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Is the Drought Over?

Water providers still predict shortages this year



Oroville, which is one of California's largest reservoirs, is only 59% of capacity as of December 12 — despite recent rains and snow. The reservoir is shown here in May 2022. Photo by Andrew Innerarity, California Department of Water Resources

**By Alastair Bland,
CALMatters**

December has delivered a powerful punch of storms to California. But the wet weather comes with a dry dose of reality: The state's largest reservoirs remain badly depleted, projected water deliveries are low, wells are drying up, and the Colorado River's water, already diminished by a megadrought, is severely overallocated.

Throughout California, urban water managers are bracing for a fourth consecutive drought year. Nearly one out of every five water agencies — 76 out of 414 — in a recent state survey predict that they

won't have enough water to meet demand next year. That means they are likely to impose more severe restrictions on customers, with some Southern California providers considering a ban on all outdoor watering.

While December's rain and snow show promise, water managers remember the same thing happened last year — epic early storms followed by the driest January through March in California's recorded history.

Last week the state announced an emergency regulation extending its ban on "wasteful water practices" through 2023. Included are watering while it's raining, running decorative fountains without recirculating flows

and washing vehicles with hoses not fitted with automatic shutoff nozzles, among others.

Some regions of California have more water than they need. Sacramento reported a 173% surplus for 2023 to state officials. City spokesperson Carlos Eliason said Sacramento has a healthy system of community wells to draw from in addition to the Sacramento and American rivers.

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, serving 90,000 people in and around Eureka, reported an 834% surplus for 2023. Its main reservoir typically fills to the brim every year.

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Flavored Tobacco Ban Begins In California

**By Evan Symon,
California Globe**

The statewide flavored tobacco and e-cigarette ban went into effect on Wednesday, (December 21, 2022) impacting retailers and consumers alike less than a week after a final attempt to stop it in the Supreme Court failed.

The battle over flavored tobacco in California dates back to January 2020, when then-Senator Jerry Hill introduced SB 793, to totally ban flavored cigarettes and e-cigarettes from sale in the state. The bill had much support, and easily made it through the Assembly and Senate, although a number of amendments were added, allowing certain exceptions. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill shortly afterwards, with the ban set to take place at the end of the year.

However, tobacco companies quickly formed a coalition and set up a ballot referendum, collecting enough signatures in time by December to delay the ban. In early 2021, enough signatures were collected to put the decision up to California voters, with the referendum going to to the November 2022 ballot. Tobacco companies fought hard to fail the referendum, now known as Proposition 31, as many felt the ban went too far, and that it would hurt many businesses as a result. Those supporting pushing for Prop 31 to pass claimed a rise in youth tobacco consumption partially attributed to flavored tobacco being on the market.

Last month, Californians overwhelmingly voted for the ban to stay in place, 63% to 37%, or, 6.8 million for the ban and 3.9 million against. With the ban now set to begin later this month, R.J. Reynolds, as well as other tobacco companies, quickly filed an emergency application for a writ injunction with the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the court to stop the ban as a last Hail Mary attempt. In their application, the tobacco companies said that the ban will cause "irreparable harm, leading to substantial financial losses and a hit to customer goodwill and its reputation." Meanwhile, California argued that this was a state matter, and voters had already decided on it.

Flavored tobacco ban in CA begins

Without any quotes or other notes, all nine Supreme Court justices turned down the case last week, ending the last legal avenue to stop the ban and clearing the way for the

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Helping Through Gifts from the Heart



Gifts from the Heart seeks volunteers throughout the year to aid the work culminating during the holiday season. Photo courtesy of Sac County

**Sac County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Each year, tucked away inside a Sacramento warehouse, you'll find a different kind of Santa's workshop. Instead of elves, volunteers are spending long hours wrapping presents. And in place of Santa, people of all ages spare their time to deliver gifts to those who otherwise might not get anything during the holiday season.

It's all part of Sacramento County's Gifts from the Heart program.

Gifts from the Heart is a gift-giving program developed to provide presents for babies, kids, teens, disabled adults, and seniors. The program serves individuals in Sacramento County's Child Protective Services and Senior and Adult Services. This holiday season marks 34 years for the program. At the head of it all is Volunteer & Student Intern

Services Coordinator Tonja Edelman.

Gifts from the Heart works with community partners, religious organizations, and professional groups to help thousands of people each year. Dozens of volunteers dedicate their time to help pick up toys, organize donations, and drop off gifts. Tonja estimates the program will provide gifts to about 3,500 clients this year.

While people get to see

the magic during the Gifts from the Heart holiday giving campaign, the program begins well before winter. Each year, Tonja starts recruiting volunteers in late summer.

After more than 30 years, there are still needs to be met. Tonja wants people to remember that it's not just children who need holiday gifts but also teens, babies, seniors, and those aging out of foster care.

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Stealing is Stealing

By Katy Grimes,
California Globe

A massive rise in retail theft is contributing to “shrinkage” at brick-and-mortar retailers, contributing to the growth of online sales.

“The National Retail Federation estimates that shrink—an industry term for loss in inventory—amounted to roughly 1.4% of retail revenue in 2021, or roughly \$94.5 billion. Most of that shrink is caused by theft, the Wall Street Journal reports.

The Globe reported on California’s retail theft last May: The escalation of organized “smash-and-grab” robberies in cities around the country has been costly. CNN reported in January that retailers across America say shoplifting is now 2% to 3% of their total sales, forcing the retailers to install new security systems, video cameras and security staff.

A 2021 survey of retailers found 65% acknowledged an increase in violence, while 37% said Organized Retail Crime gangs were much more aggressive than in the past.

With every legislative solution killed by California’s Democratic supermajority, retailers and Chambers of Commerce formed Californians Against Retail and Residential Theft (CARRT), and launched a campaign to raise lawmakers’ and the public’s knowledge of the growing theft problem in the state. CARRT is a broad-based coalition of business associations, local groups, and victim organizations advocating for California officials to act now to undo the damage done by Proposition 47.

Not the Bee also addresses this shrinkage: the Covid lockdowns. “Whoever had the bright idea to shut down the entire U.S.



