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‘Credit Union SACTOWN Run’ Raises \$210,800 for CMN Hospitals



The Annual Credit Union SACTOWN Run held on Sunday, April 2, 2023, raised over \$210,800 for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals (CMN) and included 69 credit unions and 1,800 runners. Photo courtesy of California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues

California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Annual Credit Union SACTOWN Run – which took place Sunday (April 2) in Sacramento – raised more than \$210,800 for the 11 Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals (CMN) to help local kids across California and Nevada.

More than 1,800 runners participated in this year’s Credit Union SACTOWN Run, including nearly 1,200 credit union employees and members from across California and Nevada. The event, which started and ended on the Capitol Mall in front of the California State Capitol, featured a 10-mile race, 5K run, and “Miracle Mile Fun Run and Fitness Walk.”

The run was hosted by the

Sacramento Running Association (SRA) and also served as the USA Track and Field (USATF) Masters 10-Mile National Championship.

“Once again, we were honored to work with the Sacramento Running Association to host such a great event to raise much needed funds for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals throughout California and Nevada,” said Diana Dykstra, president and CEO of the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues (Ontario, CA). “These donations will help kids receive the care and treatment they need, thanks to a number of credit unions and businesses in both states.”

John Pamer, chair of the Credit Union SACTOWN Run and CEO of Diablo Valley Federal Credit Union (Concord, CA), said the annual race

has become a cherished rite of Spring for credit unions and business partners. “Each year since 2012, we run, jog or walk our course on the first Sunday in April,” Pamer said. “But the real benefit is that the \$210,800 we raised this year — and the \$2.5 million we’ve raised since day-one — brings healing and hope to patients and their families every day of the year. Credit unions and our business partners are committed to helping people in our local communities, and the Credit Union SACTOWN Run is a strong demonstration of this commitment.”

Larry Palochik, executive vice president of the Leagues (Ontario, CA), said that every child deserves the chance to live a happy and healthy life. “Supporting Children’s Miracle

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Kings and Kaiser Permanente Present Sabonis with Community Crossover Award

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Friday, April 7, 2023, the Sacramento Kings recognized center Domantas Sabonis with the 2023 Community Crossover Award presented by Kaiser Permanente. The award, formerly known as the Oscar Robertson Triple Double Award, is given to a Kings player each year who excels both on and off the court while also making significant contributions to the community.

“I am honored to be the recipient of this year’s Community Crossover Award,” said Sacramento Kings center Domantas Sabonis. “My family and I love Sacramento and this community and it means a great deal to us to be able to give back and support, especially our youth.”

This season, Sabonis and his wife, Shashana, launched the Sabonis Squad, adopting Caroline

Wenzel Elementary school and providing support and supplies. As part of the Sacramento Kings 21st Annual Season of Doing Good presented by Raley’s, the Sabonis’ surprised students from the elementary after-school program and provided food courtesy of Dos Coyotes, coats courtesy of Old Navy and books to read over the holiday break. Students who finished their book were given a chance to win Kings swag and game tickets. In addition, the Sabonis family has provided PE equipment to the school.

To show his appreciation to the Sacramento community and Kings fans, Sabonis surprised individuals at a local barber shop (The 916 Cuts) and a community park (Franklin D. Roosevelt Park) with tickets to a Kings game.

In addition, Sabonis has excelled as a leader on the court, averaging 19.2 points and team-highs of

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On Friday, April 7, 2023, Sacramento Kings player Domantas Sabonis was recognized with this year’s Community Crossover Award presented by Kaiser Permanente. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Kings

Do You Have an Uncashed Sacramento County Check?

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Currently, the County has more than 7,600 uncashed checks, totaling more than \$3.6 million. How does this happen, and could this be your unclaimed money?

If a Sacramento County-issued check goes six months without being cashed by the rightful payee, the information becomes available in a PDF document on the Unclaimed County Warrants (checks) webpage. The data is also searchable on the County’s Open Data portal.

