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Student Test Scores Plunge



State test results show California students overall performed much worse in math and English language arts than pre-pandemic. Photo by Igor Mojzes @ Dreamstime.com

By Joe Hong and Erica Yee, CALMatters.org

California’s Education Department released student test scores showing a statewide decline that nearly wiped out the academic progress made since the state overhauled how it funds education in 2014. The gist of the scores, the most extensive measure so far of the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on student achievement: The percentage of California students meeting state math standards plummeted 7 percentage points to 33%, and the percentage meeting English language standards dropped 4 percentage points, to 47%. Some scores for students of color and those from low-income households dropped less dramatically than their counterparts, an indication that the state’s funding formula, which sends more money to high-needs

districts, worked to soften the blow of two years of disrupted learning. As if to prove that pandemic learning loss is not just a California problem, officials released the state data to the public on the same day that results of a different test, nicknamed the Nation’s Report Card, revealed an unprecedented score dive among a sampling of students nationwide. Gov. Gavin Newsom swiftly issued a press release headlined “California outperforms most states in minimizing learning loss....” Various state officials credited the state’s investments in summer school and other recovery efforts for minimizing the blow to pupils. Yet the national test, in contradiction to the state test, indicated that the achievement gap among students of color widened in California. “California focused on keeping kids safe during the pandemic,”

Newsom said in a statement, “while making record investments to mitigate learning loss and transforming our education system.” The test upon which the Nation’s Report Card is based is older and was given to only about 4,000 California students, while the state’s Smarter Balanced tests are administered every spring to virtually all Californians in grades three through eight and grade eleven. The states set those tests, prompting some criticism that they encourage “teaching to the test”. The goal of those Smarter Balanced tests: to measure how well students have mastered the state’s Common Core standards. The initial reluctance of state officials to promptly share the Smarter Balanced test data raised questions about whether elected state schools superintendent Tony Thurmond and others were trying to minimize the

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CHP Receives Grant to Reduce Teen Distracted Driving

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced today that it received a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to help promote safe driving behaviors for teens. The Teen Distracted Driving (TDD) II grant announcement coincides with National Teen Driver Safety Week October 16-22. The number one killer of teens in America is car crashes. Using cell phones, eating, drinking, changing the music, or simply talking with friends are all activities teens engage in every day, but these activities become life-threatening hazards while driving. Distracted or inattentive driving presents a significant danger to all motorists. The grant-funded Teen Distracted Driving campaign consists of an education component that will allow CHP officers and traffic safety partners to make appearances at schools and community events throughout the state. Distracted driving enforcement operations will be conducted during National Teen Driver Safety Week in October and National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, there are nearly 792,970 licensed teenage drivers in California, which increased by 6 percent since last year. Data from the CHP’s Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System indicated that in 2020 there were 6,644 fatal and injury crashes involving teen drivers between 15 and 19 years of age. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the fatal crashes. “The combination of inattention and inexperience behind the wheel can lead to tragedy,” said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. “This grant will assist our officers in keeping California’s roads safe, while addressing California’s distracted driving crisis among the state’s teens.” Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

Using Lived Experience for a Positive Change

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Nita Webb prints out an application for a housing voucher through Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). She has a client that qualifies for housing but has no way to fill out the application needed to get the process started. Providing these simple services for her clients is just part of the job Nita does as a Peer Counselor to help out people experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County. Nita understands that every small bit of help can lead to big changes in someone’s life. She has been there – desperately in need of a helping hand to better her situation. Nita grew up in Sacramento with her father and sister. They were



Nita Webb celebrates her graduation as a ‘Positive Change’ with her daughter in 2019. Photo courtesy of Sac County

poor, but always had a roof over their head and enough food to eat. Nita remembers how her father always did what he could to give back to people who were less fortunate than them. “Never look down on anyone – never treat people like they are less than you, because

they aren’t,” she recalls him saying. Perhaps that is where her love of helping others came from. After having a baby at a young age and dropping out of high school, Nita found work at a group home for girls that both paid her bills and satisfied her deep desire to help others in need. In 2009, when the recession hit, she was laid off from her job. Unemployment benefits were delayed for months and the money Nita received from welfare was not enough money to pay her rent. As her eviction loomed closer, she desperately searched for accommodations that would be safe for her and her five-year-old daughter. She was offered a space in a congregate shelter, but she was worried about her safety. However, she knew that if she was in a

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Veterans and Suicide

Commentary by Scott Knight

Veterans Day, November 11th, is an important day for every American and is intended to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love for their country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. This day of remembrance celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. Communities across the country plan events to honor those who have served and are currently serving. As we celebrate and recognize these brave men and women, we should also consider the struggles that they go through with mental illness.

Suicide is a national problem in the U.S. and a major concern for active-duty service members and military veterans. Members of the military may experience a variety of difficult and traumatic events including combat, natural disasters, and physical assault. According to the 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, there were 6,146 Veteran suicide deaths in 2020. That is 31.7 deaths per 100,000. During that year, suicide was the second leading cause of death among Veterans under age 45. The suicide rate for Veterans was 57.3% greater than for non-Veteran U.S. adults.

