALLY A WIN.** This lesson can apply to relationships, friendships...basically all human interactions. It is a shift in perspective that allows everyone to emerge a winner, with no necessity for losers.

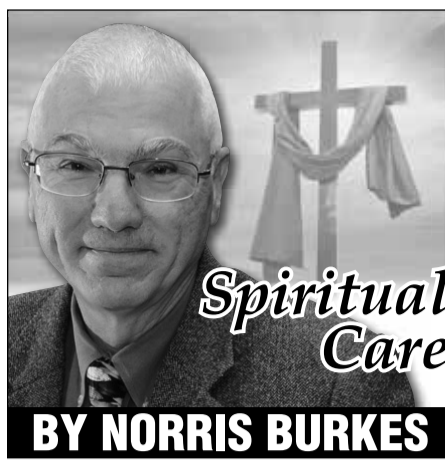
**2. EMPTY THREATS ARE WORSE THAN NONE AT ALL.** This lesson became especially poignant and relevant as he became a parent. He remembered this lesson every time he went to Disneyland with his kids. I'm sure you get what he means.

**3. TRY TO REPLACE ENVY WITH SELF-ACCEPTANCE.** Envy knows no bounds, but self-acceptance can stem the tide.

**4. WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, FAKE IT 'TIL YOU MAKE IT.** With this lesson, you can get a lot further than you think, and hey, no one can tell you otherwise.

**5. FIND FORGIVENESS THROUGH**

# To Tell the Truth, I Wasn't



Ten years ago, I was at a writing seminar hanging around the snack table, when one of the seminar instructors joined me for a Danish.

He was a quiet, introspective man, truly a statesman among aspiring student writers. That's why I guided him to the quiet side of the room to tell him I thought he was lying.

Not in those exact words. I constructed a more diplomatic approach that went something like this:

"You were introduced as a 'Pulitzer Prize nominee,' but a quick Internet search tells me that we share some confusion over the term 'nominee.'"

For a moment he glanced at this watch, but unfortunately realized he had time to hear me out.

"If you'd met me last year," I explained, "I would have told you that my syndicated column had received a Pulitzer Prize nomination."

"And it was not?" he asked.

"Sadly, no."

I told the aging professor how my "Florida Today" editor had submitted the dozen columns I'd written during my 2009 deployment to a combat field hospital in Iraq.

"Yes," said the professor, "My publisher also submitted my work."

As he gathered his lecture notes, he dismissively added, "Congratulations, it sounds like we are both Pulitzer nominees."

"No, we are not." I said, "but we both made the same assumption. We assumed that our editor's submission of our work equaled a Pulitzer nomination."

Sadly, the difference between a Pulitzer submission and a Pulitzer nomination is about as far as "ticket

purchaser" is from "lotto winner."

I showed him the Pulitzer website on my tablet where he read "More than 2,500 entries are submitted annually for Pulitzer Prize consideration, yet only three in each category are bestowed with the prestigious title of Pulitzer Nominee."

"In fact," I said, "anyone of my fellow conferees can submit their work for Pulitzer consideration as long as they send \$75. But only the Pulitzer committee can bestow the title of Nominee."

The professor seemed embarrassed that a pupil had schooled him in the difference.

Our stories beg the complicated question: "Can one be a liar if one doesn't know he's lying?" Another facet of the question is: "Does one's story default to becoming the truth if one doesn't bother to fact check the story?"

In other words, in a quick check of the Pulitzer website you'll note the glaring absence of our names. And that omission, for a time, made us both liars.

For the duration of the conference, the professor continued to allow his introductions to claim a Pulitzer connection. Just as it took some time for me to remove the notation from my website.

I guess we felt much like the claim made in the movie in "A Few Good Men," by Jack Nicholson's character, Col. Jessup.

When Jessup is questioned on the witness stand, a shouting match ensues. Tom Cruise's character Lt. j.g.Kaffee demands the court finally be told the truth behind a hazing incident in the Marine barracks.

We all know Col. Jessup's answer, so say it with me.

