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Sacramento Public Library Puts out Call for Artists

By Tamara Warta

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Public Library (SPL), which has 29 locations spanning from Orangevale to Isleton, recently announced its new Parks and Tranquility project. With the intention of bringing visual and performing arts to a selection of the region's many outdoor spaces, artists are invited to apply for grant awards that range from \$5000 - \$10,000.

"We will engage and collaborate with community members, community-based organizations, and arts and justice collectives," states the official website, "to create site-specific art and educational experiences at multiple California State Park sites around Sacramento County."

A schedule of the public events developed through the Parks and Tranquility program are expected to be announced in early 2024.

The idea to bring the arts into parks and other outdoor spaces was inspired by the California State Library's statewide Parks Pass program. This program allows any California resident with a library card to borrow free passes to approximately 200 state parks. SPL specifically was granted funds to identify and create art installations to complement these passes. While any artist may apply, selected projects should carry one of the specific themes being prioritized by the library.

Sacramento County Opens 2nd Safe Stay Shelter



The second cabin-style shelter campus has opened after approval by the Board of Supervisors at 7001 East Parkway, in the parking lot of the County's Department of Health Services. From Left to right: Brad Fieldhouse – Executive Director City Net; Jessica Bruce – City Net; Emily Halcon – Director of Department of Homeless Services and Housing; Rich Desmond – County Supervisor District 3; Patrick Kennedy – County Supervisor District 2; Ann Edwards – Outgoing County CEO; David Villanueva – Incoming County CEO; Kelli Bennett – CEO of Community Health Works and Tim Lutz – Director Department of Health Services. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, December 14, 2023, Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy cut the ribbon on the County's second Safe Stay Community for

people experiencing homelessness. The sleeping cabin-style shelter campus has a capacity of 56-34 single cabins and 11 double occupancy cabins and was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2022. The Safe Stay is located at 7001 East Parkway, in the parking lot of the County's

Department of Health Services.

"I'm thrilled to open up a second Safe Stay Community in my district," Said District 2 Supervisor Patrick Kennedy "We've already had really positive results at our first location – both for the guests and the neighborhood, that I'm

hopeful we'll see an immediate impact once this opens next week."

What Can Guests Expect?

On-premises guests can use the bathroom and shower trailers, laundry services and eat three meals a day in the common

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According to Ricardo M. Ramirez, the system supervisor of SPL, these themes include a project goal to "generate positive measurable impacts in the areas of health, natural resource stewardship, and historical and cultural connections with an equity lens."

"SPL will engage and collaborate alongside our Sacramento community members, community-based organizations, and arts and culture collectives on arts and recreational equity experiences that include community events and field trips," Ramirez also stated.

Selected artists will work with a special project team that consists of both library staff and community members. The original visual artwork will be featured at pre-selected California state parks, while other artists will prepare and execute community workshops featuring their art discipline.

"All types of art mediums are eligible," said Ramirez. "We encourage

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Sacramento Grocery Indicted for Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice, Fraud

U.S. Attorney's Office
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A federal grand jury returned a 25-count indictment Thursday against Shahrir “Sean” Loloee, 53, of Granite Bay, and Karla Montoya, 42, of Sacramento, charging them both with conspiracy, obstruction of agency proceedings, and possession and use of false immigration documents, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced on Friday, December 15, 2023. Loloee is additionally charged with falsification of records and a pandemic relief fraud scheme.

According to court documents, Loloee is the owner of the Viva Supermarkets chain of grocery stores, and Montoya is the general manager. Since 2008, Loloee and Montoya engaged in a conspiracy to employ a labor force at the stores that consisted of a significant number of workers who lacked employment authorization in the United States. Loloee and Montoya did so for the purpose of reducing Loloee’s labor force costs through unlawful means, including by failing to pay required overtime wages.

The indictment alleges that, in 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor began two investigations at Viva Supermarkets. Loloee and Montoya obstructed these investigations in a variety of ways, including by making false statements to agency investigators, listening in on an employee interview with an investigator for the purpose of influencing the employee to make false statements, instructing an employee to lie to an investigator about her hire date, and directing certain workers to hide to prevent them from being questioned by agency investigators. Loloee is also charged with three instances of providing false documents to obstruct the Department of Labor’s investigations.

The indictment further alleges that Loloee committed wire fraud when he applied to receive COVID-19 relief from the Restaurant Revitalization Fund program (RRF). Established as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the RRF was designed to support the restaurant industry by providing funding to those that had suffered significant pandemic-related revenue loss. To be eligible for an RRF award, a restaurant must have had a loss in gross receipts in 2020, as

compared to 2019. In May 2021, Loloee submitted applications to the Small Business Administration (SBA) requesting RRF funds for two of his grocery stores. In the applications, Loloee substantially underreported each of his store’s 2020 gross receipts to make them appear entitled to an award, when they were not. Loloee requested over \$2.2 million, and based on his fraudulent representations, the SBA awarded Loloee approximately \$1.2 million.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation and Homeland Security Investigations. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Audrey B. Hemesath, Matthew Thuesen, and Kevin Khasigian are prosecuting the case.

This case was investigated with the assistance of the Tax Recovery in the Underground Economy (TRUE) Task Force includes the California Department of Justice, the California Employment Development Department, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, the Franchise Tax Board, the IRS-CI and HSI. The TRUE Task Force was created to ensure multi-agency collaboration and to combat wage theft, tax evasion, and other crimes in the underground economy.