Veterans can come home from service carrying a weight they did not go in with. Without the right help, that weight can seem like too much, leading some Veterans to consider, or carry out, suicide. Some of the warning signs that Veterans exhibit include feelings of hopelessness,

acting agitated, struggling with anxiety, insomnia, outburst of anger or rage, an increase in substance use or abuse, and isolating themselves from the people close to them. Other factors related to the higher risk of suicide among Veterans are related to undiagnosed or untreated conditions, such as PTSD or mood disorders, which can increase a person’s overall risk of suicide.

The VA offers a wide range of treatment programs for Veterans and their families. Also, “Vets for Warriors” is a peer support network with Veterans answering the phone for those in need. The number is 1-855-838-8255. Veterans may also use the Veterans Crisis Line Number where there is 24/7 crisis support. Dial 988, then press 1.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource for those struggling with suicidal ideation. Many times, a Veteran will exhibit clear warning signs prior to an attempt. By knowing the warning signs, and knowing how to help, you could save a life. Visit The Jason Foundation’s website to learn more about suicide, the warning signs, and how you can help make a difference. You can find the website at www.jasonfoundation.com.

Scott Knight is an Education Specialist for The Jason Foundation, Inc., an organization dedicated to the prevention of the ‘Silent Epidemic’ of youth suicide through educational and awareness programs that equip young people, educators/youth workers and parents with the tools and resources to help identify and assist at-risk youth. ★

Sacramento Kings and When We All Vote relaunch Rally the Vote

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On August 24, the Sacramento Kings and When We All Vote announced an expansive partnership to relaunch Rally the Vote, a nonpartisan coalition founded by the Kings to increase civic engagement by leveraging professional sports team platforms.

Rally the Vote will formally become a campaign of When We All Vote, combining the nonprofit’s educational resources and voter registration technology with the Kings robust professional sports network and coalition-building experience. This partnership builds on the two organizations’ successful collaborations in 2018 and 2020 to expand Rally the Vote to over 50 professional sports franchises across multiple leagues.

“Over the past two election cycles, Rally the Vote has become a groundbreaking nonpartisan movement that demonstrates the ability of sports to create positive change,” said Sacramento Kings Owner and Chairman Vivek Ranadivé. “My life’s work has been to remove friction from our daily lives and Rally the Vote makes the process of participating in democracy as seamless as possible. I am proud of the work we have done to lead this effort in partnership

with an incredible coalition of professional sports teams and organizations like When We All Vote. Today’s announcement is an exciting next chapter for Rally the Vote, providing more opportunities to connect with fans and promote civic engagement.”

“Democracy is not a spectator sport. We all have to get in the game and make our voices heard in each and every election and with the Rally the Vote Coalition will ensure fans across the country get registered and cast their votes at the ballot box,” said When We All Vote Executive Director Stephanie L. Young. “Even though we saw record voter turnout in 2020, we know that a lot of people tend to watch the mid-term elections from the sidelines. But there is too much at stake: all 435 members of the House of Representatives, 35 out of 100 Senators, and countless elected officials in our local and state governments are on the ballot. That is what makes the work of this coalition and When We All Vote so important.”

When We All Vote is a leading, national nonpartisan initiative focused on changing the culture around voting and increasing election participation by helping to close the race and age gap. Through this enhanced partnership, When We All Vote will provide Rally the Vote coalition members with

individualized and custom branded, user-friendly online voter registration team portal, access to a data dashboard to monitor and track voter registration impact, as well as educational resources, digital content, and dedicated staff support. This announcement comes ahead of When We All Vote’s National Ramp Up the Vote Rally to build momentum around voter registration and turnout on August 25.

In addition to the Sacramento Kings, Rally the Vote 2022 coalition members include the following teams: Brooklyn Nets, Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Bulls, Chicago White Sox, Connecticut Sun, Denver Nuggets, Houston Dash, Houston Dynamo FC, Los Angeles Clippers, Milwaukee Bucks, Minnesota Timberwolves, New England Revolution, Oakland Athletics, Portland Trail Blazers and San Francisco Giants.

The Kings initially launched Rally the Vote in 2018 with 9 teams and expanded the coalition to over 50 professional sports franchises in 2020. To date, this effort has reached millions of fans and registered thousands of voters across the U.S. ahead of the mid-term election in 2018 and general election in 2020.

For more information, to register to vote and take action visit rallythevote.org. ★



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impact of bad news landing before voters cast November ballots.

“Democrat policies get an F,” Senate GOP leader Scott Wilk of Lancaster declared in a statement. “It is no wonder these scores were kept under lock and key. They are a clear referendum on the failed policies advocated by the governor, legislative leaders, and the state superintendent of public instruction for years – not just during the pandemic. After shuttering schools for the better part of two years, student failure is on steroids.”

