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Hollywood Production Comes to Sac


Story and photos by Matthew Malone
sacramento region，ca SACRAMENTO REGION，CA
（MPG）－The stars （MPG）－The stars came out
in the daytime on Feb．25，as in the daytime on Feb．25，as
a movie whose cast includes a movie whose cast includes
Leonardo DiCaprio，Sean Penn and Regina Hall filmed in Galt．And many residents in Rio Linda and nearby cities，were among those hoping to catch a glimpse of the live movie shoot． Although the produc－ tion has been shrouded in secrecy－no title or synopsis has been offi－
cially announced－it has
attracted intense interest as it films on－location arou
Northern California Northern California． Production vehicles lined Park in Galt and the side－ Park in Galt and the side－
walks around the park were closed to the public． Most of the afternoon filming took place in the space between the park and the Union Pacific railroad tracks that run through the tracks
city．
Grou
Groups of curious onlook－ ers gathered on the far side of the streets around Harvey Park，hoping to
catch a glimpse of one of
the celebrities or get some insight into the filmmaking insight in
process．
process．
＂It＇s been all over social ＂It＇s been all over social media，＂Christina Tapia
said，explaining that one of said，explaining that one of her daughters wants to be
an actress．＂She was the one an actress．＂She was the one
that was like，＇Mom，they closed off all the streets． Can we please go try to find

## them？＂

## Her daughter，Selah，

 described hearing rumors of the movie shoot．＂We heard it from a bunch of friends．It was going around，＂Selah said．＂Some people were like，‘Oh yeah，

Leonardo DiCaprio＇s com－ ing to Galt．＇And I love Leonardo DiCaprio． Le＇s one of my favorite celebrities．＂
Selah and sister，Rikki， hoped to see DiCaprio deliv－ ering lines or recreating a shot from his 2013 movie， ＂The Great Gatsby，＂in which he raises a glass of champagne．
Maria Fernandez and Michael Tam were waiting nearby．Fernandez，a Galt resident，remarked on the event rarity for the city．
＂It＇s kind of exciting
Continued on page 3

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


#### Abstract

United Way California Capital Region 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， Auditorium in Sacramento， will raise funds toward will raise funds toward United Way＇s Anniversary United Way＇s Anniversary Goal to raise $\$ 3$ million to help 10,000 local children 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 sponsorship opportunities： http：／／www．uwccr．org／gala． ＂The United in Purpose Gala is more than jus a celebration；it＇s an




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

## Photography Month

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Photographic Art Center －a non－profit organiza－ tion located in Midtown laboration with many involved partners includ－ ing the City of Sacramento， Inside Publications，
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Office
of Phil Serna（District of Phil Serna（District com，Photography Month Sacramento is sched－ uled for April 2024．First
launched in 2018，the month－long event is high－ lighted by a variety of diverse and eclectic events hat include special exhib－ its，receptions，photo shoot
meetups，workshops lectures，photo shoot gath－ erings，and more．With
a new＂Anything Goes＂ theme this year，the annual photographic celebration offers a diverse and col－ lective experience of the visual arts．Photography ates a shared platform for galleries，museums，educa－
tional institutions，libraries， retail establishments，pho－ tographers，and patrons to celebrate and elevate the art of photography．Interested participants are encouraged to create and／or highlight
their own activations to their own activations to
help showcase the art of photography． Thus far，a number of museums，businesses，
and educational institu－ tions from throughout the region have already the region have already
signed up to partici－
pate in 2024 including． pate in 2024，including：
Casa de Español，Crocker Art Museum，Granucci the Arts in Grass Valley， Nevada County Camera Club based in Nevada
City，Sacramento History City，Sacramento History
Museum，Sacramento State Museum，Sacramento State
University Department of Photography，Viewpoint Photographic Art Center， How to Get Involved： How to Get Involved： Businesses，Museuns
and Organizations Photography Month Photography Month
Sacramento for businesses， museums and organiza－
tions 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 Continued on page 3