If convicted, Loloee and Montoya face a maximum statutory penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count of conspiracy to defraud the Department of Labor, to commit immigration document fraud, and to obstruct justice; up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count of possession of false immigration documents or use of a false immigration document; and up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count of obstruction of agency proceedings. If convicted of the counts of falsification of records or wire fraud, Loloee faces a maximum statutory penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count. Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. The charges are only allegations; the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. ★

New Low-Floor Light Rail Trains Enter Final Testing Phase



A low-floor test train at 16th Street on December 7, 2023. Courtesy photo SacRT

SacRT News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is pleased to announce a significant milestone in the Light Rail Modernization Project as its new low-floor trains enter the final testing phase, bringing the region one step closer to an enhanced and more accessible public transit system. SacRT began the “burn-in” testing phase on December 7, 2023. Testing is being conducted systemwide on the Blue, Green, and Gold Lines from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., Monday through Friday. This schedule is designed to minimize any impact on regular light rail service.

During this phase of testing, the new low-floor trains will simulate real-world scenarios, actively pulling into stations, deploying ramps, opening and closing doors and proceeding to the next station. To distinguish these trains from regular service trains, prominent “Test Train” decals are on doors and windows to prevent customers from accidentally boarding.

The burn-in testing is expected to take approximately two weeks per train. This thorough process allows SacRT staff to

identify and address any issues before the trains are approved for passenger service. The testing process is projected to continue through spring 2024 for the first 20 low-floor trains in anticipation of starting passenger service with the new trains on the Gold Line in summer 2024. Learn more about the testing process at sacrt.com/newtrains.

About the New Low-Floor Light Rail Trains:

The new low-floor vehicles will provide easier access at every doorway, a spacious seating design, and large windows for better light and views. They feature improved accessibility with wider aisles. The new low-floor vehicles will increase overall operational flexibility by providing more access to passengers with disabilities. SacRT is modernizing the light rail system to make future travel easier, safer, and more convenient for riders. The project includes the purchasing of new low-floor trains, reconfiguring station platforms to accommodate the new trains and adding a passing track to allow for 15-minute light rail service at all Folsom area stations. Learn more about the project at sacrt.com/modernization. ★

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Approved Budget Priorities Based on Survey Results



Image courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at its Dec. 12 meeting, approved recommended budget priorities based on the results of a survey of County residents. The Board also approved the General Fund Contingency Policy.

The public opinion survey, conducted by a professional public opinion firm, was conducted in October and November of 2023. The survey was a follow-up to the County’s first public opinion survey in 2021, which was conducted so the County could develop budget priorities based on public input.

The results of the 2023 survey were remarkably similar to the results in 2021, with focus areas such as homelessness and road improvements identified as priorities.

The recommended priorities for the use of General Fund discretionary funds in the FY 2024-25 budget are:

Complying with the County’s legal, financial, regulatory and policy obligations, including providing mandated services, ensuring collection of revenues, and complying with the General Fund Reserve policy;

Optimizing the use of County resources, with budgeted service levels for County programs informed by community priorities, improving effectiveness and efficiency where possible, and limiting the extent to which reductions in dedicated revenue are back-filled with discretionary resources;

Funding new or enhanced programs that focus on the most critical and urgent needs, with the following priority focus areas identified in the survey of County residents:

A Countywide focus area of addressing homelessness, its impacts, and contributing factors, including the cost and availability of housing, mental health services and substance abuse treatment.

An unincorporated focus area of improving the condition of roads.

SURVEY PREPARATION

The professional polling firm conducted focus groups of County residents in November 2022. Key overall findings of the budget priorities focus groups generally aligned with the 2021 survey results. The central, top-of-mind concern was homelessness, and participants associated many overlapping issues with this concern, including substance abuse, mental health, blight and illegal dumping, the quality of the parks, housing costs and crime. Another top concern was infrastructure, with a particular focus on significant road improvement.

Additionally, while participants prioritized helping children and seniors, poverty and food insecurity were not seen as urgent problems.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The firm conducted surveys through telephone and online interviews with 1,061 respondents, with a margin of sampling error of ±3.1% at the 95% confidence level. The survey was available in 10 languages, including English.

SURVEY AUDIENCE

Of the 1,061 respondents surveyed, residents

were drawn from communities in proportion to the County’s adult population by age and gender and came from a mix of educational backgrounds and household incomes.

More than half of the respondents identified with a race or ethnicity other than white, and more than one-quarter indicated they spoke a language other than English at home regularly.

More than two in five respondents personally experienced homelessness or knew someone who had.

SURVEY RESULTS

Survey result highlights include:

County Context: The top concern survey respondents wanted the County to address, by far, was homelessness. Of the respondents identified, 58 percent reported homelessness as the most important problem (compared to 53 percent in 2021). The second and third categories were crime/safety/drugs at 18 percent and housing/affordable rent at 15 percent (both were at 13 percent in 2021).

Infrastructure/road repairs was in the fourth category at 8 percent (same in 2021) cost of living/inflation was fifth at 7 percent (versus 5 percent in 2021).

Road conditions are a bigger issue in the unincorporated areas than the cities, with 66 percent of residents in the unincorporated areas citing road conditions as an extremely or very serious problem.

Resident Priorities for the County Budget: Low levels of homelessness and crime, the fair and transparent administration of elections and adequate protection for vulnerable children were seen as keys to making Sacramento County a good place to live. Residents also valued enough good, well-paying jobs for local residents and accessible mental health services.

Less important to residents were adequate retail and shopping opportunities and low levels of incarceration.

Residents were also broadly satisfied with waste disposal, County parks and libraries. Majorities were satisfied with public transportation and preparation for public health emergencies.