"You can't handle the truth!"

Neither the professor nor I handled our truths very well. Sadly, our websites boasted our Pulitzer claim for a few more months.

But centuries before that movie, Jesus set the scene for real truth in John 8:32 when he said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The professor, while not religious, had no doubt heard the scripture quoted in his academic circles by those promoting academic freedom and the power of learning.

It was a minute before he and I found a way to handle our truth, but the truth eventually set us free from our egos—just as Jesus promised it would. ★

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# Social Security Matters

## Why Must I Pay Into Social Security When I'm Collecting Benefits?



By Russell Gloor,  
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**Dear Rusty:** I am collecting full Social Security benefits at age 72 and also working full time. Why is the Federal Government still taking money from my paycheck? I have written to Social Security experts on this issue, and they tell me "It's the law." That is not a good answer for me. Approximately \$4,400 was taken from my pay in 2023 for Social Security and, yes, I get a pittance of a COLA increase, but not equal to what I pay. No one has been able to fully explain the Federal Government's thought process on taxing me for Social Security when I am getting full Social Security benefits. Can you?

**Signed: Working Senior**

**Dear Working Senior:** Far be it from me to try to explain the federal government's thought process on anything, but I can explain why those already collecting Social Security benefits must continue to pay Social Security payroll taxes while working.

It actually goes back to 1935 and the panel commissioned by President Roosevelt to create America's Social Security program. Said panel

determined how the program would be financed, Congress approved it, and FDR signed it. That methodology was essentially this:

Workers who earn (and their employers) must contribute to Social Security via payroll taxes to fund the program (we now know this as "FICA" for employees and "SECA" for the self-employed). When the program first started, certain employees and their employers were required to each contribute 1% of the employee's first \$3000 of earnings. Obviously, those amounts have risen over the decades. And, for clarity, only certain workers originally participated in Social Security, which has also changed over the decades so that now nearly everyone who works must pay Social Security payroll taxes.

Starting in 1937 and still today, SS payroll taxes paid by those now working are used by the federal government to pay benefits to those who are currently receiving. Said another way, Social Security is a "pay as you go" program where income from those working (and their employer) is used to pay benefits to those receiving. Payroll taxes collected aren't put into a personal account for the worker; rather they are used to meet current SS payment obligations. Any excess money collected is invested in special issue government bonds as reserves for future use (although current annual SS income is less than annual program costs – an entirely different topic).

So, the financing method enacted in 1935 and started

in 1937 still applies – those who work and earn (and their employers) must pay into the system to fund benefit payments to those who are now receiving – and that includes those workers who are already collecting their Social Security. FYI, there was a time when, if someone worked after starting their SS benefits, they lost all of their benefits. Fortunately, that rule no longer exists, so those who are collecting SS benefits can now continue to get benefits if they work, but they must also still pay into the program from their work earnings to help pay benefits to SS recipients.

I hope this provides some insight for why you must continue to contribute to Social Security even after you have started collecting your benefits. It is a result of how the program is financed – predominantly by workers through payroll taxes on their earnings (and to a lesser extent from interest on Trust Fund reserves and income tax on Social Security benefits). With very few exceptions, everyone who works helps pay benefits to those now receiving.

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# Gavin Newsom Is Unpopular, But A Second Recall Drive Is Doomed For Failure



By Dan Walters,  
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On one level, it's completely understandable that many Californians believe they and their state would be better off without Gavin Newsom as governor.

California has some seemingly intractable issues that have worsened during the five years of his governorship – homelessness being the most obvious – and Newsom's penchant for braggadocio and grandstanding can be grating.

Although California is politically a deeply blue state, a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California found that fewer than half of adult Californians and likely voters believe the state is headed in the right direction and approve of how Newsom has governed.

Although Newsom still enjoys strong support among his fellow Democrats and Republicans are, as one would expect, just as strongly critical, his loss of approval by independent voters is the chief reason for his overall negative image, PPIC's poll discovered.