In spring of 2020, the first year of the pandemic, the state canceled its testing. In 2021, only one in four eligible students took the tests because not all students were back on campuses. In 2022, nearly all eligible students participated, making these results a key data point for understanding widespread pandemic-triggered learning loss in California.

There had been concern that the pandemic would completely undercut California’s efforts to close a persistent achievement gap among certain groups of students. The results show that all students and economically disadvantaged students dropped the same 4 percentage points in English language arts, although that leaves economically disadvantaged students lagging their peers, with just 35% meeting standards. The rates for English learners and students with disabilities both dropped less than a single percentage point, from 12.8% to 12.5% and 16% to 15% respectively.

For math, rates for economically disadvantaged students actually dropped slightly less than the average drop for all students, falling 6 percentage points but still resulting in an abysmal 21% meeting standards. English learners went from 13% to 10%. Students with disabilities went from 13% to 11%.

When separated by grade level, third-grade students saw the largest drops in both subjects. In 2019, 48.5% of third graders met English language arts standards. Compare that to 42.2% in 2022, a 6.4 percentage-point decline. For math,

the rate for third graders meeting standards dropped by 6.7 percentage points.

Megan Bacigalupi is the executive director of CA Parent Power, a parent advocacy group that rallied parents to fight for school reopenings earlier in the pandemic. She said these scores aren’t just the reckoning for prolonged school closures but a wake-up call for parents. California’s test scores were always abysmal, and they couldn’t afford to sink any lower, she said.

“We’re not a state that’s performing well, so for kids to backslide ... We were never in a good place,” Bacigalupi said. “What I hope is eye-opening to parents is that, guess what, prior to all this, our kids weren’t doing that well.”

The Local Control Funding Formula gives additional money to school districts and charter schools for their English learners, foster children and students from low-income households. Districts with high percentages of students who fall into at least one of these student groups get an additional pot of money called a “concentration grant.”

The state’s funding model also gives districts more control over how they spend their money. Lance Christensen, who’s running against incumbent state superintendent Tony Thurmond, said the state needs to play an even smaller role.

“The state has done enough to destroy our kids’ education,” he said. “I think the state needs fewer education programs and more getting out of the way.”

But this surge of funding won’t last forever. And the recent increases to state education funding might not be enough to make up for the disappearance of the federal money.

Bacigalupi, the parent advocate, said there’s been little explanation to parents when it comes to how districts are spending this money. She said the lack of transparency has been an alarming trend throughout the pandemic, from the rationale behind prolonged school closures, to even the release of these test scores.

“It’s a pattern that parents are very aware of when it comes to public education,” Bacigalupi said. ★

Using Lived Experience for a Positive Change

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shelter with her daughter, they’d be prioritized for help faster than if she looked on her own. As she was being locked out of her apartment for the last time, she received a call from St. John’s Shelter for Women and Children – they had a space for Nita and her daughter.

Living in a shelter with other homeless women and children provided her with a fresh view of her situation – all the women there had stories. Stories about domestic violence or a job loss or a major medical emergency that drained their savings. They were all alike, all struggling. St. John’s set her up with classes on parenting, women empowerment and job training. She earned her GED and started working at St. John’s non-profit, Plates, which not only provided her with critical job training, but earned her a housing subsidy in a transitional living program for her and her daughter.

Having that rental subsidy allowed Nita to start taking college courses, while still working at Plates. But the pull to help others in her situation was strong. She got a job working for Volunteers of America (VOA) – a job that allowed her to work directly with persons experiencing homelessness. While

with VOA, she worked with clients that were sheltering at the Capitol Motel on L Street. Mixed in among those that lived there, her clients had drastically different needs and barriers to exiting homelessness, but one thing remained the same – whether people were sheltering or paying rent, homeless or housed – everyone had a story, everyone had a life before they found themselves in their current circumstance. Everyone deserved love and respect and a helping hand.

Nita got a job as a Housing Specialist with Next Move at Mather Community Campus, yet another connection directly to persons experiencing homelessness that allowed her to make a tangible difference. She saw herself in every client – she was just one blessing in front of literal homelessness. Even as she connected clients to housing, she knew that housing doesn’t equal final security when people need continued help and services to remain stabilized.

Today, Nita works for the Sacramento County Department of Health Services as a Peer Counselor, a person with lived experience that can identify with clients. She is part of the new Homeless Encampment And Response

Team (HEART) – teams that go directly into encampments and connect people living unsheltered with benefits, shelter connections, clinical evaluations and referrals. She carries prepaid phones with her to provide to clients to remain in direct contact with them. She knows that she cannot personally help people with everything they need – but she can help them with one thing at a time, one thing that might be exactly what they need to alter their life course, stabilize and exit homelessness for good. She explains to her clients the work that she can do, and the work they need to do to help themselves – a vital piece of the puzzle to ending their homelessness.