However, four in five residents were broadly dissatisfied with homelessness prevention. Addressing homelessness, affordable housing and mental health services were areas that people highly value but see the County as falling short.

Allocating the County Budget: Residents were asked to imagine they are in charge of the County budget and were asked how they would prioritize County spending in six broad areas.

On average, residents allocated more funding to reducing homelessness and public safety than other areas. Infrastructure maintenance came in third, followed by services for children, seniors and families, economic development such as job creation, and parks and environmental protection.

For City of Sacramento residents, homelessness was a higher priority than in the unincorporated areas and other cities. Homeowners were slightly more likely to prioritize homelessness, safety and infrastructure. ★

California Policy Collaborative Visits Twin Rivers School



Members from the California Policy Collaborative visited a Woodlake Elementary preschool class on Nov. 27 as part of their work in learning about best practices in early learning programs. The district was able to share its practices regarding the use of indoor and outdoor learning spaces, support for social-emotional development, and English language acquisition. The visit was possible through a collaboration with the Sacramento County Office of Education’s Early Learning Department. Photo courtesy of TRUSD Communications

Board Approves Parks Fee Schedule Update

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at its December 12 meeting, approved the 2024 Department of Regional Parks Fee Schedule. The updated Fee Schedule will go into effect on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

The Fee Schedule was last updated in 2022 with an understanding that updates would happen every two to three years. Regional Parks updates its Fee Schedule intermittently to:

Adjust fees for inflation; Ensure fees cover costs of services provided; Standardize fees with similar facilities and services; And, raise needed revenues to offset department maintenance and operations costs

“Going into this update,



An updated fee schedule will go into effect on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in Sacramento County parks including the American River Parkway. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Regional Parks

staff compiled the daily vehicle, daily boat launch and annual pass fees charged by other comparable park agencies with similar facilities,” said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. “We wanted to ensure that the revisions to our fee schedule are within the range of fees charged by these agencies.”

The proposed revisions include increases to the following fees:

Daily Parking; Annual Pass; Amplified Sound Permit; Bounce House Permit; Special Event Permit; Open Trail Event; RV Camping (Sherman Island only); Youth Group Camping (Scouts, Church Groups, etc.); Gibson Ranch House (off season event package only); Habitat Restoration Program.

View the 2024 Fee Schedule to learn more. ★

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Sacramento Kings and SMF Announce Historic Partnership

Sacramento County Department of Airports News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Kings and Sacramento International Airport (SMF) announced a groundbreaking partnership, marking one of the first formal partnerships between a U.S. airport and an NBA franchise. Over the next three seasons, SMF will serve as the official airport partner of the Sacramento Kings.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Sacramento International Airport and provide fans and travelers exclusive touch points to the Kings,” said Sacramento Kings President of Business Operations John Rinehart. “Through unique co-branded experiences, we will magnify what it means to be Sacramento Proud while creating impactful moments for all who travel to and from the airport.”

“SMF has proudly served as the departure point for Kings road games for many years, so this partnership represents an evolution for our respective teams,” said Sacramento County Department of Airports Director Cindy Nichol. “This collaboration provides us an opportunity to work with one of the most creative marketing teams in the NBA.”

This partnership holds importance for the Sacramento community as it represents a fusion of two influential entities dedicated to enhancing the local experience. The historic collaboration opens doors to innovative initiatives that will directly benefit the local population,

allowing them to engage with their favorite basketball team in unique and exciting ways including opportunities to win exclusive Kings prizes, interact with Kings personalities at select events at the airport and view franchise memorabilia. From exciting game-day activations to social media content and community-driven programs, this partnership aims to generate lasting memories for fans while fostering a strong sense of unity and pride among Sacramento residents.

Beyond the local impact, this collaboration also marks a significant milestone in the realm of sports partnerships in California showcasing the innovative spirit of both SMF and the Sacramento Kings. By pioneering this unique partnership, SMF and the Kings are not only breaking new ground in the state but also inspiring other organizations to explore unconventional collaborations that can enrich communities and create memorable experiences for fans.

As this partnership unfolds over the next three seasons, SMF and the Sacramento Kings are committed to delivering unparalleled experiences, both within the airport premises, Golden 1 Center and throughout the Sacramento region. Together, they are set to redefine the way communities interact with sports and travel, setting a new standard for partnerships that prioritize community engagement, creativity, and shared enthusiasm. Sacramento can look forward to a bright future, filled with exciting events, innovative initiatives, and a sense of camaraderie. ★

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area. The campus also has a pet relief area, a computer lab, an entertainment space, employment development and housing-focused case management. Guests will also connect with transportation resources for off-site needs such as medical appointments or jobs.

Each cabin is outfitted with a bed that folds down from the wall, two storage containers, basic toiletry supplies, a desk and chair, overhead light, HVAC, power outlets, smoke alarm and fire extinguisher and a locking door. Cabins also have enough space to accommodate a dog bed or pet crate. The campus has storage containers for possessions that do not fit in the sleeping cabins.

The East Parkway Safe Stay community is operated by City Net. City Net is also running the County’s first Safe Stay Community on Florin and Power Inn. The Florin Safe Stay opened in August 2023, has served 137 people, 32 pets and had five people exit to

permanent housing.

How Are Guests Referred?

The East Parkway Safe Stay Community is currently a closed referral process, through homeless services providers engaging with people living outside near the shelter. Existing street outreach providers will engage with people living outside to evaluate what services and shelter programs they are eligible for and that will best meet their needs.

People experiencing homelessness and looking for shelter resources should contact the Housing Crisis Line by calling 2-1-1 and pressing 8 or the toll-free number at 1-844-546-1464.