Newsom's recent fixation on touring the country as a surrogate campaigner for President Joe Biden – and to build his own political standing – probably contributes to his poor image at

home. To many, it implies that the state and its problems, including a whopping budget deficit, now play second fiddle to Newsom's political ambitions, whatever they may be, and surely a factor in a renewed campaign this week seeking to recall the governor.

Orrin Heatlie, a retired Yolo County sheriff's deputy who headed the 2021 recall effort and is back as chairman of the group Rebuild California, insists that "this time is different."

"People are suffering in California now more than ever," he said as the recall effort was launched. "Gas prices and people's grocery bills are higher than ever before. Crime is out of control, stores statewide are closing their doors, and this governor is giving free handouts and health insurance to thousands of people who are here illegally while we are facing a \$70 billion dollar deficit, not to mention our taxes are the highest in the nation."

"This man has aspirations to become the next president," Heatlie added. "Although we want him to leave California government, we don't want him to move to Washington. The country can't afford that."

All of that said, a second campaign to recall Newsom is a waste of time and energy. He easily defeated the first recall in 2021 with nearly 62% of the vote. A year later, he won a second term with a similar margin and almost certainly would prevail again if recall proponents can collect enough signatures to put it on the ballot.

Even if they could force

a recall election – and even if they muster an impressive list of Newsom's failures – recall advocates would need a viable replacement to have even a faint chance of success. In California, a recall is a two-step process. Voters simultaneously decide whether they want to oust the incumbent and choose among the declared replacement candidates.

That was demonstrated in 2003 during the first and only successful recall of a California governor. Then-Gov. Gray Davis would almost certainly have survived the recall if actor Arnold Schwarzenegger had not offered himself as a replacement.

Three years ago, the leading candidate to succeed Newsom was right-wing radio talk show host Larry Elder, who obviously saw it as an opportunity for self-aggrandizement rather than a serious interest in governance. He was an easy target for the Newsom campaign.

Given the very thin bench of Republican politicians in California these days, it's difficult to imagine anyone who could, by running as a replacement for Newsom, make a difference – nor could they raise the millions of dollars that a campaign would require. The only alternative would be a wealthy celebrity who could self-finance a campaign, like Schwarzenegger, but who that might that be, if anyone?

*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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Brad Schultz, 7610 Community Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Britech/Britech Appliance Repair/Britech Carpet/Britech Sound" 7610 Community Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 5, 2024  
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024  
BRITECH 3-15-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01196**  
Jemuel Johnson, 2600 Lunar Lane Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Disasterkit Press" Jemuel Johnson, 2600 Lunar Lane Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 15, 2024  
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024  
DISASTERKIT 3-15-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01171**  
Yegor Lyashenko, 7820 Daffodil Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LYKO Design Build" 7820 Daffodil Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 14, 2024  
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024  
LYKO 3-15-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01148**  
Rajinesh Chand, 3243 U Street, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "One Step Smog Check" 2590 Valley Road, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 13, 2024  
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024  
ONE 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01294**  
Hot Off The Griddle LLC, 1583 W El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Burger Bros" 1583 W El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 21, 2024  
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024  
BURGER 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00819**  
Julio Cesar Gonzalez-Fernandez, 6000 Landing Point Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JG Flooring" 6000 Landing Point Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 31, 2024  
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024  
JG 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01236**  
Thomas Emerson, 4022 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 120 #298, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Perfect View Landscape" 4022 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 120 #298, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 16, 2024  
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024  
PERFECT 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01060**  
Paw-sabilities Unlimited, LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Dawg House" 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 8, 2024  
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DAWG 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01244**  
David Ivan Najera Guerrero, 7300 Rutherford Way, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kaiju Automotive Repair" 7300 Rutherford Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 16, 2024  
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KAJU 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01133**  
Cindy J Finch, 7405 Greenback Lane #173, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cali Loves Wine Tours & Events" 5557 White Fir Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 13, 2024  
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CALI 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01080**  
Rudolph O. Del Real, 339 Rivertree Way, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "R & R Construction" 339 Rivertree Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 8,