## 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) 2024 United Soccer League (USL) season, Republic FC's 11th. He told
the Messenger Publishing Group the Messenger Publishing Group
that "it is to go one step further than that "it is to go one step further than
last year and win the championship. last year and win the championship.
Pretty simple, I think, after where we got to last year and reaching the we got to last year and reaching the
conference final. We gotta go one conference final. We gotta go one
step further this year and try and be 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. when we're in difficult moments.
They make us run those extra five 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 ha them as our supporters group."
The Tower Bridge Battalion v The Tower Bridge Battalion will
support numerous players this seasupport numerous players this sea-
son who made their way through son who made their way through
the Republic FC Academy, such as forward Rafael Jauregui, the
as as forward Rafael Jauregui, the
youngest goal scorer in club hisyoungest goal scorer in club his-
tory; forward Da'vian Kimbrough, tory; 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 -yearold central defender Chibuike "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 and, it was for me every single
day growing up, soon as I finished day growing up, soon as I finished
school, there would be 20,30 of us at the park just playing. I think 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,
ind Italy, Brazil, Argentina, like there's


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


the final. He's from Guadalajara, Republic FC, "You have profesMexico, another country with quite sional players, a professional team
the pickup soccer scene the pickup soccer scene. of soccer. Coach Briggs said been in Sacramento. I think the rea-


Defender Chibuike "Chibi" Ukaegbu prepares to make a pass. Pho
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 ful-ly-professional. If you have a kid
that likes soccer, there's no better that likes soccer, there's no better learning tool than watching a proWhat does B
What does Briggs do when he
isn't coaching elite isn't coaching elite soccer? my wife, my kids, my dog. Usually my wife, my kids, my dog. Usually
walking around parks or playwalking around parks or play-
ing with the kids," the coach said. "Every now and then, I pick up a 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 Let's see if he and the team can
bring Sacramento another bring Sacramento another championship in 2024.
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Continued from page 1 children succeed in school. Founded in 1923, United Way California apital Region has been a transformative force in the Sacramento community for more than a century, serving Amador, 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 tutor-
ing, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation leads the region's largest tax preparation
initiative, and launched Sacramento's first guaranteed income program. United Way 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.

Community Call-Out for Participation: Photography Month Sacramento in April
 the planning stages, or create something unique to engage enthusiasts and connect How to Get Involved: Photographers Photography Month Sacramento is open o 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.
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 Taylor leads Penn into a chain-link cage at gunpoint.

Continued from page 1 because nothing really happens here in Galt that
exciting, so I feel everyone's exciting, so I feel everyone's excited for it," Fernandez
said. said.
Tam
Tam said, "I want to see what the process is, maybe
catch a glimpse of whocatch a glimpse of who-
ever's coming in ... and hopefully see some action scenes."
The production involved its fair share of action; at one point, Penn filmed several takes of a scene in which he was led into a chain-link cage with a rifle at his back. Meanwhile, dozens of extras ran out of the Harvey Park baseball field into a semitruck. DiCaprio was also present, at one point rehearsing a scene that involved throwing an object
on top of the cage on top of the cage. included Hall and sing-er-songwriter Teyana Taylor The city of Galt posted on social media that "a special event" would involve simulated gunfire between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Paul Slaviero, who lives in San Jose, was visiting in-laws in town when he
heard about the event. He told the Elk Grove Citizen why he and his wife decided to watch DiCaprio filming. "He's one of the greatest actors. ... You take a look at Ben Affleck and Leo DiCaprio and some of the others, they're the legacy now of great actors, who
carry on the torch of what carry on the torch of what acting, is all about. And here he is today. And I'm thinking that's exciting for me to take my time to stay here to watch this," Slaviero said. The film is written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, who has also written and directed