How Can the Community Get Involved?

City Net accepts in-kind donations by appointment only. To schedule a donation drop-off or volunteer, email getinvolved@citynet.org.

Accepted donations include, but aren’t limited to:

- Hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, body

- wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, incontinence supplies, etc.);
- NEW emergency clothing staples (t-shirts, sweats/shorts, socks, undergarments, etc.)
- Gift cards of various values;
- Animal supplies (dog food, cat food, toys, collars, leashes, beds)

The minimum age for volunteers is 18 years of age. Each volunteer must complete a volunteer application/waiver and be cleared prior to arrival. No walk-up volunteers will be permitted on-site.

Looking for a job? City Net is hiring! Be part of positive change in Sacramento.

Review the Safe Stay FAQs at schs.saccounty.gov/Documents.

Read the Client Flier for more information on amenities and guest requirements.

If you need shelter or services, please call 2-1-1.

For more information on what the County is doing to address homelessness, visit the Department of Homeless Services and Housing website. ★

Three Arrested in Operation Bad Elf for Retail Theft at Target

Sacramento Sheriff’s Dept News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During Operation Bad Elf, Detectives observed two women enter a Target store, and fill a cart with merchandise, while a third woman waited in a vehicle in the parking lot. As the two women exited the store without paying, Detectives detained all three women while they were loading the items in the vehicle. Detectives located hundreds of other items inside the vehicle, stolen from numerous stores in the Sacramento area.

Detectives determined that earlier in the day, the three females had stolen from Lululemon, Bath and Body Works, Michael’s, CVS, and TJ Maxx. All three women were arrested for felony grand theft and conspiracy; but have all since been released pending their court date. Most of the items have been returned to

their respective owners yesterday, with a total recovered loss value of approximately \$7,240.

Detectives believe these women have taken part in other similar organized retail thefts throughout the region, and are asking anyone that may recognize them from other previously unreported crimes to contact the Sheriff’s Office at (916) 874-5115 or the Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Tips leading to an arrest are eligible for a CASH reward of up to \$1000, and tipsters remain anonymous. Tips are paid in cash, and you are never asked for identification. Contact Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357), 1-800-AA-CRIME, or **TIPS. Use the “P3 TIPS” app or online at www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com.

Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

DWR Announces Initial State Water Project Allocation of 10 Percent for 2024

DWR News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On December 1, 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation forecast of 10 percent of requested supplies for 2024. The SWP provides water to 29 public water agencies that serve 27 million Californians.

The December 1 initial water supply forecast is the first allocation of the new water year and is based on current reservoir storage and an assumption of very dry conditions. So far in October and November, storms have not brought as much rain and snow.

“California’s water year is off to a relatively dry start. While we are hopeful that this El Niño pattern will generate wet weather, this early in the season we have to plan with drier conditions in mind,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “California’s water supply continues to benefit from our aggressive efforts last season to capture record rain and snow melt in our reservoirs and groundwater basins.”

The initial SWP allocation forecast is looking ahead to 2024 and only applies to water deliveries in the year ahead. The allocation is calculated based on October and November precipitation, dry soils, runoff, and storage in Lake Oroville. It has no bearing on current water supplies or water captured in 2023. Most reservoirs in the state remain above average for this time of year.

Highlights of California’s Water Supply Storage

Last winter, a total of 3.5 million acre-feet of water was captured in SWP reservoirs. The SWP delivered 2.7 million acre-feet in allocated water plus an additional 400,000 acre-feet of supplemental water to SWP contractors in 2023;

To date, Lake Oroville, the SWP’s largest reservoir, is at 133 percent of average.

San Luis Reservoir, jointly operated by the SWP and Central Valley Project, remains at 109 percent of average. Water stored in San Luis also includes water from 2023 being stored by water contractors for use in future dry years;

In coordination with the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), DWR provided water to fill up Diamond Valley Reservoir for the first time in three years. The facility is a critical part of the Southern California water delivery system;

California was also able to redirect excess storm water for groundwater recharge. DWR has estimated more than 3.8 million acre-feet of recharge capacity in 2023, including more than 1.2 million acre-feet of groundwater recharge permitted by State agencies, 390,817 acre-feet of flood water recharged using the Governor’s Executive Orders, and millions more acre-feet of managed and naturally occurring recharge.

It is not uncommon for the initial allocation forecast to be low following very wet years. For Water Year 2018, the initial allocation was 15 percent following an 85 percent final allocation in 2017. Water Year 2020 started with a 10 percent initial allocation following a 75 percent final allocation in 2019. Both 2017 and 2019 were very wet winters. More historical data on SWP allocations is available at water.ca.gov/programs/state-water-project/management/swp-water-contractors.

As the winter progresses, if California sees an increase in rain and snowfall, the allocation forecast may increase.