Retail Theft is a \$94.5 Billion Crime Problem at American Stores. Retailers say Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime. Photo courtesy of Dreamstime

economy, confine people to their homes indefinitely, foment open-ended hysteria about a respiratory virus, and drive inflation to sky-high record rates — congratulations, your strategy is bearing fruit,” Not the Bee reported.

“Brick-and-mortar retail’s indisputable edge over e-commerce is that consumers can get what they want immediately, and can touch and feel the product before buying it. Rising theft — and stores’ measures to prevent it — could dull that edge,” WSJ said.

The National Retail Federation report also found that the vast majority (89.7%) of respondents report that their Loss Prevention department is evaluated according to inventory shrink levels — in

other words, shrink reduction is part of their goals, objectives or performance measures. Just 10.3% reported that they were not.

“Retailers surveyed by the NRF said Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime, partly because labor shortages have made it difficult to fully staff stores,” WSJ said. “Moreover, supply-chain shortages made certain products more susceptible to theft because they fetched high value in secondary markets.”

“Can you imagine a more predictable outcome from the pandemic policies we enacted to fight COVID-19?” Not the Bee asks. “We threw our entire way of life — our economy, our organizations, our social structures, our education — into a complete

and total tailspin.”

“Shrink can have a substantial impact on already thin retail margins. Target said that the rise in shrink, including theft, reduced its gross profit by more than \$400 million in the first three quarters of its fiscal year, compared with a year prior. For the full fiscal year, it estimates that its gross profit will take a \$600 million hit.”

“Although shrink is a perennial problem in retail, it really took off when the pandemic hit. In the five years leading up to 2019, retail shrink grew at a compound annual growth rate of roughly 7%, according to data from the NRF,” WSJ said. “In 2020, it jumped 47%, and rose another 4% on top of that huge jump in 2021. Some retailers, including Ulta Beauty and Target, have

said that shrink has gotten worse again this year. ‘When times get tough, shrink goes up,’ Ulta Beauty Chief Financial Officer Scott Settersten said on the company’s earnings call on Dec. 1. ‘We’ve seen that in retail over a long period of time.’”

And who will pay for these increasing retail costs? “Retailers will ultimately pay for shrink risk in some form or another—either on the top line if they want to keep stores completely accessible or on the bottom line if they spend heavily on labor and mitigation measures,” WSJ said. “Finding the right balance will be key to preserving brick-and-mortar businesses.”


And if you wonder why toothpaste, shaving cream and laundry detergent is under lock and key at many stores, it is a theft mitigation measure, according to retailers.

California’s nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California released a report that found a direct correlation between Proposition 47 and a marked increase in larceny thefts across California, despite many media reports attempting to refute the correlation, the Globe reported. As for any legislative support from the California Legislature, don’t hold your breath:

The California Assembly Public Safety Committee heard and killed Assembly Bill 1599 by Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Granite Bay) in March, which sought to repeal Proposition 47, and “make crime illegal again.”

“Retail theft losses may be the straw that breaks the camel’s back,” said Julian Canete, President and CEO of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. “Something needs to be done before mom and pop stores are stolen from our communities.” ★

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California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year’s legislative season and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Photo courtesy of Michael Ludwig | Dreamstime.com

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year’s legislative season and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws take effect January 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

Public Employment: Peace Officers: Citizenship (Senate Bill (SB) 960, Skinner)

The law maintains that peace officers, including peace officer trainees, be legally authorized to work in the United States consistent with federal law and regulations, however, removes the requirement that they be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Catalytic Converters (SB 1087, Gonzalez) (Assembly Bill (AB) 1740, Muratsuchi)

These laws specifically list who can sell catalytic converters to recyclers and require those recyclers to keep documentation such as the year, make, model, and copy of the vehicle title from which the catalytic converter was removed. The purpose of these laws is to help reduce catalytic converter theft.

Vehicular Manslaughter: Speeding and Reckless Driving (SB 1472, Stern)

This law expands the criteria for “gross negligence” as it relates to the crime of vehicular manslaughter. Drivers involved in sideshow activity, exhibition of speed, or speeding over 100 miles per hour which results in a fatality could now be charged with Vehicular Manslaughter with Gross Negligence.

Motor Vehicle Speed Contests and Exhibitions of Speed (AB 2000, Gabriel)

Parking lots and off-street parking facilities are now included as locations where it is a crime to engage in a speed contest, exhibition of speed, or sideshow activity.

Endangered Missing Advisory: Feather Alert (AB 1314, Ramos)

The new “Feather Alert” allows law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to initiate an alert when an indigenous person has been kidnapped, abducted, or reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. Additionally, consistent with the Department’s existing AMBER, Blue, and Silver Alert programs, this new “Feather Alert” program encourages the use of radio, television, and social media to spread the information about the missing indigenous person.

Hit-and-Run Incidents: Yellow Alert (AB 1732, Patterson)

This law authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate a “Yellow Alert” when a fatal hit-and-run crash has occurred, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. The law also encourages local media outlets to disseminate the information contained in a Yellow Alert. The new law serves to use the public’s assistance to improve the investigatory ability for law enforcement agencies throughout the state when working to solve fatal hit-and-run crashes.

Online Marketplaces: Reporting (AB 1700, Maienschein)

This law requires the Attorney General’s Office to create an online reporting system for users of third-party online marketplaces to report listings of suspected stolen items. The reported information would be available to local law enforcement and the CHP’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force to assist with investigations.

Bicycles Omnibus Bill (AB 1909, Friedman)

Much like the move over or slow down law, this law provides for increased protections to bicyclists by requiring vehicles passing or overtaking a bicycle in the same direction, to move over to an adjacent lane of traffic, if one is available, or slow down and only pass the bicyclist when safe to do so. The law also permits Class 3 e-bike riders to use approved bicycle paths and trails, bikeways, and bicycle lanes. The law prohibits local governments from requiring bicycle registration and allows local authorities to prohibit any electric bicycle on an equestrian, hiking, or other recreational trail.

Electric Bicycles: Safety and Training Program (AB 1946, Boerner Horvath)

This requires the CHP to work with other traffic safety stakeholders such as the California Office of Traffic Safety, to develop statewide safety and training programs for electric bicycles. This training program, which will consist of electric bicycle riding safety, emergency maneuver skills, rules of the road and laws pertaining to electric bicycles, will launch on the CHP’s website in September 2023.