Think you might have an uncashed check with Sacramento County? Here are quick and easy ways to find out:

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Sacramento County makes this data easily available on its websites, Open Data Portal and other measures to ensure the information is accessible and the monies go to the rightful payees. ★

Scouts Collect 55,000 lbs of Food for Foodbanks



The Golden Empire Council of the Scouts of America collected food for local foodbanks during their “Scouting for Food” drive on March 11, 2023. Photo courtesy of Boys Scouts of America

Boys Scouts of America News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Golden Empire Council of Scouting BSA, hosted the annual “Scouting for Food” drive on March 11, 2023, with more than 3,000 scouts and family members participating. The food collected was distributed amongst 16 counties in Northern California.

The program “Scouting for Food” has been operated by the local council for at least 20 years. Every year, scouts and their families coordinate to pick-up food in their neighborhoods and drop-off at local foodbanks. These efforts provide seniors, children, and low-income families with nutritious food in their time of need.

“The annual Scouting for Food is a fantastic event which our scouts can help many families across Northern California. Once again, I am proud to be part of this organization and see the amazing work our scouts and their families are doing to make an impact in their communities,” said Scouting for Food Director



Food collected by the Scouts was distributed amongst 16 counties in Northern California. Photo courtesy of Boys Scouts of America

and District Executive, Jose Zavala.

Golden Empire Council’s 2023 Scouting for Food drive collected more than 55 thousand pounds of food as well as \$3,162 in monetary donations.

“Scouting for Food is such a wonderful opportunity for scouts in our area to come together and make a direct positive impact on the community. While partnering with food banks across the state, thousands of youths and adult volunteers work cheerfully to help those in need, even in the rain!” said James Rhodes-Dreyer, Scout Executive, “It is the

commitment to the ‘Scout Law’ which includes being helpful, friendly, kind, and cheerful that enables the Scouts to be successful.”

GEC has been providing leadership development for youth and their families since 1920 while serving over 7,000 youth in 16 counties. Their mission is to prepare young people to make moral and ethical choices over their lifetimes, by instilling them with the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Their program hosts camps, events, and many exciting activities for boys and girls. For more information, visit www.gec-bsa.org and join Scouting today. ★

Funding Available for Research Addressing Wildfire and Forest Health Issues

CAL FIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is announcing the availability of up to \$5.5 million in grant funding for Forest Health Research projects. CAL FIRE is soliciting applications for research in forest health and wildland fire science critical to the State of California that support landowners, resource agencies, fire management organizations, and decisionmakers throughout the state.

“The research conducted as part of these grants continues to be an important component helping to advance the health of our state’s forests while also addressing the effects of climate change on California’s landscape,” said Chris Keithley, Assistant Deputy Director of Fire and Resource Assessment for CAL FIRE.

CAL FIRE will award research grants in five categories: Wildfire and Forest Research grants for original research and may occur on or focus on any land

ownership in California; State Forests Research grants for original research and at least one study site on a Demonstration State Forest or other CAL FIRE-managed land; Graduate Student grants for original research led by the student; Scientific Synthesis and Tool Development grants for synthesis of current scientific information and literature, distribution of current scientific data and information, and/or decision support tools for landowners, managers, and the public; and, lastly, Special Topic Research grants to address a particular need identified by the CAL FIRE’s Fire and Resource Assessment Program to focus this year on leveraging U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis data to inform forest management.

The Forest Health Research Grant Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment

— particularly in disadvantaged communities.

This program is designed to complement the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Action Plan, the 2018 Strategic Fire Plan for California, and the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, which propose to protect lives, property, and resources of California and increase the ability of our natural and working lands to survive and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Official Call for Applications:

Forest Health Research Grants Program: The call for concept proposals opened on March 23, 2023. Concept proposals are due no later than 3:00 PM on April 27, 2023.

Public virtual workshops will be held during the open application period. Please check the Forest Health Research Grants web pages for dates, times, and locations. These workshops will be recorded and made available on the program web page.

For more information and to sign up for grant email announcements, visit www.fire.ca.gov/grants ★

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Kitten Season Begins, Fosters and Donations Needed



The Bradshaw Shelter’s Foster Care Program helps save lives and space during this hectic season. Photo by Jan Mallander from Pixabay

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Animal shelters around the country are gearing up for what is known as “kitten season,” when cats begin to give birth to countless kitten litters. Typically beginning in late spring and continuing throughout summer, kitten season stretches the already-thin resources animal shelters and rescues have when the influx of unwanted cats and kittens crowd shelter and kennel space.