Nita and her daughter still go to therapy together to work through the trauma of their unhoused experience. Though stabilized now, the ease of slipping into homelessness is always on her mind. As is her father – who instilled in her the heart to help the homeless – a job he never got to see her do, but one she honors him through every day. Her clients are blessings to her, as she is to them – a reminder that you can change your circumstances, you can accept help, and together – they can end one person’s homelessness at a time. ★

Microbusiness Grants Now Open

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is launching the fourth round of grant funding for micro-business owners who may have missed an opportunity to apply for a \$2,500 grant in a previous round. Applications for the Sacramento County Microbusiness Grant Program will be accepted from Oct. 10 to Dec. 20, 2022.

The Grant Program is funded by the State of California’s Office of the Small Business Advocate and administered by Sacramento

County to assist microbusinesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Microbusinesses can receive grants of \$2,500 that do not need to be repaid. To qualify, microbusiness must receive less than \$50,000 in gross revenue annually and has fewer than five full-time employees. An eligible business must also have been in operation by the end of 2019.

Additional information on the Grant Program’s complete eligibility requirements, application, frequently asked questions and assistance is available on the Sac4Micro website. ★



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California DAs to CDCR: Explain Early Release of Violent Criminals

CDAА News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California District Attorneys Association (CDAА) wants the prison system (CDCR) to explain why it is releasing violent prisoners who haven’t earned sufficient rehabilitation credits early from prison. In some cases, they have re-offended and committed even more serious crimes.

To qualify for release, prisoners are supposed to earn credits for good behavior under Prop 57, but that often does not appear to be the case. In a series of reports, Julie Watts of CBS News revealed the process by which CDCR is releasing prisoners is hidden from the public, arbitrary, and dangerous.

“They’re doing it in secret because they don’t want to be called out,” El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson told CBS.

“The public has a right to know what these people

are doing to rehabilitate themselves,” said Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig.

Watts reported that Sacramento mass shooting suspect Smiley Martin had earlier been denied parole after a fight with a fellow inmate and other criminal activity while behind bars. Yet because his domestic violence conviction did not qualify as a violent crime, the CDCR deemed him qualified for early release. A year after he was denied parole, police said Smiley was caught on camera opening fire into a crowd of gang rivals near the state capitol.

“CDAА calls upon CDCR officials to immediately explain the system for releasing violent criminals—especially those who have not fully engaged in rehabilitation programs,” said Greg Totten, CDAА Chief Executive Officer. “It needs to stop now. This is not reform. This is an anti-transparent experiment that is gambling with public safety.”

SB 1391, a separate piece of legislation related to Prop 57, also frees prisoners, specifically those who were juveniles convicted of crimes as adults.

One possible beneficiary is convicted murderer Daniel Marsh who said he got “an exhilarating feeling” after he stabbed an elderly Davis couple 120 times to death. He may now be eligible for early release, according to the Davis Enterprise.

Marsh was just days shy of his 16th birthday at the time of the double homicide. He was sentenced to 52 years to life in prison, but he could get out after only serving 10 years. The case is being heard by the Third District Court of Appeal in Sacramento.

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. ★

UC Davis Health Nurse Honored for ‘Rocking’ Nursing World

UCD News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) has named Aron King a 2022 Under 40 Awardee. King, an assistant nurse manager at UC Davis Medical Center and a 2021 graduate from the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis, is one of only 16 nurses in the nation to receive the honor.

“These nurses are our present and our future. They are the next generation of nurse leaders,” said Martha A. Dawson, NBNA president. “We look forward to honoring these NBNA young notables under the age of 40 who are rocking the nursing world through professional and educational achievement, leadership and civic involvement in their NBNA chapters and in the communities they serve.”

After caring for patients as a bedside nurse for 8 years, King entered the master’s-degree leadership program at the School of Nursing in 2019. He said through that educational experience he began to see the bigger picture of how he could serve the Black community and inspire future Black nurses. He joined the Capitol City Black Nurses Association, founded by School of Nursing alumni, to advocate for the needs of nurses and optimize health outcomes in communities where health disparities persist.

“Health care is in a battle to undo decades of valid mistrust in communities of color. From unjust medical trials to the treatment of undocumented people and those battling drug addiction,” said King, the organization’s former secretary who now serves as an executive board member. “Winning the trust of these communities means having a workforce that has representation. We have work to do.”

In July, King served as the keynote speaker for the School of Nursing 2022 Commencement. In July, he joined Piri Ackerman-Barger, School of Nursing associate dean for Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, to present to an international audience of nursing researchers understanding how microaggressions in health professions schools can poise students for inclusion. She



The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) has named Aron King a 2022 Under 40 Awardee. Courtesy photo

said King is deeply deserving of this honor.

“Aron is being recognized for his commitment to high quality practice, his accomplishments as a leader and his work as a scholar,” Ackerman-Barger explained. “It is an honor to have him join us once again as he pursues his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the School of Nursing.”

Next month, King enters the school’s PhD program. He expects with the rigorous research program and the demands of his nursing career, the lift to continue the drive to end disparities will be heavier.