Each year, DWR provides the initial SWP allocation by December 1 based on available water storage, projected water supply, and water demands. Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack, rainfall, and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June. ★

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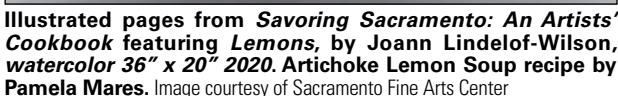
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In order to be eligible for the Parks and Tranquility grant, applicants must be a resident of the Sacramento region and aged

Potential artists may visit saclibrary.org/Parks-and-Tranquility for more information and to apply, as well as for the opportunity to view artists' inspirations behind the project for a better view of what SPL is seeking out for this unique new opportunity. ★

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California’s Water Wars See Some Breakthroughs But More Clashes Loom



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The politics of water in California could be likened to the constant grinding of tectonic plates 10 miles or more beneath its surface. The Pacific Plate battles with the North American Plate for dominance along the 800-mile-long San Andreas Fault tracing California’s coast. When one gives way, the state experiences an earthquake. Similarly, California’s water interests – farmers, cities and environmentalists, principally, with infinite numbers of sub-groups – joust constantly over how the state’s water supplies will be apportioned. The conflicts of water buffaloes, as they have been dubbed, play out in legislative arenas, in the many federal, state and local governmental agencies that manage water distribution, and increasingly, in state and federal courts. Their grinding struggles have been underway for as long as California has been a state (173 years), but on occasions – sometimes separated by decades – major actions change California’s waterscape. This appears to be one of those occasions. California’s recent experience of drought followed by torrential rain and snow storms seems to have jolted water stakeholders into doing things that seemed impossible just a few years ago. California’s users of

Colorado River water, principally the Imperial Irrigation District, last week formally signed an agreement with other states to reduce diversions from the much-troubled river. It’s hoped that the deal will stave off an otherwise imminent catastrophe in the rivers two major reservoirs, Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Federal officials pressed for the historic agreement, threatening unilateral cuts if it didn’t happen, and lubricated it with many millions of dollars in compensation. The state Department of Water Resources has released a final environmental impact report on a plan to bore a tunnel beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and carry some Sacramento River water to the head of the California Aqueduct without pulling water from the Delta itself. Versions of the bypass have kicked around for more than six decades, with officialdom saying it’s needed to protect water supplies to the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California and opponents, particularly environmental groups, saying it would worsen water quality in the Delta. Release of the report sets the stage for what could be years of political and legal battles before construction could begin. Tunnel advocates say that water would be drawn only during periods of high precipitation and snowpack runoff to improve water reliability, which is also the rationale for another major construction project that’s languished for decades: the Sites reservoir in Colusa and Glenn counties. In November, Gov. Gavin Newsom designated Sites for streamlined approval of a final environmental impact report, paving the way for

construction that could begin as soon as 2025. In October, the federal Bureau of Reclamation announced the approval of a storage capacity expansion plan for the San Luis Reservoir, a key element of California’s water supply system. San Luis, in the Pacheco Pass, is an off-stream reservoir that absorbs water drawn from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and stores it to meet later demands. It’s similar to how the proposed Sites reservoir would function – storing water when it’s available to cushion periods when natural flows are diminished. The plan would increase the reservoir’s capacity by 130,000 acre-feet. Finally, the state water regulators are poised to approve first-ever projects that directly convert sewage into drinking water. Reusing water “gives us a supply that in essence is always going to be there,” Darrin Polhemus, a water board deputy director, said. While important, these recent developments don’t end California’s water wars. For instance, the state is beginning to implement first-ever controls on pumping from underground aquifers under a law passed a decade ago, which could sharply affect agriculture production in the San Joaquin Valley. Meanwhile, the water buffaloes are gearing up for the most divisive of all potential conflicts – whether the state will breach water rights, some of which date back to the Gold Rush days. Preliminary skirmishes are already underway, as the New York Times detailed last week. It will be epic. Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



Be A Christmas Hero

Do your kids look up to you as their hero, or do they admire a sports figure instead? How would you like to put that same sparkle in their eyes that they do? Thomas Gagliano wants you to have that love and admiration every day. Life Mentor, Speaker, and author, Thomas has seven tips to achieve your hero status in 2024 with “The Problem Was Me.” Isn’t that the best gift you can give your child? The Christmas presents will be tossed eventually, but the strength you can give your child will last their whole lives. So let’s score with these simple tips!

- 1. LISTEN:** Provide a safe environment for your children where they can cry on your shoulder or just talk to you...even if they tell you something you don’t want to hear.
- 2. PERMIT MISTAKES:** Give your children the message that they can make mistakes. Let them know that mistakes are part of being human. Affirm they can fall at times without becoming a failure.
- 3. CELEBRATE VICTORIES:** Celebrate achievements by taking your child for an ice cream or a pizza slice. Don’t run immediately to the next dilemma. Take time to enjoy what’s been accomplished.
- 4. MONITOR YOUR INNER CRITIC:** If we grew up with an inner critic telling us all the things we’re doing wrong in life, chances are high we will give this inner critic to our children.
- 5. CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES:** There are times when we need to relinquish our need to be right in our

conversations with our children, and choose closeness instead. We can choose to be close by identifying with our children’s struggles and listening to their feelings.

6. BE CURIOUS: Be interested in your children’s lives. Ask them how they are doing and what’s new with them. By being curious, you give them the message they are important and you’re thinking of them.

7. CONFER REGULARLY WITH YOUR INNER CHILD: When our children struggle, stop and think about what you wanted to hear from your parent at that age. Let that compassion shape what you say and how you say it.

A good parent also gives your child a shoulder to cry on and an ear to hear their feelings and thoughts as well. Heroes can cry too, even if society tells them to be tough. Heroes let their children explore who they want to be, instead of imprisoning them in predefined roles...roles that we as parents want them to play. The feats of the heroes he describes won’t make the front page of the newspaper. However, it’s so much more important. Why? Because what love can equal the love and admiration seen reflected in the eyes of your own child? Thomas Gagliano shares how to achieve that admiration in “The Problem Was Me.” So let 2024 be the year you can be a hero and make a BIG difference in the lives of your children both physically and spiritually. What a gift! ★

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Almond Farmers Remain Optimistic Despite Recent Challenges

California almond growers have faced tough economic conditions in recent years as production costs soared while earnings plummeted. Yet the Almond Board of California maintains that the long-term outlook for the tree nut remains positive, even as the industry struggles through some growing pains. At the recent 2023 Almond Conference in Sacramento, industry leaders said changing times and shifts in consumer behavior mean the sector will need to evolve and innovate to remain competitive and drive global demand for the state's 3.5-billion-pound crop.