The Bradshaw Shelter’s Foster Care Program helps save lives and space during this hectic season.

“We call our foster care providers ‘life-saving heroes’ because they give animals who are too young, sick, or injured to be available for adoption a second chance,” said Annette Bedsworth, Director of Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter. “Fosters provide

safe and loving temporary homes where animals can thrive until they are ready for adoption.”

Residents interested in becoming fosters should submit a foster application to foster@saccounty.gov. The shelter provides all food, bedding, supplies, toys and more at no cost to the foster. Fostering is a great way to help alleviate the impact of kitten season at your local shelter and can provide temporary companionship for those still working from home.

The shelter is most in need of fosters for bottle babies: kittens who have been orphaned or abandoned and are too young to eat on their own. If you’ve never fostered a bottle-fed kitten before, the foster team will teach you everything you need to know. Fosters are also needed for kittens that just have a little bit of growing left to do, as well as for sick or injured kittens and cats. The time commitment for fostering

can be anywhere from one to eight weeks, depending on the kitten’s size at the time of fostering.

For more information about fostering, including fostering FAQs, visit the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter website. To learn more about what to do if you find a kitten or litter of kittens, visit the feral cat information webpage.

Donations of essential kitten season supplies are also needed, including: Small litter pans, Heating pads, Small nursing bottles, Miracle nipples, Kitten dry food and wet food.

Donations are accepted at the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter’s Animal Admissions Door at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Tuesday through Sunday, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. For a complete list of supply needs, visit the shelter’s Amazon Wishlist or the donation website. ★

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Network hospitals in our two states is our opportunity to help make that a reality,” Palochik said. “Together, with our credit unions and sponsors, we are helping provide hope and healing to children and families in need.”

Joe Franklin, vice president of brand and experiential marketing for Co-op Solutions (Rancho Cucamonga, CA), thanked all of the runners who participated in this year’s Credit Union SACTOWN Run. “The partnership between CMN Hospitals and credit unions is a truly synergistic one,” Franklin said. “The two things that determine physical and mental health are access to health care and solid financial wellness. When members of society and their children are physically healthy or have access to quality care,

and they feel financially secure, it builds a stronger community.”

Kevin Miller, president and CEO of Travis Credit Union in Vacaville, Calif., said his credit union believes in “people helping people” — and the annual race is just one more example of this unique industry philosophy. “I’m proud of our staff and their families who are running and volunteering with that spirit to benefit the Credit Union SACTOWN Run,” Miller said.

Bill Cheney, chief executive officer of SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union (Tustin, CA), said his credit union’s team looks forward to participating in the race each year. “They’re eager for the physical challenge of the race while supporting a cause that aligns with our credit union

values,” Cheney said. “We are proud to participate and support children and their families in local hospitals, including UC Davis Children’s Hospital. Thank you to our team and all runners and volunteers — you make a difference in the lives of others.”

Amanda Merz, community impact manager for SAFE Credit Union (Sacramento, CA), said her leadership and team are pleased to be a part of the Credit Union SACTOWN Run. “Seeing all of our fellow credit union employees and leaders come together to help raise money for children’s health is so inspiring,” Merz said. “Credit unions are all about ‘people helping people,’ and it is so rewarding to see all of us working together for a greater cause while also having some fun.” ★

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12.4 rebounds and 7.3 assists per game. Along with leading the Kings, Sabonis is the NBA’s league-leader in rebounding, total rebounds (964) and double-doubles (65) while ranking second in triple-doubles (14) and fifth in total assists (568). He has helped guide Sacramento to a postseason berth with a 12.5 win shares

rating and 9.5 offensive win shares rating, which both rank second in the NBA.

Sabonis will be presented the award by Sacramento Kings Chief Operating Officer Matina Kolokotronis and General Manager Monte McNair tonight before the Kings take on the Golden State Warriors at Golden 1 Center.