“The role of a nurse is not limited to the bedside and we as nurses shouldn’t measure our worth by looking at technical skills,” he said. “We are advocates and leaders in patient care. We need to be proactive in our approach by investing our energy in preventive interventions.”

NBNA honored this year’s winners at its 50th Annual Institute and Conference in Chicago. NBNA is comprised of nurses at all levels and serves as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations to ensure equal access to professional development, promote educational opportunities and improve health. ★

State Violated Environmental Laws in \$1.2B+ Capitol Annex Project

Perry Communications Group News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Save Our Capitol! issued on October 31, 2022, the following statement regarding the matter of Save Our Capitol! vs. California Department of General Services (DGS) and Joint Committee on Rules of the California State Senate and Assembly (JRC):

“By failing to recirculate the Capitol Annex Project’s Environmental Impact Report (EIR) after making substantive changes, DGS and JRC violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a statute which implements a statewide policy of environmental protection. The substantive changes included:

Relocating the underground parking garage from the south side of the Capitol to the east side; Destroying approximately twice as many trees as were initially identified; Expanding the project’s boundary; and, Designing the new Annex with a wholly incompatible and dangerous glass exterior.

“Recirculation was required due to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) expanding the Project’s boundary beyond 12th Street and more than doubling the 20-30 trees that the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) represented would be removed, revealing that the project would affect an estimated

133 trees. DGS and JRC failed to prove how expanding the Project’s boundary and doubling the number of trees to be removed from the historic Capitol Park would not exacerbate a significant environmental impact, in violation of CEQA.

“Because the changes to the project scope include new and/or exacerbating impacts and a new unstudied alternative that would reduce impacts to historic resources, additional review by the decisionmakers and the public of the EIR was required. Yet, DGS and JRC did not recirculate the EIR, instead choosing to deprive the public and responsible agencies of their right to review and comment on the Project’s true impacts to the Capitol Complex.

“As stated in our appeal, there is no urgency to proceed with the unvetted Capitol Annex Project which disregards CEQA’s requirement of transparency and its protections for the public interest.”

A hearing on the case before the Third Appellate District is scheduled for November 14, 2022.

The purpose of Save our Capitol! is to preserve the site of the historic Capitol and its surrounding Park as the center and symbol of Californians’ right to truth, transparency, and trust in self-governance. Follow Save Our Capitol! on Twitter and act to #StopTheDemolition by visiting www.saveourcapitol.org. ★

California’s Chronic Housing Shortage Explained



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

At its best, journalism sheds light on important issues in hopes that a more informed public will press officialdom to confront and resolve them.

California’s chronic shortage of housing is one such issue and two very recent articles, one in the Los Angeles Times and the other in the New York Times, delve into how the crisis developed and why dealing with it is extraordinarily difficult.

The Los Angeles Times details its city’s history of encouraging sprawling single-family neighborhoods while packing the poor into confined neighborhoods, where deadly diseases such as COVID-19 run rampant.

It begins with the death of Leonardo Miranda, “who rented a shed and shared the kitchen, bathroom and dining room in the main house.”

After COVID-19 attacked Miranda, “it spread to a man who slept on three red cushions in the laundry room. Then to a grandfather and grandson who wedged two mattresses into one room. By the time COVID-19 was finished with the three-bedroom home, shared by eight, Miranda and the grandfather were dead.”

The article continued, “More homes are

overcrowded in Los Angeles than in any other large U.S. county, a Times analysis of census data found — a situation that has endured for three decades, with no sign of abating.

“In places like the Pico-Union neighborhood, where Miranda lived, generations of families squeeze into tiny apartments. Construction workers, seamstresses and dishwashers live in close quarters. Day laborers bunk with half a dozen or more strangers in living spaces intended for one or two people.

“Within these confines, COVID-19 advanced without mercy: orphaning children, killing breadwinners and shattering families.”

One of the article’s most poignant passages describes how the city’s “leaders bulldozed Mexican neighborhoods in Chavez Ravine, forcing out thousands with the promise of new, low-cost, public housing to meet the needs of a city exploding in population after World War II. Then real estate interests exploited the communist paranoia of the Red Scare to defeat the housing projects, and instead, the city gave the land to the Dodgers for a stadium to entice the team’s move from Brooklyn.”

By happenstance, the New York Times article by Ezra Klein picks up where the Los Angeles Times’ article ends. Klein lays out in detail why current state and local government policies make it so infuriatingly difficult to build the low-income housing that would relieve deadly overcrowding and the homelessness it spawns.

In 2016, Klein notes, Los Angeles voters approved a \$1.2 billion ballot measure to build 10,000 new apartments for the homeless and Mayor Eric Garcetti boasted, “The voters of Los Angeles have radically reshaped our future, giving us a mandate to end street homelessness over the next decade.”

However, “Six years later, neither the mandate nor the money has proved to be nearly enough. In 2016, Los Angeles had about 28,000 homeless residents, of whom around 21,000 were unsheltered (that is, living on the street). The current count is closer to 42,000 homeless residents, with 28,000 unsheltered.”