Shannon Douglass Becomes First Woman to Lead California Farm Bureau

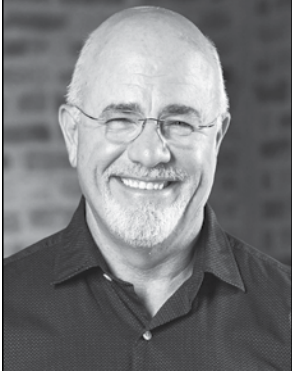
Shannon Douglass, a diversified farmer from Glenn County, has been elected as the new president of the California Farm Bureau. Douglass, who served three terms as first vice president, becomes the first woman to head the organization, which was founded in 1919. The election took place at the organization's 105th Annual Meeting Dec. 1-6, in Reno, Nevada. Douglass is an owner of Douglass Ranch in Orland, which raises cattle and grows walnuts, corn and forage crops. She succeeds Jamie Johansson, a Butte County olive and citrus fruit grower who served three terms as president.

Farm Bureau Joins Coalition Backing Tax-Reform Initiative

The California Farm Bureau has endorsed a 2024 ballot initiative that would give voters the final decision on approving new local and state taxes. The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act is backed by a coalition that also includes the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the California Business Roundtable, the California Business Properties Association and other supporters. The new measure would require all new taxes passed by the California Legislature be approved by voters and would reaffirm a two-thirds voter approval for all new local special tax increases.

Sacramento County Teacher Wins Agricultural Educator Award

A Sacramento-area teacher who created a garden and horticulture program to introduce students to agriculture has been honored with the Outstanding Educator Award, presented by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Kevin Jordan, a science and horticulture teacher at Leo A. Palmiter Junior and Senior High School in the Sacramento County community of Arden-Arcade, received the award at the 105th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Jordan was also named the 2023 Teacher of the Year by the Sacramento County Office of Education. ★



Don't Be Afraid To Start Small

Dear Dave,

I'd like to slowly start a business online while working my regular job. But even though I'm in pretty good financial shape, I don't have much money left at the end of the month. I have no debt except for my house, and I also have nine months of expenses in my emergency fund. How can I start my business without borrowing the money?

— Kristin

Dear Kristin,

I like where your head is. Start and run your business with cash. Period. Even if it takes a little while to get

Dave Ramsey Says

things off the ground. That should be a guideline for every entrepreneur.

But guess what? You may have more money on hand than you think. You're a little heavy on your emergency fund right now. I recommend people have three to six months of expenses set aside for emergencies. You could back your emergency fund down to six months of expenses, and move the extra over to an account designated for your business. After that, grow it slowly each month until you have enough to open your doors. You'd be surprised how much cash will pile up, even if you save just a little bit at a time.

The big thing, Kirsten, is don't be afraid to start small. Don't despise humble beginnings. Some of the best and most successful companies in America started as micro-businesses or cottage industries. I literally started my company

on a card table in my living room. It's easier and safer in a lot of ways. So, I love the wisdom you're showing by wanting to keep your full-time job while starting the business online.

So, yeah. Take three or four months of expenses out of your emergency fund, and move it to a designated business account. Watch your budget carefully, and keep spending to a minimum. Above all, don't take your business into debt. Grow it at the speed of cash. The best, most successful businesses don't outrun their money and other resources!

— Dave

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08347 Todd Rowe, 2660 Night Hawk Way, Camino, CA 95709 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Foothill Vending Services” 2660 Night Hawk Way, Camino, CA 95709. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023

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SPACE 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08446 PurSpace LLC, 9719 Lincoln Village Drive #504, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “The PurSpace Shop” 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2023

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PURSPACE 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08619 Ryan McCarty, 40854 17th West Street, Palmdale, CA 93551 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “The Market Real Estate/The Market” 1610 R Street Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2023

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ILLUMINATED 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08951 Mohammad Nawaz Tawfiq, 4029 Marconi Avenue Apt #86, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Bakhtar Fashion” 2922 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023

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BAKHTAR 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08785 Albedo Arts Community Inc., 2668 Ball Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Royal Sport & Dance Lab” 2668 Ball Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2023

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BLINKR 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08853 Chelsea C Stephney, 6430 Verner Avenue #13, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Safe Gatherings Weight Loss Management” 6430 Verner Avenue #13, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2023

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SAFE 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08599 Rosa Farfan Nunez, 3441 Data Drive #373, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “The Roses Cleaning Company” 3441 Data Drive #373, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2023

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ROSES 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09052 Jagdeep Garcha P.T, 3919 Rutlan Way, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Crux Rehabilitation” 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023

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CRUX 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09050 Jeffrey W Will, 7846 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “California Concepts/Will Hill” 7846 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023

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CALIFORNIA 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09057 Mazin Alhaidari, 5015 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “GUDEA” 5015 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023

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GUDEA 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09057 Kathy Dawn Mirrione, 2236 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “First Watch Evening, Overnight, Weekend & Respite Care” 2236 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023

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PROJECT 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08715 Anita Smedley-Brown, 2236 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “First Watch Evening, Overnight, Weekend & Respite Care” 2236 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023

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FIRST 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08745 Middleton Strategies LLC, 5750 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 225-J, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Middleton General Contracting/Middleton Property Management” 5750 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 225-J, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 28, 2023

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MIDDLETON 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08957 Iris Salon Suites, Inc., 11829 Delavan Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Phenix Salon Suites” 3160 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023

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PHENIX 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08957 Sorin Mocan, Julian Mocan and Evan Mocan, 8820 Ridge Hill Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Sorin’s Painting” 8820 Ridge Hill Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023

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MARTIN 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08965 Gail Ann Eby-Martin is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Gail Ann Eby-Martin to Gail Ann Helms.”