Inaugurated in 2003,

prior award winners include some of the most recognizable figures in Kings team history, such as Chris Webber (2003), Vlade Divac (2004), Peja Stojakovic (2005), De’Aaron Fox (2019) in addition to back-to-back honors for Corliss Williamson (2006 and 2007), Garrett Temple (2017 and 2018) and Harrison Barnes (2021 and 2022). ★

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Trailer Bills: A Sneaky Way to Make a Big Change in California Law



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California’s governors and legislators have, as often noted in this space, developed a bad habit of using the state budget to make sweeping changes in state law while minimizing or ignoring traditional legislative procedures.

They do it with so-called “budget trailer bills” that are often passed in batches coincident with the budget each June after minimal hearings and debate. Like the budget, they take effect immediately and are shielded from being challenged via referendum.

It can take weeks or even months for those outside the Capitol to figure out the real-life impacts and decipher the dense legalese of trailer bills, which often run hundreds of pages.

The Legislature is once again plowing through the latest budget, this one proposed by Gov. Gavin Newsom for the 2023-24 fiscal year, prior to the last frantic – and largely secret – negotiations on a final version.

Dozens of would-be trailer bills are kicking around, some of them legitimately attached to the budget, and some just using the process to minimize scrutiny.

One of the most complex, potentially important trailer bills, not yet formally

introduced, would overhaul how electrical energy is procured. It would make the state Department of Water Resources the state’s central purchaser of power, citing the need to construct or acquire enough non-polluting generation to meet the state’s self-proclaimed goal of becoming carbon-neutral by 2045.

What could possibly go wrong?

California’s track record on managing the state power supply is, to say the least, spotty.

A quarter-century ago, California experimented with what was termed “deregulation,” but really wasn’t, of electricity, and it quickly became one of the worst human-caused disasters in state history. It allowed power suppliers to game the system, pushed costs through the ceiling, drove one utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, into bankruptcy, almost did the same to another, Southern California Edison, and was a major reason voters recalled a governor, Gray Davis.

The Department of Water Resources became, for a time, the state’s central power buyer because its water supply system was, and is, a major generator of electricity and a major purchaser.

After the experiment was repealed, California returned to its previous system, based on purchases by utilities such as PG&E and SCE and regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. But a few years later, the state embarked on its quest for carbon neutrality, greatly complicating the situation.

Simultaneously, the state is trying to phase out power from generation by

hydrocarbons, such as natural gas, while increasing the overall supply in expectation that demand will grow as other activities, such as transportation, make the same transition to electricity.

It hasn’t gone smoothly. The state has flirted with blackouts on hot days when air conditioning imposes huge demands and has been forced to keep the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant and several gas-fired generators, which had been scheduled for closure, online to avoid shortages.

So would making the state water agency the electric power czar again be the solution to meeting deadlines for decarbonization?

The Legislature’s independent budget analyst, Gabe Patek, is one skeptic. His office issued a report urging lawmakers to take enough time to analyze such a major change and questioning its necessity and its potential effect on California consumers, who are already paying some of the nation’s highest power rates.

Patek’s report also questions the need to use a fast-track budget trailer bill for such a momentous change, saying “Ultimately, ensuring it (the Legislature) has the time and opportunities for developing a greater understanding, sufficient input from stakeholders, and thoughtful deliberation will be vital to ensuring it can make an informed decision on these important proposals.”

Amen.

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

Walgreens Refuses to Press Charges against Thieves

Sac County Sheriff’s Dept News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Just after 1 pm on Saturday, March 11, 2023, North Patrol deputies responded to Walgreens near Arden Way and Howe Avenue regarding the report of a robbery in progress. An employee called 911 and advised our communications center dispatchers that two subjects walked out with stolen merchandise, then physically hit an employee when confronted. Additionally, the caller described a vehicle in which the subjects fled.

Responding deputies quickly located the vehicle and detained both subjects without incident. They discovered hundreds of dollars in stolen items and eagerly contacted Walgreens to return the items and complete their felony

investigation. When they spoke to the employee, deputies learned the subjects never actually hit the employee as they reported when they called 911; but rather spit on them (while arguably worse, it is only a misdemeanor under California law absent other articulable circumstances).