Pedestrians (AB 2147, Ting)

This law prohibits peace officers from stopping pedestrians for certain pedestrian-specific violations, such as crossing the road outside of a crosswalk, unless there is an immediate danger of a crash. The CHP reminds all road users of the responsibility to travel safely and look out for one another on the road. The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

Flavored Tobacco Ban Begins in California

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ban to begin on the 21st. On Wednesday, all flavored tobacco products, including flavored cigarettes, flavored e-cigarette juice, menthol cigarettes, flavored tobacco enhancers, and all other related flavored tobacco products were officially banned. A few exemptions, such as flavored tobacco used in hookah bars, flavored loose-leaf pipe tobacco, and flavored premium cigars costing over \$12, are still allowed under the law, but will be closely regulated from now on.

While some retailers and users have been generally fine with the ban, others noted to the Globe on Thursday that it has already negatively hurt them.

“So we had to take out shelves of the products Tuesday night,” Duy Pham, a convenience store owner in Riverside, told the Globe Thursday, “A lot of customers have been lost and angry the last several days, and I’d say we have lost hundreds in sales so far. We all knew this

was coming, but it’s not great. This isn’t what we wanted at all.”

Others noted that, instead of discouraging users, it was only having them change products.

“We get a lot of teenagers and people in their early twenties here,” said Paul Stevens, a manager at a national convenience store chain. “When we told them what happened, some did get angry, but 99% of them just asked for another type of cigarette brand or something pure tobacco. Others said they’ll simply stock up on the next trip out of state and maybe give some to their friends. Whatever they thought would work, it hasn’t. And it looks like a work around is forming by having people bring it in out of state, so California is losing out in taxes in the end. I don’t think they realized what they did honestly.”

Other states and cities in the U.S. are currently considering similar bans. ★ *Reprinted by permission*



By County Supervisor Sue Frost

Through the generosity of the The Rio Linda News, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the community of Rio Linda.

Back in 2014, Sacramento County was notified by advocates about concerns regarding conditions of confinement in the jails. Then in 2019, a class action lawsuit against the County was filed to address those concerns. In 2020 a Federal Judge approved a court order (Consent Decree) resulting from the class action settlement. The concerns centered on medical care, mental health care, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance. As a result of this, the County was left with an open ended question of how to proceed forward. The court order issued specific requirements within a timeline, but they allowed us flexibility in working within our budget and circumstances to satisfy the Consent Decree. They wanted to see that we were making a concerted effort, and our progress was monitored by Class Counsel to ensure progress.

Over the years, the board would routinely meet to discuss how we should proceed. I was regularly of the mindset that the best path forward was to make updates to the jail as opposed to simply releasing inmates - something that I have very negative views on due

RIO LINDA COMMUNITY UPDATE

Should Sacramento County Build a New Jail or Let Inmates Out Early?

to the State utilizing this method to disastrous effect locally. However, every time this came up for a vote, to my great frustration, the only people who would make public comments were those who did not want updates to the jail, and simply wanted inmates released - and a majority of the Board of Supervisors would vote to essentially kick the can down the road and defer action to a later meeting.

Fast forward to 2022, and the plaintiffs are justifiably getting frustrated at our lack of specific actions to satisfy their complaints. County legal staff have told us that if we do not act immediately, that we could risk being out of compliance and the Federal Government could come in and take over our ability to manage this issue. That would mean they make decisions with local taxpayer dollars without any input from the Board of Supervisors. This is not something that any of the Board of Supervisors were willing to allow to happen, and it forced us to finally take action earlier in December.

In the meeting on December 7th our Board was presented with a variety of options for ways to solve this problem. They ranged from building an entirely new jail, to adding a jail expansion building for mental health services, to releasing inmates into a variety of community programs, or some combination of the above. While I would possibly be supportive of building a new jail, from a financial perspective we simply do not have the money needed to do

this, and the impacts it would have on our budget to get a loan for the money we need would have extremely negative effects on other essential County services.

In the end, on December 8th the Board decided to do two main things. First, we agreed to build a jail expansion downtown specifically for mental health, medical services and inmate intake. And secondly, we agreed with county staff’s recommendations that give alternatives to incarceration for some low level offenders. While I am not supportive of letting dangerous inmates out early, this was supported by the Sheriff’s Department and the District Attorney’s Office, and I believe these programs serve a community benefit.

I am overjoyed that the Board of Supervisors finally made progress on solving these issues so we could begin to satisfy the consent decree. While there is still more work to be done, this is real progress that until this point has seen nothing but delays. I will keep you updated in the future as more progress is made, but this is a great start that is extremely needed.

Thank you for reading – and as always, if you want to contact me, call me at 916-874-5491, or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net.

Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, and Rancho Murieta. ★



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Is the Drought Over?



Bidwell Canyon Marina showing Lake Oroville with a reservoir storage of 1,663,134 acre-feet (AF), 47 percent of the total capacity. Lake Oroville is located in Butte County, California. Photo taken July 6, 2022, by Florence Low/California Department of Water Resources

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“Unfortunately, our system isn’t connected to other systems, so we can’t do anything to help our neighbors in other parts of the state, but we’d like to,” said General Manager John Friedenbach.

Sonoma County’s major reservoir was at just 39% of capacity last week, its lowest level ever recorded, but Don Seymour, the county water agency’s deputy chief engineer, said there is no reason to panic. “That’s still a lot of water,” he said. “We could stretch that out into the spring of 2024.”

But other regions of the state — mostly in Southern California — aren’t as fortunate. Millions of Southern Californians will likely face outdoor watering restrictions or even bans, with probable exceptions made for the hand-watering of trees.

Most Southern Californians — 27 million people — rely at least partially on the State Water Project, a system of dams and canals that moves water from the Sacramento Valley to Southern California. On Dec. 1, the Department of Water Resources announced it will initially allocate just 5% of the supply that water districts requested from the state — bad news for those with no other water source.