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 4, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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ROSETH 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09090 Judith Burrell, 2736 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “J Roseth Executive Coaching” , 2736 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023

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TASTY 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08966 Qingtian Inc., 3700 Crocker Road Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Tasty Dumpling.” 3700 Crocker Road Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023

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TASTY 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09117 Crawford Bros Inc, 25216 HWY 96, Klamath River, CA 95050 and Shannon Enterprises, Inc, 8330 Hidden Valley Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “CBSE Properties” 8330 Hidden Valley circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023

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CBSE 1-12-24 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV010813

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV010813

Olga Bakin and Valerii Bakin have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Semion Bakin to Sam Bakin.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: October 31, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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BAKIN 12-22-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV010302

Erich Simpson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ronin Reed Walkowsky to Ronin Reed Simpson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on February 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 6, 2023

Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court

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SIMPSON 12-22-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV001549

Kathy Dawn Mirrione has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kathy Dawn Mirrione to Kathy Dawn Schroeder-Creed.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 14, 2023

Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court

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MIRRIONE 12-29-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV012742

Gail Ann Eby-Martin has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gail Ann Eby-Martin to Gail Ann Helms.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 4, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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MARTIN 1-12-24 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES KENT CASE NO. 23PR000549

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Shelly Kerley, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Shelly Kerley 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 January 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Zoom; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Zoom Telepresence: <https://saccourt-ca-gov.zoomgov.com/join/9581829> Meeting: 16133529231

This matter is set for a court hearing/appearance using the Zoom Application for the above referenced date and time. 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/9581829> or Toll Free Telephone

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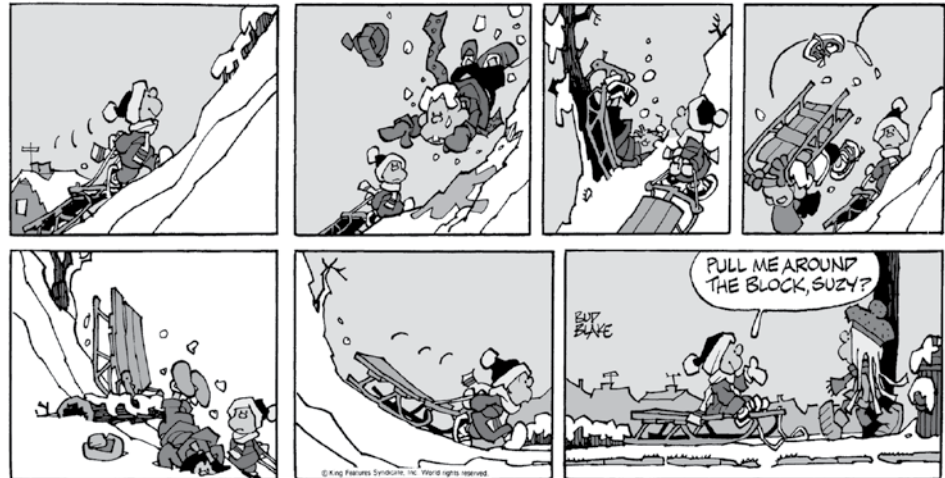
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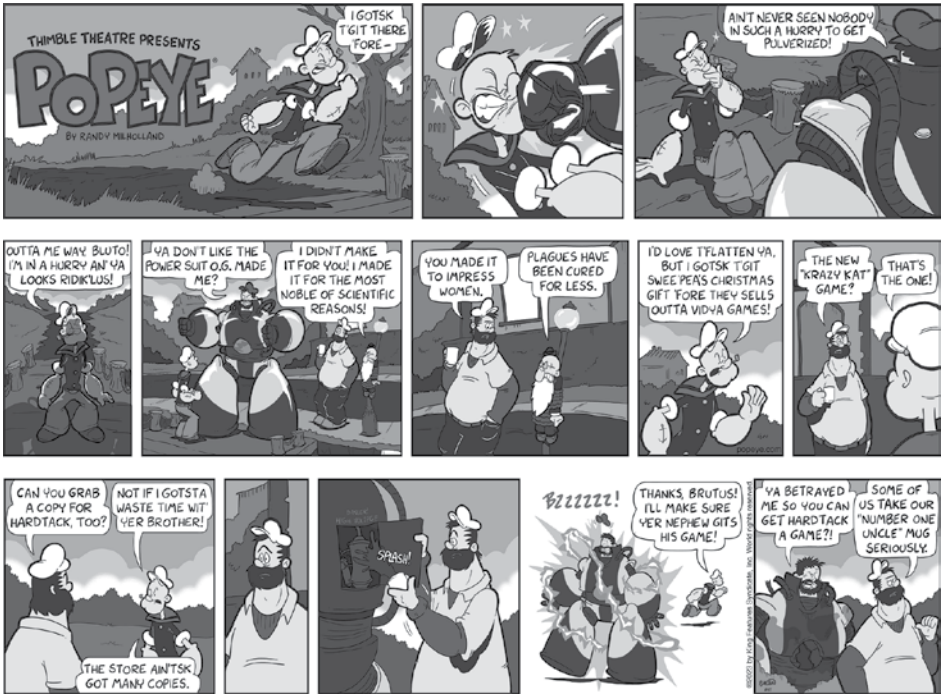
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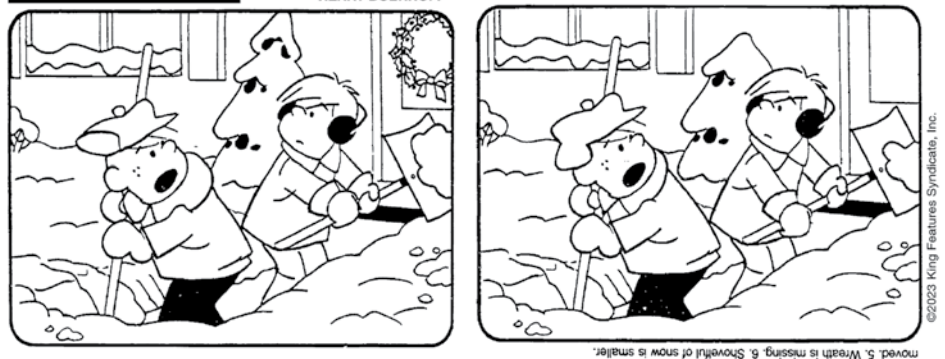
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A Budget Rollercoaster