Leonardo DiCaprio pr
preparation for a scene.
movies such as "Boogie movies such as "Boogie
Nights" and "There Will Be Blood." Warner Bros. is the distributor.
Reached for comment before the Galt filming date, a representative told Messenger Publishing Group, "For the safety of our cast and crew, we would like to refrain from doing any media until after our you for you for understanding." The production popped up in Humboldt County from late January to early February and filming moved
to the Sacramento area startto the Sacramento area start-
ing on Feb. 3, with shoots ing on Feb. 3, with shoots
at the Sacramento County Administration Building and the Sacramento County Superior Court building and, on Feb. 6, near the Bob Hope Theatre in Stockton. The city of Galt acknowledged the filming directly in a Feb. 26 social-media post.
ike to extend our sincerest appreciation to Warner Bros. Pictures for choosing Galt as a filming location for their upcoming movie! It is such an honor to have our small town showcased as part of this project," the post read. It thanked residents for their patience, police, past with the police, parks and recreation, and public works departments for their work
during and before filming On the before filming. some spectators filming, ing the sidewalks crowdafternoon experienced the movie shoot close up when a production crew member approached and began recruiting individuals to be extras for the night scenes Tapia, there to accompany her daughters, left to change clothes after the crew mem-
ber picked her as an extra


## River Cats Changing in the New Baseball Year

By Mitch Barbe photos courtesy
of Sacramento River Cats SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- If you've ever watched Triple-A - 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' role with the team at and away from role with the
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 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, thattook place last took place last year.
we had some fans who could purwe 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. "..
t. That was a pretty cool one (event), This year, on March 30, gameday festivities will revolve around the
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 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

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)."

IIn 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 laidback atmosphere.
Another modification has to do with the lights.

"We're replacing a lot of our
"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 Giants in our exhibition game on Sunday, March 24th.' The San Francisco Giants and
the rest of Major League Baseball 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 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... 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 ini-
tiate 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
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## To Tell the Truth, I Wasn't



Ten years ago, I was at a writing semiTen years ago, I was at a writing semi-
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one of the seminar instructors joined me one of the sel
for a Danish.
He was a quiet, introspective man, dent writers. That's why I guided him to dent 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. explained, "I would have lold year," I my syndicated column had received 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 thate 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 Pulitzer submission and a Pulitzer
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 lair if one doesn' know he's lying?" Another facet of the
question is: "Does one's story default to question is: "Does one s story default to
becoming the truth if one doesn't bother becoming the truth if one doesn't bothe In other words, in a
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 connec tion. Just as it took some time for me 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 Jess
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. a hazing incident in the Marine barracks.
We all know Col. Jessup's answer, so say it with me.
say it with me.
"You can't handle the truth!"
Neither the professor nor I handled 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 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.


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 off all the student loan debt
she accumulated before we she accumulated before we got married but none of the
debt I brought to the mardebt I brought to the mar-
riage. I look at everything riage. 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 guilt or shame, it's really a discussion about differing
views of marriage. views of marriage.
You're never in
You're never in debt to your spouse. You should
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band or wife is concerned. band or wife is concerned.
Remember the vows? For 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 aisle with someone, you're
choosing to serve each othchoosing to serve each other. You're also choosing to
take on each other's debt take on each other's debt,
each other's income, each each other's income, each
other's assets and each othother's assets and each oth-
er's crazy parents. Everyer's cr
thing!

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

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


By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
 benefits at age 72 and also working full time. Why is still taking money from my paycheck? I have written 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 tax ing me for Social Security
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Security benefits. Can you? Signed: Working Senior Signear: Working Senior
Dear Working Senior Dear Working Senior. explain the federal governexplain the federal govern-
ment'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 comRoosevel by President America's Social Security program. Said pane
determined how the program in 1937 still applies - those 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 pro 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
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first $\$ 3000$ of earnings. Obviously, those amounts Obviously, those amounts 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.
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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
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those working (and their employer) is used to pay employer) is used to pay 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
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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 earnings to help
to $S S$ 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 and income tax on Social Security benefits). With very
few exceptions, everyone few exceptions, everyone fits to those now receiving fits to those now receiving.
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Gavin Newsom I I Unpopular, But A Second Recall Drive Is Doomed For Failure