Fort Bragg, on California’s North Coast, nearly ran out of water in 2021, forcing management into a stage 4 “water crisis” mode. A small desalination unit, capable of processing 200 gallons per minute, was revved up to meet basic needs for the 7,500 local residents. Meanwhile, outlying communities, like the seaside bluff town of Mendocino and isolated inns, restaurants and homes, saw wells run dry. Fort Bragg delivery trucks, carrying water provided by the city of Ukiah, brought relief.

Things have improved for Fort Bragg. In 2022, late spring rains recharged its reserves, said John Smith, the city’s director of public works. Its small reservoir is brim-full, and the desalination unit is ready to go if needed.

The city asked residents to use 20% less water, which they did — plus some.

“We asked for 20%, and they conserved 30%,” he said.

Earlier this year, Californians were slow to respond to drought warnings. In fact, their usage went up last spring. Californians emerged from the driest January, February and March on record with the biggest jump in water use since the drought began: a nearly 19% increase in March compared to two years earlier.

But many Californians have stepped up since then. In October, statewide urban water use dropped 12.6% compared to October of 2020.

Still, the cumulative savings (only 5.2% compared to 2020) fall far short of Gov. Gavin Newsom’s request for a 15% voluntary cut.

Santa Rosa’s water director, Jennifer Burke, said water use in the city of 180,000 is down 18% of average since June of 2021, thanks in part to rules

limiting outdoor watering to nighttime hours when evaporative losses are less.

In Sacramento, residents have curbed water use by more than 20% by limiting residents to watering twice weekly from March through October and once per week the rest of the year. This ordinance, Eliason said, is permanent.

“We wanted to make sure water conservation is a way of life,” Eliason said.

For many Californians, it already is. The state’s residents have streamlined their water use and reduced waste for decades. Daily residential water use statewide in October decreased to 88 gallons per capita, compared to the five-year average of 97.

Jeffrey Mount, a senior fellow with the Public Policy Institute of California, said California’s overall water consumption has remained the same since the 1980s even though the population grew from 30 million to 40 million.

“That is a good indication that adjustments can be made as things get drier,” Mount said.

An even steeper trend toward conservation has been logged by the East Bay Municipal Utility District. The customer population has grown by 35% since 1970 while overall water use has declined by 45%.

In recent years, residents have increasingly swapped out grassy lawns for drought-smart landscaping, and they are currently limited to watering outdoors no more than three days per week. These measures have reduced water use during the ongoing drought by 14 to 15% — what Pook describes as “conservation on top of conservation.”

Green grass will go brown next year, and in the long run, vast areas of lawn will probably disappear permanently as Californians adjust to aridification.

In October, the Metropolitan Water District passed a resolution encouraging communities “to reduce or eliminate irrigation of non-functional turf with potable water.” This followed a May, 2022 emergency order from the State Water Resources Control Board banning non-functional turf irrigation with potable water on commercial, institutional and industrial properties statewide. The Pacific Institute has calculated that such efforts could save California as much as 400,000 acre-feet of water annually.

But no matter how tight the state’s water supplies get, keeping urban trees alive will probably be a priority.

“We’re seeing, in all urban areas, a frantic effort to conserve urban forests,” Mount said, noting that urban trees provide shade, reduced ground-level temperatures and natural water treatment services.

Mount, who recently eliminated most of his own backyard turf — sparing just a narrow strip for his dogs — said he takes some solace in the fact that green grass remains a prominent feature of institutional landscaping, for it means there is still room to improve.

“That makes me more sanguine than most about the future,” he said. ★

Voting Mischief, They Did it Again, But How?



Commentary by Harold Pease, Ph.D.

Yes, election mischief is old news, but with new proofs. (I am using words less likely to trigger algorithms for big tech censorship). Sometimes it takes a few months to catch new methods of manipulating elections. For liberty to survive we have to stop managed elections and we have to punish those corrupting them or we will never again have an honest election.

In the 2020 elections we now know that mail-in ballots, election laws permitting such, multiple days to vote, big tech censorship of conservative views and candidates, and Chinese influence via Dominion voting machines and Konnech administering elections programs were the primary tools of election mischief. We have previously published on these subjects and tools. In many states these methods and tools were still in place and used in the 2022 elections.

We focus on three of the most egregious new, or newly discovered, methods of fraud: data-based latency, election manipulation using inactive voters, and Operation Bronze Griffin a secret combination between the federal government, via FBI, and Facebook. All to affect an election.

We begin with data-based latency as explained by Jay Valentine, a noted authority on election fraud. “In a real-life example, this month, we found a county that changed 31,500 zip codes, yet the voter remained at the same address.” These were changed on September 3, ballots went out that week. Those valid 31,500 ballots are undeliverable but retrievable later for their use. On September 15, those addresses are quietly changed back. The National Change of Address Database will not pick up those address changes. That does not happen because there is no history kept of this quick change. The 31,500 citizens were getting their mail just fine, except for ballots. Ballot addresses were driven by the county mail-in ballot database. The one that was changed, then changed back. The

recipient is none the wiser that they never received the mail-in-ballots. They may vote in person. Oops, you already voted. Welcome to database latency” Many states send ballots to everyone allowing hundreds of thousand unused available to scammers (“Here is how they did it: Real-time Election Fraud,” by Jay Valentine, American Thinker, November 30, 2022). This is the fraud equation “taking place across the country...Our teams in Wisconsin and Florida are discovering this scam by the truckload.

How does this method of gaming the system work in practice? “The ballot-gathering scammers know about latency — it’s their ground game!” They “count the in-person votes on election day. Count the early in-person votes. Shut down the system (Atlanta water leak, Maricopa County, everything). Bring in undeliverable ballots gathered when you changed voter’s names addresses. zip codes, then change them back. Determine the votes you need to win. Press the win button. Wait for the Republicans to file lawsuits months later.” Fait Accompli!

Valentine continues, “floating ballots are the lifeblood Democrats need to win; and win they will. Ballot gatherers know Republicans use dumb technology — relational databases, SQL, NCOA, Melissa, all non-real-time, highly latent systems. Bad guys are happy to watch Republicans waste time finding ones and twos while the real action takes place by the thousands, invisible to these batch, latency-prone systems.” So this is how they get away with it (Ibid.).