2024  
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024  
R&R 3-22-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01470**  
Elpis Solutions LLC, 4041 Audris Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elpis Bookkeeping/Elpis Notary" 4041 Audris Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2024  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
ELPIS 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01408**  
Randall Gutfeld, 4840 San Juan Avenue PBM 132, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River Parkway Flamenco" 8123 Sunrise Boulevard #258, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2024  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
RIVER 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01150**  
Alpentanzer Schuhplattler, 3349 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alpentanzer Schuhplattler/Alpentanzer Schuhplattler/STV Alpentanzer Schuhplattler/Sacramento Turnverein Alpen Alpentanzer Schuhplattler/Sacramento Turn Verein Alpentanzer Schuhplattler" 3349 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 13, 2024  
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ALPENTANZER 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01363**  
Monique Lee Davis, 2475 Stokewood Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Artemis Construction Management" 2475 Stokewood Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2024  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
ARTEMIS 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01051**  
Paul Flick, 486 S. Lexington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Innovations for Criminal Justice" 486 S. Lexington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 8, 2024  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
INNOVATIONS 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01442**  
Erwin Quial, 8300 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AlveoMed Nursing" 8300 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2024  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
ALVEOMED 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01234**  
Debrah Dickenson, 81 Natoma Street Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Folsom Smog Test Only" 81 Natoma Street Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 16, 2024  
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FOLSOM 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01375**  
Kathryn LeGro, 6067 Shirley Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bucket List Bridge" 6067 Shirley Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2024  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
BUCKET 3-29-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01364**  
Maryna Sys, 5425 Garfield Avenue #125, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MM Therapy" 5425 Garfield Avenue #125, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2024  
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MM 3-29-24

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#23CV001436  
Willie De'Chon Kinsey Sr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Willie De'Chon Kinsey Sr. to El Imothus Hati Nofre Ahk Alim Bey.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 23, 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 8, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024  
WILLIE 3-8-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV001402

Olena Holovko has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olena Sergejevna Holovko to Olena Walters and Polina Holovko to Polina Walters.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 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 26, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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OLENA 3-8-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#23CV002200  
Gerome Amog has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gerome Amog to Gerome Corpus Guevarra.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: February 5, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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AMOG 3-8-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV002730  
Avinash Tuta and Kavyalakshmi Vintha has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Charvikreddy Tuta to Charvik Tuta.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 23, 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: February 8, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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TUTA 3-22-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV001191  
Jesus Daniel Resendez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jesus Daniel Resendez to Quentin Lemieux.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 30, 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 24, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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RESENDEZ 3-22-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV003632  
Mohammad Rahim Yalghaz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Rahim Yalghaz to Rahim Yalghaz.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 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: February 28, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
YALGHAZ 3-29-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV003621  
Edward James Thompson and Iridian Eunice McConico has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Edward James Thompson to Edward James Salcido and Nazare Lenae Thompson to Nazare Lenae Salcido.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 14, 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: February 23, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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THOMPSON 3-29-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV003707  
Kennedy Mckenzie Gordon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kennedy Mckenzie Gordon to Kennedy Mackenzie O'Shea.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-

entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 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: February 29, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
GORDON 3-29-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV002615  
Jackson Alexander Caine has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jackson Alexander Caine to Hamza Mohammad Akhtar.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 6, 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: February 13, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
CAINE 3-29-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV002660  
Maleyka Alyeva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Maleyka Alyeva to Malika Alyeva.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 6, 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: February 14, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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ALYEVA 3-29-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATSY EADEN COLEMAN CASE NO. 23PR001312  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Patsy Eaden, Patsy Jean Eaden, Patsy Eaden Coleman, Patsy Davis.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tabitha E. Thompson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tabitha E. Thompson be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
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 March 28, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129, Room 214; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Tabitha E. Thompson, 8662 Farewell Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624; 916-73







# Kings Korner

## By V.G. Harris



A little over a week ago I found myself in a local sports card shop picking up a De'Aaron Fox rookie card for my grandson's ninth birthday.