By Alexei Koseff,
CALMatters.org

With tax revenues in a free fall comparable to the Great Recession and the dot-com bust, California faces a projected \$68 billion budget deficit next year that will require spending cuts and reserve funds to close, state finance officials said today.

The new estimate from the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst’s Office, released as Gov. Gavin Newsom finalizes his January budget proposal, reflects a substantially delayed tax-filing period this fall where collections came in far below what lawmakers expected when they adopted a spending plan over the summer.

This projected deficit would be a record for California. But officials noted that it is partly because the budget has grown so much in recent years — the most recent was more than \$300 billion — and that the state has closed similar or worse spending gaps, by percentage, in the past.

Legislative analyst Gabriel Petek cautioned that California is better prepared to respond to the situation than during the economic recession 15 years ago, because it has since built several multibillion-dollar rainy-day funds, though the state is also looking at a structural deficit of about \$30 billion annually going forward.

“I go with the word ‘serious.’ A serious budget problem,” Petek said during a briefing with journalists. “I would stop short of calling it a crisis.”

H.D. Palmer, a spokesperson for Newsom’s Department of Finance, said the administration will have different numbers when the governor presents his 2024-25 spending plan next month, but Newsom is preparing to address a significant deficit.

“Both the Governor and the



A California Analyst predicts a \$68 billion deficit. Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his revised budget proposal for 2023-24 during a press briefing at the state Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento on May 12, 2023. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

Legislature have a substantial challenge before them in closing a very large revenue gap in this budget,” Palmer told CalMatters. “The IRS, with the best of intentions, created a situation this year that is entirely new territory.”

Severe winter storms prompted the federal government to delay the income tax filing deadline for most Californians from April until November, and the state followed suit, giving an incomplete picture when legislators and the governor crafted the budget this summer.

It already accounted for a \$30 billion deficit, after two years of record surpluses driven by economic recovery and federal aid related to the coronavirus pandemic. But those collections were ultimately another \$26

billion below estimates — a drop of 25% from the prior year — digging a financial hole wbased on money the state committed in its spending plan.

This year looks weak as well, according to finance officials. California has been hit particularly hard by inflation, which pinched the housing market; a stock market downturn, affecting capital gains; and a drop in investments in the tech industry, which has pulled back on initial public offerings. Overall tax revenues are projected to be \$58 billion below assumptions in the multi-year budget window.

Though the Legislative Analyst’s Office estimates that tax revenues will begin growing again next year, the recovery is likely to be slow, opening up long-term funding shortfalls that

could affect essential programs in future years.

“There are enough options available to address this immediate problem,” Petek said. “Our high-level suggestion to the Legislature is just to be judicious about reserves because there’s a lot of uncertainty ahead, so preserving some of that resilience would be helpful.”

His office recommended that Newsom declare a fiscal emergency, allowing the state to dip into as much as \$24 billion of its rainy-day funds, and that legislators pull back on one-time spending allocations that have not yet been distributed, potentially saving \$10 billion or more that had previously been set aside for transportation, environmental and education programs.

Petek also suggested that

California could cut the deficit by nearly \$17 billion over the next three years by recalculating its constitutionally-mandated funding obligation to schools and community colleges, known as Proposition 98, based on the lower revenues. Though this would decrease the state’s base education funding over the long term, Petek said the immediate effects could be offset with reserves.

That option, in particular, could encounter stiff resistance in the Legislature. Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, a Hollister Democrat, released a statement last week, when it became clear that tax revenues would be substantially below estimates, committing to a budget that “protects classroom funding.”

Newsom and lawmakers are also likely to confront months of tremendous pressure from advocates arguing that their priorities should be protected in any budget solutions. Statements started rolling out mere minutes after the Legislative Analyst’s Office published its report.

“California leaders have stepped up before to prioritize Californians who are struggling to get by and they must continue this in 2024,” said Pete Manzo, president & CEO of United Ways of California.

Republican legislators chastised their Democratic colleagues for continuing to make new spending commitments in recent budget cycles even as it became clear that the economy was increasingly shaky.

“Hopefully, the supermajority will see it is time for a more realistic budget strategy,” Senate Republican Leader Brian Jones of San Diego said in a statement, “instead of throwing money at a laundry list of projects that sounds nice on the national television debate stage.” ★

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