Despite our deputies’ best efforts, Walgreens and their employees refused to press charges. Furthermore, they would not confirm if all the items stolen were in fact theirs or if they totaled enough to warrant a felony arrest. Lack of cooperation from large retailers such as Walgreens makes our duty of enforcing laws far more complicated than it should be. Rest assured, the men and women of the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office remain steadfast in our commitment to keeping the public safe and criminals off the street. ★

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Important, Costly Lessons for California Taxpayers from the COVID Pandemic



Commentary by Jon Coupal

As it did with citizens throughout America, the pandemic caused massive disruption to the lives of virtually every Californian.

Tens of thousands lost their lives, many now have long-term health problems, and countless others lost their jobs or businesses. Moreover, the disastrous handling of the pandemic for school-aged children will likely leave a scar on an entire generation that may never heal.

More unique to California, however, is the extent of government waste associated with the pandemic. Outright fraud, mismanagement, opportunistic consultants, ineffective media campaigns, and simple incompetence put California way ahead of all other states in felony-level stupidity with the spending of taxpayer dollars.

Because this is a column, not a book, we can only review a few of the most egregious examples.

Of course, the big Kahuna is the jaw-dropping amount of fraud in the Employment Development Department

(EDD). Originally thought to be “only” \$11 billion in “improper” payments, we now know that the fraud exceeded \$31 billion. To put that in perspective, that is 10% of the entire budget for the state of California. More insulting is where the money went. Transnational organized criminal groups from China and Africa have made off with billions of dollars, with who knows how much of it used for child trafficking, drugs, and terrorism.

A close second, the waste and incompetence of California’s public education establishment probably engendered more anger, especially among parents, than even the EDD debacle. Taxpayers were obligated to continue paying their full taxes as though our public schools were fully open with students attending in person. The public employee unions were running the show during the pandemic, and that was bad news for both taxpayers and students.

According to a report last July, California school districts had spent \$40 billion in COVID-related funds, but very little went to addressing learning loss. That may be due in part to the failure of the federal government to specify with more particularity how the money should be spent. According to EdSource, “Most districts appear to have listed most of the money they spent in [an] all-but-the-kitchen-sink category, which could include raises and bonuses to retain staff.” Finally,

there remain billions more in unspent funds at the same time public school enrollment has plummeted in the state.

Not all of the waste was the result of fraud or negligence but rather a simple miscalculation of the severity of the pandemic.

One example of COVID spending “overkill,” was the conversion of Sacramento’s professional basketball facility, then called Sleep Train Arena, into a COVID hospital in April 2020. According to the L.A. Times, the conversion cost millions of dollars and yet only nine patients were treated there.

Far less justifiable than an arguably good-faith response by sending a massive hospital ship to L.A. “just in case,” was Gov. Gavin Newsom’s decision to spend almost \$1 billion in taxpayer funds to purchase masks from a sketchy Chinese company known for building electric cars. Two years after the fact, there remain many unanswered questions.

Finally, California had a golden opportunity to use some of the billions in federal COVID relief to pay down its debt to the federal Unemployment Insurance Fund. That is precisely what virtually all other states did. But California’s failure means much higher costs to the state’s business community.

Taxpayers would like to hope that government agencies learned much from the pandemic. So far, there’s no indication of it.

Jon Coupal is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. ★

Western US Receives \$585 Million to Bolster Water Infrastructure

Samantha Flom,
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Nearly \$585 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will be allocated toward water infrastructure repairs in the western United States, the Department of the Interior announced on April 6.

The funds will go toward 83 projects across 11 states to “improve water conveyance and storage, increase safety, improve hydro power generation, and provide water treatment.”

“President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making a historic investment to provide clean, reliable water to families, farmers, and tribes,” Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tommy Beaudreau said in a statement. “As we work to address record drought and changing climate conditions throughout the West, these investments in our aging water infrastructure will conserve community water supplies and revitalize water delivery systems.”

According to the department, every major river basin and region under the Bureau of Reclamation’s purview will benefit from the funding, including projects in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington.

Projects will focus on increasing canal capacity, providing water treatment for tribal nations, replacing hydropower production equipment, and conducting maintenance on

aging infrastructure.

“These projects have been identified through a rigorous process and is a testament to the Bureau of Reclamation’s commitment to deliver water to future generations,” Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton said. “As we manage through changing climate, we must look to the safety of our projects to ensure that we can continue to provide clean, reliable water to communities, irrigators, and ecosystems across the west.”