To my complete surprise I was forced to listen to a clerk that had no regard for our playoff-bound Sacramento Kings. Not less than five times he exclaimed that the Kings were "a bad team."

Now, for someone that is as deeply-rooted and invested in this team as I am, it took great composure to have a civil conversation with this obviously uneducated sales clerk.

If you want to tell me that the Kings can't shoot free throws, or coach Brown must be picking his starting lineup out of a hat, or even remark that the Kings have not the slightest knowledge of how to challenge a call, you may have an argument that I can have a conversation about.

But, do not expect me to accept that the Kings are a bad team. They are anything but a bad team, and as I have extolled their virtues in nearly every column, this team as presently composed, is one of the most dangerous teams in the NBA today. No one in their right mind would want to take on the Kings in the first round of the playoffs.

What other team has defeated the defending NBA champs in their first three meetings this season?

The Sacramento Kings have repeatedly shown the ability to go into hostile arenas, with teams that have a better record, and come away with wins.

As pleased as I was to see the Kings go on the road to L.A. and upset a star-studded Clippers team that had repeatedly given us trouble, I was even more impressed with the workmanlike way the Kings handled business in Minnesota.

Fans and pundits alike were putting up an L as we flew into Minneapolis, and without team scoring leader De'Aaron Fox the Kings played the Timberwolves to a stalemate in regulation. Then, with stalwart Domantas Sabonis on the bench

with 6 fouls, the shorthanded Kings gave the Wolves only their 7th loss of the season on their home court.

The mark of a bad team or a good team? Our fans know that answer, and I believe this team has another level that we have yet to see.

I don't like criticizing Coach Brown, but he has not enjoyed his best season coaching. Coming off an award-winning season, Coach Brown has established himself as the worst in league as it relates to coaches' challenges. This can't continue, and especially in light of the firestorm that is the Kings free-throw shooting.

So, after everything I've said about higher levels, and what a solid team we overall are enjoying, the free-throw shooting percentage cannot be accepted.

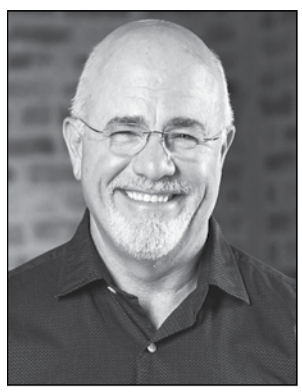
Whether the coaching staff needs an epiphany, or an expert from the outside needs to come in and render help, let's all agree that something needs to be done sooner rather than later.

Many years ago, playing in the San Jose city league, I met the man who was in the Guinness Book of World Records for making the most consecutive free throws ever. From 15 feet out from anywhere on the court this guy just wouldn't miss. Where is he now, or if not him, the carbon copy that can come in and actually teach fundamentals to professional basketball players?

Over the weekend, I watched several college teams shoot free throws like they were making layups, so how are they doing it while we seemingly cannot?

Let's love this team, and the fervor with which they play. The defense is getting better and may be peaking at just the right time. But let's not just shout our praises when we have a glaring blemish for all the league to see.

Go Kings, and please send your thoughts and comments to [vgharriskings-fan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskings-fan@gmail.com). ★



### My Wife Thinks She Owes Me Money

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been married for nine months, and we've been following your Baby Steps plan for three months. We have about \$50,000 in debt, and I recently cashed out an old whole life policy that enabled us to pay off \$22,000 of our debt. My wife still feels weird about us doing that, since the money paid off all the student loan debt she accumulated before we got married but none of the debt I brought to the marriage. I look at everything as ours, not mine and hers. What can I do about her sense of guilt and feeling indebted to me

– Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

This isn't an uncommon

## Dave Ramsey Says

thing in situations like yours. But more than feeling indebted to someone or experiencing a sense of guilt or shame, it's really a discussion about differing views of marriage.