Next we look at utilizing the inactive voters ballots. Liz Harrington reported that a “Lawsuit filed in Maricopa County reveals ‘steroid-like injection’ of 225,171, ‘inactive’ voters just before November 8.” This resulted in several things: “An inflated turnout rate, headaches for those deemed ‘inactive’ at the polls. possibility of throwing out votes if the arcane Election Procedures Manual, written by Katie Hobbs, was not followed by poll workers who were not trained on inactive voters.” She asked, “Who was put on the ‘inactive list? Might they be inclined to vote Republican?” (Liz Harrington@real-LizUSA, December 1, 2022). People who seldom or never vote suddenly surfaced, a quarter of a million of them in one county.

Operation Bronze Griffin is the most serious

of our disclosed election mischief practices because it involves a marriage between the federal government through the FBI and Facebook to censor a political party and potentially all its messaging and messengers and was fully operational in both the 2020 and 2022 elections. The allegations for this originated from numerous FBI whistleblowers coming forth on their own volition to expose their own organization of creating “a secret Facebook portal through which authorities can request the deletion of alleged misinformation from the world’s top social media platforms.” If true, the government would be violating Amendment I of the Constitution and such a marriage between government and private corporations to overthrow an election would constitute treason.

The 1050 paged whistleblowers report claimed that FBI leadership demonstrated a pro-Democrat political bias and “alleged that it accepts private users information from Facebook without the user’s consent or the legal process. The FBI otherwise would need to independently pursue such user related information. Furthermore, according to the whistleblowers, the information, the types of users content Facebook provides, have a partisan focus only concerning users from one side of the political spectrum. The FBI’s willingness to accept this political speak information from Facebook outside the routine investigative pathways further threatens America’s constitutional rights” (“Whistleblowers: What their Disclosures Indicate about the Politicization of the FBI and Justice Department, Republican Staff Report, Committee on the Judiciary, US House of Representatives, November 4, 2022).

Serious election mischief has and now exists more than ever. It can no longer reasonably be denied in 2020 or in 2022. America will not survive if we don’t demand election reform NOW.

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Sacramento County Searching for Shelter Operator

Sac County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The County of Sacramento Office of Homeless Initiatives (OHI) is seeking interest from qualified organizations interested in operating a low-barrier, scattered-site interim 24/7 shelter program for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

The program will be inclusive of both operations and re-housing services. The shelter re-housing services provider may be the same as the shelter operations provider or will work closely with the provider if a separate entity.

Sacramento County funds and

supports operations of sheltering programs throughout the County, using a variety of approaches and physical buildings to address the unique needs of people living unsheltered. These shelters are low-barrier and come with access to services that help people stabilize their lives, including case management and rehousing support.

One of the core sheltering programs is the Re-Housing Shelter Network (RSN), also known as “scattered site shelter.” The County typically shelters up to 155 clients in these shelters at any given time across the County. This model

utilizes existing residential homes within neighborhoods to support small (typically less than 5) sheltering programs.

The RSN allows sheltering for people who cannot be supported in traditional, congregate settings, and can accommodate varying household configurations and serve people with their pets. Each location has a 24/7 live-in site monitor that helps provide for clients' basic needs. With recent expansion in the RSN program, and the changing needs in the Sacramento shelter system, the County is seeking interest from community partners with expertise in shelter

operations and/or re-housing services.

The County has been running this scattered site shelter model since 2018. Clients appreciate a smaller environment that allows them to truly experience the transition off the streets and into a house setting while having their basic needs cared for and an on-site house monitor. Clients can bring their partners, pets and possessions to the house with them. This low-barrier model helps increase the chances that potential guests will say “yes” to the opportunity.

Once in the scattered site

shelter, clients have access to supportive services such as case management, rehousing services and resources to provide for one's basic needs. These supports are an important step on a client's pathway toward housing.

For more information about this particular partnership opportunity with the County of Sacramento, read the full Letter of Interest, including deadlines and pre-submission meetings that allow potential respondents to ask questions of County staff.

For more information about what the County is doing to address homelessness, visit the Homelessness Website. ★

How will California Deal with a Big Budget Deficit?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While California has a surplus of critical issues demanding political attention – housing, homelessness and water to mention the most obvious – it faces a deficit of financial resources to deal with them.

Gov. Gavin Newsom will soon reveal a proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year that begins July 1, and it's likely to greatly differ from the 2022-23 version he and the Legislature adopted just six months ago.

The current budget reflected what Newsom said would be a massive surplus, thanks mostly to a flood of tax revenues from high-income Californians who were enjoying big gains on their investments.

Pegging the surplus at \$97.5 billion, Newsom bragged that “no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this.”

He and the Legislature enacted a \$300-plus billion budget that committed much of the supposed surplus to expanding an array of social and educational services, including what he said was achieving universal health care by extending coverage to all undocumented immigrants.

Just a few weeks later, however, Newsom began

acknowledging that the surplus might not be as large as he had boasted. He vetoed a number of spending bills, citing indications that a recession might be on the horizon.

In November, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Patek, made the reversal of fortune official in his annual report on the state's finances, saying the healthy surplus that Newsom projected is really a “\$24 billion budget problem.”

“The budget problem is mainly attributable to lower revenue estimates, which are lower than budget act projections from 2021 22 through 2023 24 by \$41 billion,” Patek said, stressing that the deficit would occur even if there's no recession but would become worse if the economy does, indeed, “turn sour.”

Whether the nation is headed for recession is a much-debated question. The Federal Reserve System has hiked interest rates sharply in hopes of cooling off the economy and lowering a soaring inflation rate. While it hopes for a “soft landing,” some economists believe that it could become a full-blown recession.

California's budget is particularly sensitive to larger economic currents because it is inordinately dependent on taxing incomes of a relative few wealthy Californians. Income taxes are three-quarters of the state's general fund revenues and 1% of taxpayers generate nearly half of those taxes.

“Based on historical experience, should a recession occur soon, revenues could be \$30 billion to \$50 billion below our

revenue outlook in the budget window,” Patek said. Because of the looming threat of recession, Patek urged the Legislature to adopt a very conservative approach to the 2023-24 budget, balancing it without relying on the state's reserves.