The 2016 ballot measure produced just 3,357 units “and the most recent audit found the average cost was \$596,846 for units under construction — more than the median sale price for a home in Denver. Some units under construction have cost more than \$700,000 to build.”

Klein details the impediments to building cost-effective housing and concludes, “This is the paradox of housing development in Los Angeles and so many other cities. The politics of the affordable housing crisis are terrible. The politics of what you’d need to do to solve it are even worse.”

Both articles should be mandatory reading in the Capitol.

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



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American Pickers Return to Film in California



The American Pickers are coming to California in January 2023 and are looking for leads to explore hidden treasure. Photo courtesy of Cineflix Productions

Cineflix Productions News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The American Pickers are excited to return to California! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in January 2023.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary

items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646) 493-2184.

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Project Roomkey Extended Until Spring

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County has been funding and operating Project Roomkey (PRK) since April 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program started out as four motels with 522 prevention rooms and 41 medical isolation trailers. While the program has been slowly paring down as the pandemic has lessened, there are still nearly 200 people sheltering in the remaining two motel locations.

As the ultimate priority of ramping down PRK has been and remains to be safe and stable exits for participants, the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance (DHA) will be extending the leases with the remaining two motels until early next year. This extension will also allow for continued access to isolation units for unsheltered persons referred in from hospitals.

The PRK COVID Response Team, including staff from the County, City of Sacramento and Sacramento Steps Forward, along with community-based housing providers, are actively working with the remaining 200 participants to stay active with the housing process. This includes helping them with documents needed for rental applications and to secure critical resources such as funding to help pay for down payments or furniture, making relationship connections to estranged family members, or return to residency help for those that have family in other parts of the country.

Project Roomkey by the numbers: Total guests served in motels: 1,920; Total guests served in isolation trailers: 250; Total exits to Housing: 497; Total exits to temporary destinations or institutions: 698; Total exits to other destinations/death: 975; Guests reporting Chronic homelessness: 41%.

Project Roomkey Guest

demographics: Age: 0-17: 4%, 18-34: 13%, 35-54: 37%, 55+: 46%; Gender: Female: 43%, Male: 56%, No gender/Transgender: 1%; Race: American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous: 2.8%, Asian or Asian American: 1.8%, Black, African American, or African: 34%, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 1.5%, Hispanic: 15%, White: 35%, Multiple races: 4.5%, No Answer: 5%; Disability: 53% of guests reported having a disability, 62% of guests reported having a physical disability, 84% of guests reported having a developmental disability, 36% of guests reported having a mental health disorder; Health Conditions: 38% of guests reported having a chronic health condition, 26% of guests reported having an alcohol or substance use disorder, or both.

For more information of Sacramento County's response to homelessness, visit the Office of Homeless Initiatives website. ★



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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328229

Darla Lynn Machado has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Darla Lynn Machado to Darla Lynn Baggett Machado.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 4, 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: October 12, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11, 2022
DARLA 11-11-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328001

Viettrinh Thi Nguyen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Viettrinh Thi Nguyen to Kelly Viettrinh Nguyen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on November 29, 2022, 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: October 7, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11, 2022
VIETTRINH 11-11-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328008

Be Thi Nguyen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Be Thi Nguyen to Lena Bichhan Nguyen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on November 29, 2022, 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: October 7, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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NGUYEN 11-11-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328266

Stacie Renee Deal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Stacie Renee Deal to Stacie Renee Denison-Deal.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 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: October 12, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11, 2022
STACIE 11-11-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328089

Nang Hoa Dang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nang Hoa Dang to Hoa Nang Dang.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on December 29, 2022, 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: October 7, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11, 2022
NANG 11-11-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00323019

Stacey Castle Bascom has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Stacey Castle Bascom to Stacey Shell Castle.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on December 22, 2022, 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: October 3, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11, 2022
STACEY 11-11-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00327985

Derrick Sean Jackson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Derrick Sean Jackson to Derrick Sean Vega.F

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

court at 1:30 p.m. on December 13, 2022, 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: October 7, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11, 2022
DERRICK 11-11-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328279

Louis Steven Mahoney has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Louis Steven Mahoney to Steven Robert Mahoney.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 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: October 12, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, 2022
MAHONEY 11-18-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328452

Khudaidad Tokhi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Khudaidad Tokhi to Kareem Tokhi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 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: October 18, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2022
TOKHI 11-18-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328426

Sarah Jeannine Kline has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sarah Jeannine Kline to Sarah Jeannine Larson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 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: October 14, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2022
SARAH 11-18-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00327183

Mahmoud Garibavi and Zeinab Saki have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mahmoud Garibavi to Abubakr Rahim Alsilawi; Zahra Garibavi to Zahra Rahim Alsilawi; Bakr Jolan Garibavi to Bakr Rahim Alsilawi; Omar Jolan Garibavi to Omar Rahim Alsilawi; Othman Jolan Garibavi to Othman Rahim Alsilawi, and Ali Jolan Garibavi to Ali Rahim Alsilawi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on December 13, 2022, 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: September 22, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2022
LEGAL 11-18-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328535