Infrastructure Package

The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure law, passed in 2021, included \$8.3 billion over a period of five years for Bureau of Reclamation projects.

On Jan. 4, President Joe Biden and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) held a joint press conference in support of the infrastructure law, praising the bipartisan efforts that successfully passed it.

“I believe it sends an important message to the entire country,” Biden said at the time. “We can work together. We can get things done. We can move the nation forward if we just drop a little bit of our egos and focus on what is needed in the country.”

McConnell, in agreement with Biden, said he was “proud” of his vote for the bill.

“Nationally, this was one of the big projects in the entire country to deal with the crumbling infrastructure that we’ve all been talking about for years, and so we finally stepped up together

and addressed it,” the senator said.

Republicans, however, have criticized the measure and McConnell for supporting it.

“There’s nothing to celebrate about a woke, bloated infrastructure law full of waste, labor union handouts, and green giveaways,” former United Nations Ambassador and 2024 Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley told Fox News. “Republicans shouldn’t play center stage in Biden’s publicity stunt.”

Meanwhile, when the bill was passed, Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas) called it a “trojan horse.”

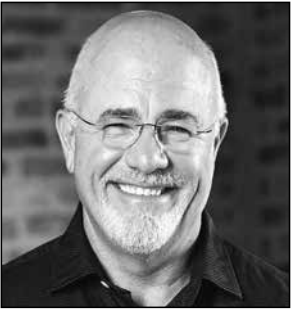
“[The bill] gives unprecedented spending power to unelected Washington bureaucrats, and it funnels billions of taxpayer dollars into renewable energy projects that will devastate our increasingly unreliable grid,” Roy said in a statement. “Perhaps most absurdly, it will use taxpayer money to put critical race theory into practice with things like a \$2.75 billion ‘digital equity program.’”

“That 13 House Republicans provided the votes needed to pass this is absurd,” he added.

In total, legislation passed under the Biden administration has provided nearly \$13 million in funding for water infrastructure and drought resilience projects, including \$4.6 billion under the Inflation Reduction Act.

The newly announced allocation builds upon the \$240 million distributed for such projects through the infrastructure law last year. ★

Dave Ramsey Says



Don’t Buy A Home When You’re Broke And In Debt

Dear Dave,

I’m thinking more seriously about buying a home in the next year or so. It seems like the housing market has cooled off a bit, so I am also planning to get a secured credit card to help me rebuild my credit score in the meantime. I make \$60,000 a year, and I have about \$15,000 in debt and \$3,100 in savings. Is this a good idea and a good start toward getting my credit back on track and taking control of my finances?

— Martin

Dear Martin,

In a word, no. I want you to become debt-free before you buy a home. I also want

you to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside, and have a down payment – preferably of at least 20%, so you can avoid having to pay private mortgage insurance – before buying a home.

Let me tell you a couple of things. Number one, your income is your most powerful wealth building tool. If you don’t have any payments, you have the ability to build wealth and be generous. When you have debt, all you do is send money out the door to make payments. So, being in debt is a guaranteed way to stay broke. That means getting a secured credit card is not a good idea, either.


Also, did you know you can get a home mortgage with no credit score through a process called manual underwriting? All you have to do is make sure you have a good, long history of paying other things, like your utilities and rent, on time. Most mortgage lenders who

do manual underwriting would also require that you have all your debts paid off completely and the accounts closed for at least six months.

Buying a house when you’re in debt and broke is a really bad idea, Martin. It’s the fastest way I know to turn something that should be a blessing into a financial and emotional curse. Just be patient, get out of debt and save up. Getting control of your finances is the smartest thing you can do before buying a home!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show,” heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE – CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00335953

Roxy Darian Stuhr has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Roxy Darian Stuhr to Roxy Darian Solano.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 24, 2023, 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: March 10, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2023
ROXY 4-28-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00333983

Ahmad Khaled Abdullah and Basira Abdullah have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdullah Abdullah to Harris Abdullah.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 11, 2023, 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 2, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2023
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00337306

Ruby Celly Uribe has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rayleen Cailly Romo-Uribe to Rayleen Cailly Uribe.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 20, 2023, 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: April 4, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2023
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00337258