By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org
On one level, it's com-
pletely understandable that pletely understandable that
many Californians believe mey 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 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 on touring the country as a surrogate campaigner for
President Joe Biden President Joe Biden - and
to build his own political to build his own political
standing - probably constanding - probably con-
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home. To many, it implies a recall election - and even that the state and its prob- if they muster an impressive lems, including a whopping list of Newsom's failures budget deficit, now play recall advocates would need second fiddle to Newsom's a viable replacement to have political ambitions, what- even a faint chance of sucever they may be, and surely cess. In California, a recall a factor in a renewed cam- is a two-step process. Voters paign this week seeking to simultaneously decide recall the governor. Orrin Heatlie, a retired
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uty who headed the uty who headed the 2021 as chairman of the back as chairman of the group
Rebuild California, insists Rebuild California, insists
that "this time is diferen"" 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 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 signatu
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Even if they could force
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ment candidates ment candidates
That was demonstrated
in 2003 during the first and in 2003 during the first and only successful recall of a
California governor. ThenGov. 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 self-aggrandizement for self-aggrandizement rather than a serious interest in
governance. He was governance. He was an
easy target for the Newsom easy target for the Newsom
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Given the very thin ench of Republican poli-
ticians 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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## Four Letter Word

 face times when our backs are up against with it and maybe even learn to laugh? Dr. David Levy faced adversity and
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face life. Dr. Levy is an award-winning 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 cur 4- Letter Word" laughing and learning through 40 life lessons 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 necessity for losers.
2. EMPTY THREATS ARE WORSE became especially poignant 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. SELF-ACCEPTANCE. Envy knows
no bounds, but self-acceptance can stem the tide.
4. WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW MAKE IT. With this lesson, you can get lot further than you think, and hey, no one can tell you otherwis
5. FIND FORGIVENESS THROUGH

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
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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 but knowing that the battle may not be 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 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 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
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 Food $8 t$ Farm

Number of Farms Continues to Drop in California, Mirroring National Trends Small-scale farmers continue to struggle o stay in business in California and across the country, according to the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, which was released last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In California, the overall number of farms decreased $10 \%$ from 2017 farm increased $10 \%$ average acreage per farm increased $10 \%$. The USDA conducts the census every five years. The number 1997. Since California peaked at 87,991 in in each census, falling to 63,134 in 2022
Dairy Herds Shrink to 20-Year Low as
Farmers Breed More Cows for Beef
Dairy farmers looking to buy young heifers to replace their older milking cows should get used to the sticker shock for a while, as the nation's dairy heifer inventory has plummeted to a 20 -year low. Reduced supplies of dairy heifers could limit the nation's ability to produce more milk, people in the industry say, and reversing the trend will take at least two to three years.
How soon farmers respond will deped How soon farmers respond will depend on market conditions-for milk and for beef. Dairy replacement heifers have dwin-
dled because dairy farmers have turned do breeding more of their dairy cows with to breeding more of their dairy cows with
beef genetics.

Bees Go to Work, Pollinating California Almond Orchards
Dealing with a mix of extreme weather during bloom, California growers and beeeepers are hopeful that Mother Nature provides plenty of sunny days so honeybees can leave their colonies and pollinate the 2024 almond crop. Pollination of the state's 1.37 million bearing acres of almonds requires 2.5 million beehives provided by California and out-of-state beekeepers, according to the Almond moard of California. Heavy rainfall this month caused headaches for some beeorchards and dealt with stuck equipment orchards and dealt with stuck equipment moving bees.
2024 Water-Delivery Pledges Remain Low, but Don't Account for Recent Storms State and federal water officials last week announced preliminary water deliveries of $15 \%$ of requested supplies for 2024 from the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project. But both the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said the water-delivery pledges don't take into account recent and anticipated storms expected to add to California's water sup-
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