Alyssa Pafford has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Emmett Charles Arias to Emmett Charles Pafford.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on January 17, 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: October 19, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2022
PAFFORD 11-18-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328219

Andreia Quejarro has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Andreia Quejarro to Andreia Da Silva Santos Quejarro.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 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: October 25, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022
ANDREIA 11-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328870

Matthew Charles Conidaris has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Matthew Charles Conidaris to Matt Charles Conidaris.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 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: October 26, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022
MATTHEW 11-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328460

Norberto Roman Pyara has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Norberto Roman Pyara to Marty Roman Natividad.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 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: October 18, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022
NORBERTO 11-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328441

Jeffery Mark Gross has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jeffery Mark Gross to Shelby Liam Tarantino.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 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: October 17, 2022
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022
JEFFERY 11-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328631

Jeannine Galliani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jeannine Rebecca Galliani to Rebecca Galliani-Peterson and Joshua Stephen Peterson to Joshua Stephen Galliani-Peterson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 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: October 21, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022
GALLIANI 11-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00327642

Attiquilla Quraishi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Attiquilla Quraishi to Attiq Quraishi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on December 20, 2022, 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: September 29, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022
ATTIQ 11-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00328457

James Gilbert Joseph has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of James Gilbert Joseph to James Gilbert Johnson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 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: October 18, 2022
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022
JAMES 11-25-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEFFANIE FLYNN-ADAMS
CASE NO. 34-2022-00322699

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Steffanie Flynn-Adams, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michael Shipman, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michael Shipman 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 December 8, 2022, 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.

This matter is set for a court hearing/appearance using the Zoom Application.

In order to participate in your Zoom hearing, you must either use a computer or smart device with internet access, and have downloaded the Zoom application. If you do not have compatible technology, then you can attend the hearing using a telephone and calling the designated toll free telephone conference line.

You must appear by Zoom Application or Telephone using the designated department account referenced below at least 5 minutes before your scheduled hearing date and time; and wait for a court representative to take roll. Department 129 zoom link: <https://saccourt-ca.gov.zoomgov.com/join/sccdept129> or Toll Free Telephone Conference Line: (833) 568-8864, Meeting ID# 161 3352 9231

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: Nada Dhahbi, Esq., 19069 Van Buren Blvd., Ste 114-398, Riverside, CA 92508; 951/414-1300
Publish: Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & 11, 2022
FLYNN-ADAMS 11-11-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALFONSO MERCADO, JR.
CASE NO. 34-2022-00327559

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Alfonso Mercado, Jr., deceased.

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows March 16, 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: Aaron A. Kaslan, 8880 Cal Center Drive, Suite 260, Sacramento, CA 95826; 916-381-4040
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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-898813-JB Order No.: FIN-22001446 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/12/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Gabriel Ambriz, an unmarried man Recorded: 12/20/2016 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20161220 Page 1136 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 11/29/2022 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$291,609.29 The purported property address is: 2216 TRAILS COURT, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670 Assessor's Parcel No.: 056-0270-078-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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WEEKLY COMICS

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

I NEED A VACATION. I AM WIPED OUT.

BETWEEN HOMEWORK, SCHOOL AND CHORES, I NEED A BREAK!

YOU SHOULD TRY DOING IT IN YOUR 40'S.

I THOUGHT IT GOT EASIER WHEN YOU'RE ALLOWED TO DRINK COFFEE?

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

HONEY, I BROUGHT YOU SOME FLOWERS.

WOULDN'T A CONFESSION HAVE BEEN EASIER?

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

NO "MAN IN A BOX," "MAN WALKING AGAINST THE WIND" OR "TUG OF WAR GUY." ALL HE DOES IS SIT AT HIS IMAGINARY DESK UNTIL 5:00...

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME BY AL SCADUTO

STORE SIGN LANGUAGE- "CLOSED" MEANS "NOT OPEN" RIGHT? BUT THERE ARE THOSE WHO JUST WON'T BELIEVE IT-- OH, YEAH...

THANK TO L. KORNHORN, SYRACUSE, NY.

WHY DO THEY CALL IT A PERMANENT? THERE YARE, PEARIE... SEE YOU BACK HERE IN TWO WEEKS...

IF IT'S "PERMANENT" WHY'D YA HAVE TO GO BACK AND HAVE YOUR HAIR DONE PERMANENT AGAIN AND AGAIN?

THANK TO M. ALVERANDO, MIAMI, FL.

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

GEEZ, WHERE ARE ALL THOSE DESTRUCTIVE LEAF-MUNCHIN' CATERPILLARS WHEN YOU'D ACTUALLY LIKE TO SEE 'EM?

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

STILL ANOTHER REASON WHY PARENTS GO BONKERS-- YOU BUY DAUGHTER LUPINA A DESK, STUDENT LAMP, TYPEWRITER STAND, ETC.-- SO WHERE DOES SHE DO HER SCHOOL WORK?