You're never in debt to your spouse. You should be all in where your husband or wife is concerned. Remember the vows? For richer, for poorer. In sickness and in health. If she makes you chicken soup when you're sick, does she charge you for it? Of course not. When you get married, you agree to take on each other's burdens. Once you walk down the aisle with someone, you're choosing to serve each other. You're also choosing to take on each other's debt, each other's income, each other's assets and each other's crazy parents. Everything!

It all boils down to having a shared view of a proper marriage relationship. And the proper (and biblical) view is we own everything. There's no mine and yours anymore. Now,

you can't make her feel—or not feel—a certain way. But you can ask her questions to understand where she's coming from and what blockers are keeping her from being totally together in this. Talk about it. Put your heads together and practice thinking about your marriage as a union.

It will take some encouragement from you and some getting used to on her part, but if you work together, it's a muscle you can grow and develop together!

– Dave

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



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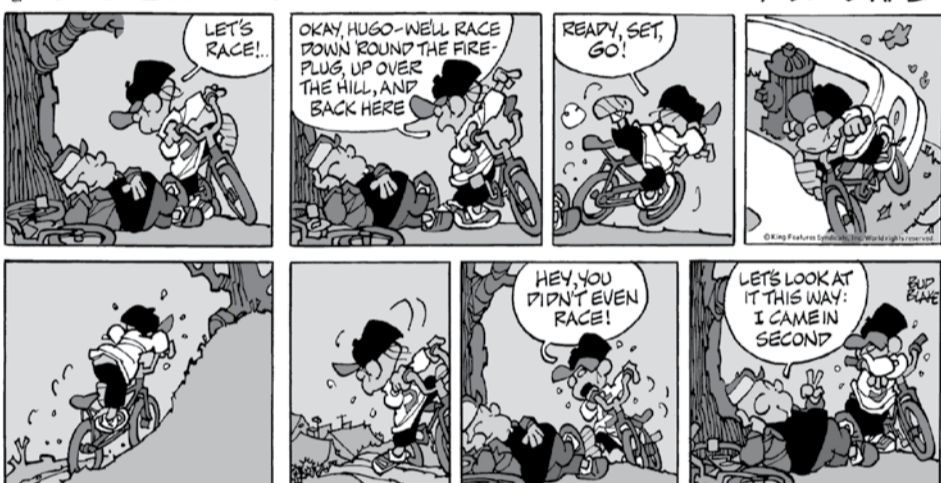
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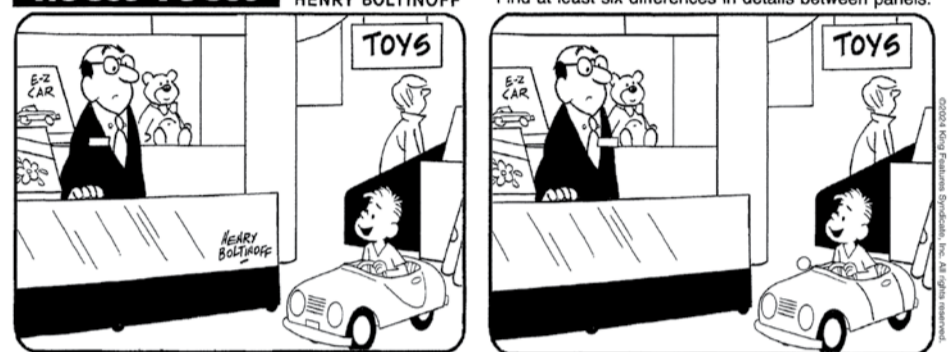
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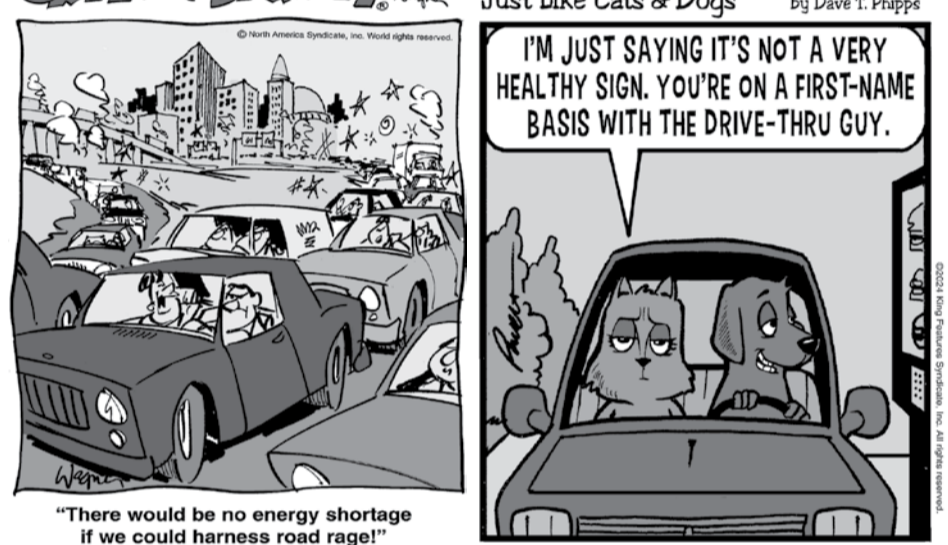
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# River Cats Changing in the New Baseball Year