Aaron Kenneth Guglielmelli has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aaron Kenneth Guglielmelli to Aaron James Guglielmelli.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 20, 2023, 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: April 4, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2023
AARON 5-5-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VIVIAN ANNA ELKINS
CASE NO. 34-2022-00322149

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Matthew Elkins and Jacques McBurney, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Matthew Elkins and Jacques McBurney be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many

actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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: Matthew Elkins and Jacques McBurney; 941 Hawk Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833; phone (916) 417-3344 Jacques (279) 758-2516
Publish: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
ELKINS 4-14-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID J ALVARADO
CASE NO. 34-2022-00319436

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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: Rebecca Brackett, 700 Moon Circle, #723, Folsom, CA 95630; phone (510) 209-4974
Publish: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
ALVARADO 4-14-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CUAHUTEMOC CORONEL AKA TEMO CORONEL
CASE NO. 34-2022-00327236

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Cuahutemoc Coronel aka Temo Coronel.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows July 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert M. Logan, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-351-0197
Publish: April 7, 14 & 21, 2023
CORONEL 4-21-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SEANN GARETT MANERING
CASE NO. 34-2023-00335087

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Peggy F. Henry, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, request-

ing Peggy F. Henry 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 July 20, 2023, 9:00 a.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.

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Publish: April 14, 21, 28, 2023
MANERING 4-28-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DALE RONALD WISDOM
CASE NO. 34-2022-00326099

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dale Ronald Wisdom, Dale R. Wisdom.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 18, 2023, 9:00 a.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 Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert M. Logan, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916/351-0197
Publish: April 14, 21, 28, 2023
WISDOM 4-28-23

SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
IN THE PROBATE COURT
C/A NO.: 2022-GC-23-00158/159
ANTHONY E. MCNAMARA,
PETITIONER
VS.

MARY L. MCNAMARA, A.I.I.,
ANTHONY DAVILA; MICHELLE
DAVILA; PATRICIA TERRELL;
DENNIS BLUNDO; AND VINCENT
BLUNDO, RESPONDENTS.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED: and required to respond to the Petition in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Petition on the undersigned at her office located at: Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A., 200 East Broad Street, Suite 250 (29601), P.O. Box 1509, Greenville, S.C. 29602, within thirty (30) days (thirty-five (35) days if service was by certified mail) after service thereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to respond to the Petition within the times aforesaid, the Petitioner in this action shall apply to the Court for a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,
TURNER PADGET GRAHAM & LANEY, P.A.
s/ Jessica S. Ferguson
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December 22, 2022
Greenville, South Carolina

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: May 8, 2023
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Probate Court, 301 University Ridge, Suite 1200, Greenville, SC 29601
PURPOSE: To hear and rule on Petitioner's Summons and Petition Requesting South Carolina Accept Guardianship/Conservatorship From Sending State – California.
Publish March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
TURNER 4-14-23

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 34-2022-00326853
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
Corvette Connections, Inc.; Philip Edward Van Every aka Philip Vanevery; CA Corvettes LLC; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Red Target, LLC.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you

to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Ferns, Adamas & Associates, 2815 Mitchell Drive, Suite 210, Walnut Creek, CA 94598; 925/927-3401.

Date: (Fecha) September 19, 2022
Clerk (Secretario) V. Bloxson, Deputy (Adjunto)
Publish March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
FERNS 4-14-23

COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN.

OR AS THE FROGS SAY...

"...TIME'S FUN WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FLIES."

by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves

ISN'T THIS NICE. WE FINALLY HAVE A NICE DAY FOR A PICNIC.

I LOVE THIS. ENJOYING OUR MEAL SITTING IN THE GRASS WITH NATURE ALL AROUND.

THIS IS JUST HOW ALL THE SETTLERS ATE THEIR MEALS.

YES. ASIDE FROM THE COOLER, TUPPERWARE AND PLASTIC SPOOKS...JUST LIKE THIS.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING SQUIRREL... MORE BRAWFUL THAN A LINGING LEMUR... ABLE TO LEAD SMALL CHILDREN IN A SINGLE BOUND. LOOK UP IN THE SKY...

I'D HAVE GOTTEN HERE SOONER BUT I HAD TO GO ACROSS TOWN TO MY APARTMENT TO CHANGE INTO MY TIGHTS AND CAPE IN MY BATHROOM.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM SUPERMAN

by Gary Kopervas

TIGER

LOOK, YOU GUYS!