B-BUT, AFTER ALL THE EXPENSE WE WENT TO...

OH--IT'S JUST THAT I CAN STUDY BETTER THIS WAY...

THANK TO ALLISON H. WILKINSON, CT.

GRIN and BEAR IT by Wayne

"The mascot is offended by our win-loss record!"

LAFF-A-DAY

"That reminds me, Mom -- have you told Dad about your car yet?"

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

NO MORE EXERCISE. MY BACK'S KILLING ME. PROBABLY BECAUSE IT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING MY FRONT.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Hornets Thrill Homecoming Crowd in Win

Sac State Athletics
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the second consecutive week, Sacramento State football left fans at Hornet Stadium on the edge of their seats before prevailing with a dramatic victory. On Saturday, Asher O'Hara spun over the goal line with 1:46 remaining and the defense got the stop it needed in the Hornets' 31-28 win over Idaho in front of 17,241 Homecoming fans.

The victory improved No. 2 Sacramento State to 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the Big Sky Conference. The No. 14 Vandals dropped to 5-3 overall and suffered their first conference loss (4-1).

After Idaho erased a 17-point deficit, Sacramento State got the ball back with just over six minutes to play, trailing 28-24. The Hornets turned to their ground game where quarterback Asher O'Hara and running backs Cameron Skattebo and Marcus Fulcher accounted for all 75 yards on the way to the game-winning touchdown. O'Hara had the first three runs during the drive to take the ball to the Vandal 45. Skattebo then had rushes of 5, 3 and 8 yards. O'Hara converted a 3rd-and-2 and after Fulcher rushed for 8 yards, O'Hara set up 1st-and-goal at the 8 with a 5-yard rush.

Skattebo received the carry on first down and was ankle tackled at the 2-yard line. The team turned back to the sophomore on second down, but he was met at the line of scrimmage. After Idaho used its final timeout, O'Hara kept it himself with a 360-degree spinning leap into the end zone for his 14th rushing touchdown of the game.

Idaho had 1:48 remaining with a chance to tie the contest with a field goal or win with a touchdown. The Vandals picked up 18 yards on first down with a pass from Gevani McCoy to Jermaine



Sacramento State senior quarterback Asher O'Hara dives into the end zone for the game-winning touchdown during a 31-28 win against No. 14 Idaho on Saturday, October 29 at Hornet Stadium in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Jackson. Sacramento State stuffed a run for a 1-yard loss on the ensuing play and the second and third down passes landed incomplete. Facing 4th-and-11, McCoy was strip sacked by Armon Bailey and the ball was recovered by Ayodele Adeoye to secure the win.

Sacramento State finished the game with 299 rushing yards against an Idaho defense which had allowed only 78 rushing yards per game against FCS teams this season. Skattebo tallied 137 on 17 carries (7.9 ypc) to earn his fourth-straight 100-yard game and O'Hara added 129 yards. The team's passing game had its lowest output of the year, finishing 8-of-19 for 92 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions.

Sacramento State jumped out to a quick lead, taking the

opening drive and marching 80 yards for a touchdown. The points came on a 31-yard strike from Jake Dunniway to Chris Miller for his first receiving score of the year. Those points were the only ones in the first quarter and the Hornets added to their advantage with a 26-yard field goal from Kyle Sentkowski early in the second period.

Idaho got on the board with a 16-yard rush from Elisha Cummings to cut the deficit to 10-7 but Sacramento State answered with a 13-play, 75-yard drive with 1:36 left in the half to take a 17-7 lead into halftime after a 7-yard run from Fulcher.

The Hornets tacked on seven points midway through the third quarter when O'Hara scrambled and then threaded an 8-yard pass to Pierre Williams in the back of

the end zone.

Idaho quickly erased the 17-point deficit with three unanswered touchdown passes all of which were caught by Hayden Hatten. The first came with 2:54 left in the third quarter on an 11-yard pass from McCoy. The Sacramento State defense recorded a huge third-down sack on the last play of the third quarter, but the offense turned it over on its first play of the fourth quarter.

The Vandals methodically drove 67 yards on 12 plays with Hatten catching a 4-yard pass in the middle of the end zone. Sacramento State started its next drive with a pass over the middle of the field that was juggled by the receiver and intercepted by Idaho. The team then needed just four plays to travel 45 yards and take the lead with an

over-the shoulder pass from McCoy to Hatten.

McCoy completed 18-of-33 passes for 207 yards and three scores with Hatten leading all players with seven receptions for 113 yards and three scores. The Vandals used a balanced run game which pounded out 144 yards led by Anthony Woods and Cummings who each had 62.

Bailey matched his career high with nine tackles, including a career best three sacks. He became the first Hornet to have three sacks in a game since George Obinna had three at Idaho in 2017.

Sacramento State will next play at Weber State on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 12 p.m. PT. The Wildcats defeated Montana on Saturday and are now 7-1 overall and 4-1 in league games. ★

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