It's good advice, but will the Legislature heed it? Backpedaling is a hard sell in a Legislature dominated by left-leaning Democrats and allies in advocacy groups that had been elated by the budget's provisions.

Initial indications are that legislators would prefer to continue the programmatic enhancements even if it means dipping into reserves or borrowing money to cover the deficit.

The Assembly Budget Committee said as much in a “budget blueprint” issued after Patek made his report. The document devotes much verbiage to self-congratulation about the current budget's largesse and calls for protecting it by using the “state balance sheet to continue key investments.” That's defined as shifting some spending to special funds and “borrowing from special funds, especially if revenue situation worsens.”

So where does Newsom stand between these two conflicting approaches? Will he adopt Patek's conservative advice or side with the Legislature, even if it means deficit spending and debt? We'll know in about a week.

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

Helping Through Gifts from the Heart

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“The need is always there,” said Tonja.

Gifts from the Heart volunteers say they always need delivery drivers to drop off the presents. Several of their elderly clients do not speak fluent English, so they would love to see multilingual volunteers help out.

“People really just want to feel that connection and share their culture with someone who can relate,” said one volunteer.

Kendra Flin has volunteered for the program for several years in a row. After finishing a busy master's program, she still found time to help out this year. She hopes sharing her experience will encourage others to give back.

“The people that volunteer are so fun and amazing and supportive,” said Kendra.

A volunteer shift starts with Kendra receiving her delivery route. Each person who is receiving a gift is marked down on a sheet of paper. When Kendra goes on a delivery route, she drops off a gift for half a dozen to ten people, sometimes delivering a couple of gifts per person.

During a recent volunteer shift, Kendra's list included several seniors living throughout south Sacramento. She loaded up a car with gifts – many so large she had to use both hands to carry them while she walked slowly to houses and apartments.

“You are delivering directly to the client and they are just really grateful,” said Kendra.

Despite juggling large boxes and sometimes driving by homes several times before coming to the right stop – Kendra kept a smile throughout her route. And

everyone smiled back. She wished each person a happy holiday as she dropped off their gift. And with each gift, she gave them something else – a joyful experience that made many of their days.

“You got me something but I didn't get you anything,” one elderly man joked when Kendra placed his present down in his living room.

But, he did give her something. He reminded her why she loves participating in Gifts from the Heart.

“It's about being able to give to people around the holidays,” said Kendra.

And that was not the only rewarding experience on her route. Kendra knocked on the door of an apartment where a woman with white hair and a Christmas sweater answered. When Kendra explained that she had been referred to the program by her social worker, the woman broke out into tears. She was beyond grateful that anyone had thought of her this holiday season.

“Thank you so much and bless you,” she told Kendra while pulling her in for a hug.

“That's why we do this,” said Kendra.

After Kendra finished up her day of delivering presents, she had a message for anyone who is thinking about giving back during the holidays.

“It's so rewarding. It's so much fun. So, just do it,” said Kendra.

So, next year, whether it's volunteering your time or donating, consider giving a gift from your heart.

For more information on Gifts from the Heart, including how you can become involved, visit the GFTH Questions and Answers webpage at Sac County. ★

Allowing Hallucinogenic Drugs Can Lead to More Violent Crime

CDAА News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Prosecutors in California strongly object to SB 58 (Senator Wiener), which seeks the wholesale decriminalization of many dangerous hallucinogenic drugs.

“This proposal recklessly puts policy before science for numerous psychedelic drugs that have proven to be highly unpredictable and have even been connected to violent crimes,” said Greg Totten, CEO of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAА).

Unfortunately, the

authors of this bill are charting a path that would allow these dangerous hallucinogenic drugs to be legalized before they have been fully understood by the scientific and medical communities.

“If the proponents want more research, that's one thing,” Totten said. “And if they are advocating for therapeutic use under medical supervision, that is also worth considering. But science does not fully understand these drugs and that's why this bill is so reckless, because it advocates for skipping that scientific scrutiny altogether.”

“As for dealing with

drug cases involving users of hallucinogens, as prosecutors our focus has long been to seek treatment, not jail,” Totten said. “We know that we can help people get on the right track by compelling them into treatment for drug addiction, and that is only possible if there are laws that govern these controlled substances.”

The California District Attorneys Association is a statewide training and advocacy organization representing elected district attorneys, city attorneys with criminal divisions, and more than 3,500 prosecutors. ★

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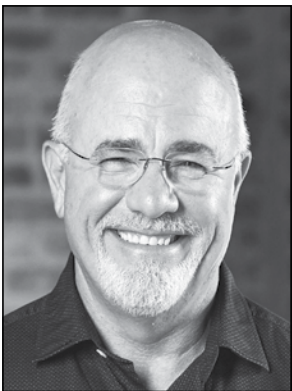
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File Bankruptcy? That's Really Bad Advice

Dear Dave,

My husband co-signed a loan for an old girlfriend four years ago. Apparently, she hasn't made a payment in almost two years, and a collection agency called him last week wanting the balance of \$3,000. We make about \$80,000 a year combined, and an attorney we spoke with recommended we file bankruptcy. Is this really the best thing to do?

– Scarlett

Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Scarlett,

If you have the money, and you can pay it off without putting yourselves in a bind financially, do it. That's the right thing to do, both morally and legally. If you don't have that kind of cash on hand, try haggling with them. See if they'll agree to settle for \$1,500. At this point, they might even take less. But if they go for the idea, do not give them electronic access to your bank account. Make sure you get the agreement in writing, too, before sending them a penny.

Here's the deal. This collector bought the loan for pennies on the dollar. It's an old debt, and that means the expectation for collection is very low. At the same time, your husband did co-sign for the loan. They'll probably threaten to sue and what-not, but my guess is you

can work something out. It might take two or three weeks – and a little patience – but that's a small price to pay if it saves you a bunch of money.

Oh, and the attorney you talked to? He doesn't sound very bright. A bankruptcy stays on your record for years. Trashing your financial life over \$3,000 would be stupid.

Good luck, Scarlett!

– 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. ★

Hospitals Finally Face the Music



Commentary by Sally C. Pipes

Two Georgia hospitals were recently fined \$1.1 million for failing to publish their prices. The facilities had also ignored letters from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services asking them to publicly disclose what they charge for procedures.