WATCH ME FOOL STRIKE

I JUST PRETENDED TO THROW IT

by BUD BLAKE

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY THILANDER

THERE! CELL DOOR'S UNLOCKED!

POPEYE'S GONNA BE SHOCKED WHEN HE SEES WE GOT OUT ON OUR OWN!

Close the cell door when you leave with "Ya won't get in a barn!"

...AT LEAST HE BELIEVES IN ME.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS THE SECRET OF GOONHALLA PART 2

WHILE SWEETEA AND ALICE JR. ESCAPE THE BRIG THEIR RESPECTIVE PARENTS LEFT THEM IN POPEYE CONFRONTS THE BEING HOLDING THE GOONS CAPTIVE IN A BUBBLE.

AHO! SWAB! LET THEM GOONS GO OR ELSE!

CAN YOU SPEAK UP? IT'S HARD TO HEAR YOU THROUGH THE DOME.

I SAYS, LETSK THEM GOONS GO FREE!

BELIEVE ME I WANT TO!

...AND I WILL ONCE ONE OF EM TELLS ME WHAT GOONHALLA IS!

I AM TRIVIAL COSMICALLY APPROPRIATE COLLECTOR OF ALL OBSCURE KNOWLEDGE!

AND IF YOU WANT THE GOONS FREED THEN I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO GET ME INFORMATION ABOUT GOONHALLA.

FINE. WE GOTSK A DEAL. SHAKE ON IT. HAND OUT OF THE DOME.

...I'D RATHER NOT REACH MY DEAR. SHAKE ON IT.

THAT'S FINE. YER NECK WILL DO.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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GRIN & BEAR IT

"You were talking in your hibernation again."

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, FORGET THIS! FROM NOW ON WE NEED TO EITHER MAKE LESS OR JUST EAT MORE.

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Unsuitable

6. Agency behind food labels, acr.

9. Pastoral sounds

13. More painful

14. "Maggie May" singer

15. Secret storage

16. Haj destination

17. Inflated feeling

18. One in a quiver

19. "Scooby-Doo's best friend

21. "Stone Age Fred's best friend

23. Zip

24. Type of wave

25. "Mangial"

28. Apple leftover

30. Unlike Pinocchio

35. Law school test acronym

37. Tiger's forte

39. Jack Black's Libre

40. For ___ kitchen counter

41. Jewish folklore creature

43. Singer Whitman of "Secret Love" fame

44. Formerly known as dropsy

46. Spanish Surrealist

47. Stay out of its way!

48. Make a remake

50. Shawm

52. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no ___"

53. Like hard times

55. Tube in old TV, acr.

57. *Jessica or Peter

60. *Anthropomorphic squirrel's last name

63. Small and elegant

64. Mozart's "L___ del Cairo"

66. Like a whistle?

68. Optical illusion creation (2 words)

69. "Time," e.g., colloquially

70. Hint of color

71. "The Way We ___"

72. Farm pen

73. Skedaddle

DOWN

1. What hedonism and idealism have in common

2. Rejections

3. Flatfoot's lack

4. Pie option

5. Calamitous

6. One of the Eagles

7. *Pluto or Snoopy

8. Acrobat maker

9. Rural building

10. Homesteader's purchase, sing.

11. Nabisco's "Chips ___"

12. To use a Singer

15. Dairy industry missing person-seeking prop

20. Nordic glühwein

22. Ooh and ___

24. Troublemaker

25. *Fudd's first name

26. Line to the audience

27. "It is silent," in sheet music

29. Living space

31. Don Johnson's Bridges

32. Plaudit and pomp

33. Bake an egg

34. *One of the Pickles

36. Like a broken horse

38. *Phineas' stepbrother

42. Be a parasite

45. Just about (2 words)

49. Hula necklace

51. Builds a tower, e.g.

54. Very small particles

56. Opposite of ecstacy

57. Ready for picking

58. A bit cracked

59. Not the life of the party

60. Same as cagey

61. Lotto variant

62. Palm starch

63. Gift topper

65. *Garfield or Tom

67. Butterfly catcher

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