By Mitch Barber,  
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of Sacramento River Cats

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - If you've ever watched Triple-A baseball, you know that it is extremely competitive and just one level below the major leagues. It also happens to be a lot of fun.

Before the 2024 season gets underway in late March, Messenger Publishing Group interviewed a well-informed man in Sutter Health Park's press box: Jake Ward, who is the Sacramento River Cats communications coordinator.

The interview began with discussion about Dinger, the River Cats' full-of-fun mascot who plays a key role with the team at and away from the ballpark.

"Every year, one of the big events that we do, one of our draws, is Dinger's birthday party. So, we have a lot of mascots in the area come to the game for his birthday," Ward said. "Last year, there was Quackals...Dunkson from Stockton...I believe Herky T. Hornet was here."

The UC Davis mustang mascot, Gunrock, also attended.

Dinger's birthday event will be on July 21 this year during the Albuquerque Isotopes game.

Ward outlined another enjoyable event, a ballpark get-together, that took place last year.

"We did a sleepover night where we had some fans who could purchase a package to stay on the field and then they showed the movie, 'Sandlot,' while they had some sleeping bags and some tents out there on the grass," Ward said. "... That was a pretty cool one (event)."

This year, on March 30, gameday festivities will revolve around the movie.

But the River Cats aren't a team of kids with one that says, "You're killing me, Smalls." They are a professional team affiliated with the San Francisco Giants in the Pacific Coast League (a league that includes the Sugar Land Space Cowboys, a team name indicative



Fans arrive at Sutter Health Park to watch a day game.



Nick Avila, Turlock native and member of the Sacramento River Cats.



Dinger stands perched on top of the dugout at Sutter Health Park.



The Tower Bridge looms behind the outfield grass at Sutter Health Park.

of more fun).

The River Cats' field is a step up from the makeshift one in the movie. Ward explained how Sutter Health Park is different from the former Raley Field: "We've been completely remodeling the inside of our clubhouse."

There is no irony in what the organization is doing with Sutter Health Park.

"Mental health is just as big as physical health," Ward said. "It's something that our organization stresses all the way from the Giants

up at the top, all the way down through San Jose (its Single-A affiliate)."

"In addition to expanding our weight-room area and adding a second batting tunnel, they're also adding family rooms and they're adding a mental health room," Ward continued.

The family rooms would make it possible for players to meet a spouse or their children in a laid-back atmosphere.

Another modification has to do with the lights.

"We're replacing a lot of our lights; we're moving to LED lights just to be a little bit more energy efficient," Ward said.

He said they wouldn't have to go through the warmup period required of standard floodlights before they shine bright.

Ward was happy to announce that what will stay the same is the head coach.

"Dave Brundage will be back for his seventh season," he said.