It's about time. The federal government directed hospitals to publish clear, consumer-friendly charge lists by the beginning of 2021. Six months later, just 6% of hospitals nationwide had complied, according to a study published in June in the medical journal JAMA.

Hospitals shouldn't be able to get away with flouting the law. Price transparency empowers patients and payers to shop around for medical care – and ultimately allows them to leverage the power of competition to extract the best value for their dollar.

The Trump administration issued the price transparency rule in 2019. It required hospitals to publish standard prices for 300

of their most common services, including rates for insurers and those for individuals paying cash. The rule set daily fines for non-compliant institutions, which the Biden administration increased in November 2021.

Since the rule took effect, hospitals have been cautioned plenty. CMS has issued more than 350 warning letters requesting compliance.

Yet transparency has lagged. The biggest medical centers have been among the worst offenders. Just 0.5% of facilities owned by the country's three largest hospital systems were fully compliant as of early 2022, according to a report from Patient Rights Advocate.

Hospitals may be leery of revealing their prices because the results can be embarrassing. In one case, an Illinois patient received a \$15,000 hospital bill for an EpiPen. He later learned he could have purchased the same device from a pharmacy for \$320.

Or, take the recent experience of a couple in Fresno, Calif. According to reporting from NPR, the husband underwent cataract surgery with an in-network provider that cost over \$4,000. His wife, who has the same coverage, received the same exact procedure at a neighboring clinic – and only owed \$204. The two facilities were just a half mile from one another.

High-cost

providers wouldn't be able to get away with those wide spreads in price if patients and payers knew about them. That's why a 2021 RAND Corporation study projected that improving price transparency could reduce U.S. healthcare spending by up to \$26.6 billion a year.

Of course, some hospitals may be justified in charging more than others. Factors like quality, convenience, and reputation of doctors and hospitals always influence price. But patients and payers should be able to evaluate those factors on their own. Hiding prices deprives them of key pieces of information that help them make prudent decisions.

Opaque prices also undermine competition – and thus help healthcare providers avoid improving quality or reducing costs in order to attract customers at the margin.

The feds did the right thing by fining hospitals that aren't following the rules. But more needs to be done to make hospitals around the country do what businesses in every other sector do every day – tell potential customers what they can expect to pay.

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TAPATIO 1-13-23

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09112 Ryan Rieley, 6225 Sunmist Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Screen and Shade Solutions" 6225 Sunmist Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2022
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JANG 1-27-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09072 Cory Devon Swenson-Scott, 8408 Menke Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cory Swenson Art" 8408 Menke Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2022
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CORY 1-27-23

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-08566 Austin McManus, 5858 Lorraine Court, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Public Land / Public Land Store" 2598 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 23, 2022
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STAN 1-27-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09381 Sabaoon Rahimi, 1326 Gentry Lane, Tracy, CA 95377 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bab-ul-Jannah Tour Agency" 2775 Cottage Way, Suite 6, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2022
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BAB 1-27-23

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-09398 Hamayoon Faryadi, 2211 Villa Font Way, #C, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Deluxe Auto Detailing and Tint" 2444 Glendale Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2022
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DELUXE 1-27-23

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330662 Mohammad Fawaad and FNU Sweeta have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Fawaad to Fawaad Anyan; FNU Sweeta to Sweeta Anyan; Mohammad Musawer to Musawer Anyan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2023, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 6, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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MOHAMMAD 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330774 Trung Huynh and Hong Nguyen have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diem-Vy Thuy Huynh to Vy Huynh. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2023, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 6, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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TRUNG 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330803 Gulmira Dastanbekova has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gulmira Dastanbekova to Gulmira Seilkhan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 6, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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GULMIRA 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330611 Gada Hamad has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gada Hamad to Liberty Wheeler. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 7, 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 2, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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GADA 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331021 Laura Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Tjoelker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Laura Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Tjoelker to Muna Laura Tjoelker.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 14, 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 8, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
LAURA 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331089 Juanita Barron Lolla has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Juanita Barron Lolla to Juanita Barron Loya. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on March 14, 2023, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 9, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023
JUANITA 1-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00330812 Juliana Khong Saetern has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Juliana Khong Saetern to Juliana Saetern Khong. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 14, 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: December 6, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023
JULIANA 1-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331079 Tam Hoang Dimanno has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tam Hoang Dimanno to Tammy Hoang Dimanno. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 14, 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: December 9, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 23, 30; Jan 6 & 13, 2023
TAM 1-13-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331650 Teresa Lynette Schnackel has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Teresa Lynette Schnackel to Teresa Lynette Moon. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 28, 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: December 21, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023
TERESA 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331548 Md Shafiu Haque has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Md Shafiu Haque to Shafi Haque. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 23, 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: December 12, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23
SCOTT 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331922 Chui-Chang Cheng and Pi-Ching Hsiao have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chui-Chang Cheng to Austin ChuiChang Cheng; Pi-Ching Hsiao to Karen PiChing Hsiao; Yu-Hsi Cheng to Ellie YuShi Cheng; Yu-Chieh Cheng to Jessie YuChieh Cheng. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 15, 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: December 14, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23
ALFREDO 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331658 Frank Angeleo Didonato has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Frank Angeleo Didonato to Fyodor Sirius Angel. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 25, 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: December 27, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023
AMIT 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331892 Amit Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amit Singh to Amrit Singh Bajwa. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 30, 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: December 27, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023
AMIT 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331822 Chui-Chang Cheng and Pi-Ching Hsiao have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chui-Chang Cheng to Austin ChuiChang Cheng; Pi-Ching Hsiao to Karen PiChing Hsiao; Yu-Hsi Cheng to Ellie YuShi Cheng; Yu-Chieh Cheng to Jessie YuChieh Cheng. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 15, 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: December 27, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023
AMIT 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331892 Amit Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amit Singh to Amrit Singh Bajwa. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 30, 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: December 27, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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AMIT 1-27-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331892 Amit Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amit Singh to Amrit Singh Bajwa. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 30, 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: December 27, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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FRANK 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00329683 Summer Ann Simo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Summer Ann Simo to Summer Ann Rogers; Samuel Adams Simo to Samuel Adams Rogers-Simo; Reyna Elizabeth Ann Simo to Reyna Elizabeth Ann Rogers-Simo. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 15, 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: November 14, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 30, '22; Jan 6, 13 & 20, '23
SUMMER 1-20-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00331807 Sohail Iqbal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sohail Iqbal to Sohail Abbas Iqbal. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 8, 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: December 23, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger

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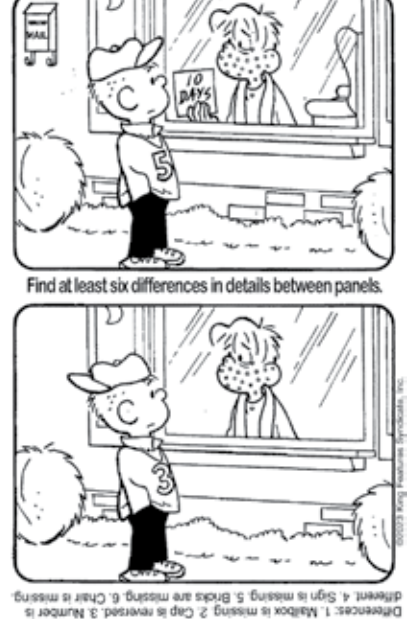
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Getting More Covered

By Elizabeth Aguilera, CALMatters.org

Hundreds of thousands of Californians previously shut out of Covered California — the state program that offers discounted health insurance — soon can participate because the eligibility requirements are changing.

Prior to the new rules, individuals who had access to an employer-based health insurance plan through a family member were not eligible for Covered California. Employer plans are often expensive for spouses or children, driving up the cost of coverage for those family members. Those caught in this unaffordable “family glitch” have few choices: buy the expensive plan, try to buy a bare-bones plan separately or go without health insurance.

In April, the Biden administration issued guidelines to fix the near-decade-long problem and last month the federal government adopted the regulation. Starting in January 2023, if a family’s premium costs more than 9.12% of the household income the family could be eligible for federal subsidies, or discounts, through Covered California.

According to the UC Berkeley Labor Center, the “glitch” impacts an estimated 615,000 people in California, mostly women and children from low and middle-income families. The center estimates that about 400,000 of those people would be eligible for financial assistance through Covered California based on their income.

“For the people impacted, it could be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars,” said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer rights group. “It really does have an impact on the health and well-being of the family and their finances.”

A state analysis by Third Way, a national think tank, found that a California family of four with \$53,000 in annual earnings would likely save about \$4,340 a year in health insurance premium costs. The report shows that lower-income households would see the most significant savings.

The federal government is footing the bill for the expansion and pays subsidies directly to the health plans based on Covered California’s marketplace prices. The Congressional Budget Office reported that it would cost \$44 billion over the next 10 years to cover family members previously impacted by the family glitch.



More people will be eligible for health insurance through Covered California. Photo courtesy of Alexander Rath | Dreamstime.com

Covered California pays for outreach to families, including those who have been caught in the glitch, said Jessica Altman, executive director of Covered California. Covered California has a \$109 million annual budget for marketing and the bulk is spent during open enrollment to outreach to Californians to sign up or renew coverage.

Open enrollment started this week and runs through Jan. 31, 2023. Coverage can begin as early as Jan. 1.

California health advocates have been trying to solve the glitch at the state level for years but it was too expensive for the state to pay the cost. The federal government had to decide to fix it and fund it.

This change should help reduce the number of uninsured people in California. The state has experienced the steepest decline in the number of uninsured since the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, launched in 2013. Since then, some 35 million people have enrolled in health plans nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The state’s rate of uninsured residents dropped from 17% in 2013 to 7% in 2021. More than half of the 3 million still uninsured in California are eligible for some sort

of coverage, according to UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and UC Berkeley Labor Center. The remainder, about 1.2 million, are undocumented immigrants who are ineligible for coverage through the exchange, although some may now qualify for public programs.

Any change that increases coverage for Californians, especially children, is a boon, Wright said.

“This is a big deal toward the goal of a government guarantee that everybody has access to affordable health coverage,” Wright said of the policy change. “The more we get rid of asterisks and exclusions the better.”

The change comes as employers continue to shift insurance costs to families. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey, premiums for family coverage increased 22% between 2016 and 2021.

Nationally, about 5 million individuals are eligible only for unaffordable employer-provided insurance. More than half of those are children. Among adults, more women than men are caught in the glitch.

“It created an unaffordable situation for a small but meaningful group of people,” said Christine Eibner, a senior economist focused on health care at RAND, a nonprofit research

organization that published a report about the issue in 2015. “Most of them were enrolling anyhow and paying the higher premium. They could be paying 15% to 20% of their income.”

In California, of the estimated 615,000 who are stuck with high-priced employer insurance plans as their only option, researchers estimated that about 87,000 are uninsured, Altman said. About 35,000 are in the individual market paying full rates and the majority are paying for that expensive employer-sponsored coverage, Altman said.

“There are families that can save thousands of dollars — middle-income families, lower-income families — that it’s going to make a significant change for,” Altman said. “There is value in helping people who have coverage to connect with lower-cost coverage.”

If people are uninsured or have expensive coverage they are less likely to get the care they need.

Those who stretch their budgets to sign up for employer-based plans may take the least expensive plan with higher deductibles or catastrophic coverage, Wright said. That could result in people going to the doctor less or not using the plans they have because they would still have to pay out of pocket.

“We believe it’s important to have the whole family covered,” Wright said. “There is a real result of not having coverage. The uninsured live sicker, die younger and are one emergency away from financial ruin.”

The Affordable Care Act requires employers with at least 50 employees to offer health insurance to them and their dependents. Spouses are usually included but not required under the law. In California, 47% of people are enrolled in an employer-provided plan. A national study published in the Health Affairs Journal found that families spend an average of 16% of household income paying employer-based premiums.

Before the latest change, the Affordable Care Act allowed employees to obtain insurance through discounted state programs if their employer health plan cost more than 9.1% of their income, which is considered unaffordable. Employers face penalties if their workers are obtaining insurance through those state programs.

Also, prior to the latest change, the law did not define affordability for family members and employers faced no penalties related to the cost of premiums for family members. ★

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