Brundage has the second most wins in franchise history.

A staff change this season revolves around a promotion.

"Our pitching coach from last season — Garvin Alston — he earned one of those promotions (to the major leagues) and he is now going to be the bullpen coach for the Giants," Ward said.

He was happy about the news, but more focused on the River Cats. "The home opener is Friday, March 29, against the Salt Lake Bees at 6:45 p.m.," said Ward.

Ward also knew about another special game: "Just about a week prior — this isn't our opening day but a big event that we're excited for — we'll be facing off against the Giants in our exhibition game on Sunday, March 24th."

The San Francisco Giants and the rest of Major League Baseball don't use the automated ball-strike (ABS) system, but this year, like last season, the River Cats and the rest of the PCL will use the automated ball-strike. The first three games of each six-game series "will be all-automated," Ward said, meaning that all ball and strike calls will be relayed to the umpire through an earpiece and called using the Hawk-Eye tracking system. (Tennis fans might recognize the Hawk-Eye name.)

The last three games of each series, Ward said, "We go back to a more traditional system where your umpire calls balls and strikes but we use a challenge system... so if a batter feels that a pitch was called a strike, but he thinks, no, that pitch was outside or it was high, he can turn around and he can initiate a challenge by tapping his helmet."

Each team will get three challenges to start the game. The pitcher, batter or catcher can initiate a challenge — the inquiry cannot be initiated by the dugout.

"It goes up on the jumbotron," Ward said.

*It's all part of the competitive, fun experience that is Sacramento River Cats baseball. Play ball!*

*Sutter Health Park is at 400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento. ★*

# Community Call-Out for Participation: Photography Month Sacramento in April

**Photography Month Sacramento News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Led by Viewpoint Photographic Art Center — a non-profit organization located in Midtown Sacramento — and in collaboration with many involved partners including the City of Sacramento, Inside Publications, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Office of Phil Serna (District 1), and Sacramento365.com, Photography Month Sacramento is scheduled for April 2024. First launched in 2018, the month-long event is highlighted by a variety of diverse and eclectic events that include special exhibits, receptions, photo shoot meetups, workshops, lectures, photo shoot gatherings, and more. With a new "Anything Goes" theme this year, the annual photographic celebration offers a diverse and collective experience of the visual arts. Photography Month Sacramento creates a shared platform for galleries, museums, educational institutions, libraries, retail establishments, photographers, and patrons to celebrate and elevate the art of photography. Interested participants are encouraged to create and/or highlight their own activations to help showcase the art of photography.

Thus far, a number of museums, businesses, and educational institutions from throughout the region have already signed up to participate in 2024, including: Casa de Español, Crocker Art Museum, Granucci Gallery at the Center for the Arts in Grass Valley, Nevada County Camera Club based in Nevada City, Sacramento History Museum, Sacramento State University Department of Photography, Viewpoint Photographic Art Center, and



Local photography is always appreciated at area museums. Photo courtesy of Photography Month Sacramento

YoloArts in Woodland.  
**How to Get Involved: Businesses, Museums and Organizations**

Involvement in Photography Month Sacramento for businesses, museums and organizations is free and simple to do. The regional showcase offers a turnkey way to highlight visually enticing photographic programming already in place (possibly by incorporating a fresh visual element or hosting

a special activation), introduce a concept in the planning stages, or create something unique to engage enthusiasts and connect with new audiences throughout the region.

**How to Get Involved: Photographers**

Photography Month Sacramento is open to everyone — professional and amateur photographers alike — and offers wonderful opportunities to launch and/or exhibit photographic work, or to create a

grassroots collaborative exhibit with friends interested in the visual arts. Those interested are encouraged to get creative and plan individual activations and/or contact favorite local coffee houses or restaurants to see if they might host an exhibit or reception in April 2024.

Once any photography-related concepts are confirmed by businesses, organizations, museums or individuals, Photography Month

Sacramento participants are asked to post information details about any upcoming events here, a community curated calendar that is connected to and supported by Sacramento365.com.

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