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### **TEENS SUPPORT GIFTS FROM** THE HEAR



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#### BY JEANNE KUANG, CALMATTERS.ORG

Eviction cases soared across California in the year after the last portion of a statewide moratorium lapsed, a CalMatters analysis of court data shows.

The elevated numbers in some places beyond pre-pandemic levels show a significant portion of renters remain at risk of losing their homes, despite the state's rollout of a \$5 billion rent relief program during the pandemic and a yearslong pause on many

eviction cases that many landlords have said disrupted their businesses and income. A nationwide study published this year found increases in eviction filings are associated with slight upticks in the population of homeless people living in shelters.

The statewide moratorium was extended until June 2022 for those who had applied for rental assistance by March, barring evictions in cases where tenants had not paid rent and said they couldn't because of financial hardship wrought by the pandemic. The law didn't stop evictions completely — thousands were still locked out under various exceptions — but it dropped cases to record lows. After it ended, a patchwork of local protections for tenants kicked in for cities that had passed their own eviction limits, which then phased out later in 2022 or earlier this year.

Recently obtained data from when the statewide moratorium was lifted through the summer of 2023 show that in a dozen

of the state's most populous counties the average monthly eviction filings surpassed pre-pandemic averages.

Counties that extended local moratoria also are seeing waves of landlords seeking to remove tenants, albeit delayed until after their own rules end.

The post-moratoria spikes could reverse a nearly decade-long trend of evictions falling, both in California and nationwide. While the overall number of eviction cases filed Continued on page 2

# **Evictions on the Rise**



Eviction cases have returned to, or surpassed, pre-pandemic levels. Image by Sammy-Sander from Pixabay



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# Magic Appears at Shriners

Dale Lorzo's Magical Mysteries News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Shriners Children's Northern California welcomed the magical stylings of Dale and Elaine Lorzo, an eccentric and charismatic husband and wife magician duo. Shriners Children's GUM Pavilion is a space for kids to be kids, with toys, games, and entertainment. Dale and Elaine graciously performed a jam-packed hour of magical fun that delighted patients, parents, and staff.

During the Lorzo's recent visit to the Shriners Hospital For Children were Kyle and Ximena who were full of smiles while helping make colorful scarves appear. Dale and Elaine frequently bring their shows before schools, libraries, senior centers,

community events and

private parties. Being



scarves appear for them. He has been performing for audiences throughout the West including his latest visit to Shriners Children's Northern California. Photo courtesy of Shriners Children's Northern California

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### **United Way Receives Grant** to Create New **Job and Housing Opportunities**

Kristin Thébaud **Communications** 

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - United Way California Capital Region has received a grant of \$150,000 from the Sierra Health Foundation's Community Economic Mobilization Initiative to ensure future green job opportunities and training in the region are attainable

and accessible for all communities, and to create a strategic housing fund. "Historically, vital oppor-

tunities have passed by underserved and under-resourced communities," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "With California's unwavering focus on addressing the climate crisis, a pivotal moment has emerged for the Greater Sacramento community. United Way is dedicated to securing pathways to green job training and access, ensuring that this surge in employment leaves no community member behind. Through our partnership with Sierra Health Foundation and other statewide partners, we are supporting entry into the growing green job sector, a cornerstone in our efforts to uplift local families from the cycle of poverty. We are excited to work with our partners to promote a plan to develop sustainable industries and create

critical funds." Funding from the grant will also be used to address the Sacramento region's immediate need for housing. United Way recently formed the new Community Support Services department that includes housing navigation services through the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal program (CalAIM) for people on Medi-Cal who are unhoused or at risk of losing housing. Funding from Sierra Health will allow United Way to explore additional ways to take on the issue of housing in the capital region. The Community

equitable opportunities for all, and we are grateful to Sierra Health Foundation for entrusting us with these

Economic Mobilization Initiative by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation works to empower and uplift community organizations through inclusive economic development in their communities, cities and regions. The initiative's goal is to help strengthen the ability of underserved and Continued on page 3

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# **Evictions on the Rise**

Continued from page 1 post-pandemic remains far lower than the peak years following the Great Recession, researchers and tenants' advocates said they were dismayed that while the moratorium and rental assistance kept eviction filings relatively low for about three years, those state interventions don't appear to have significantly blunted the number of evictions sought afterward.

"We're facing the eviction cliff we tried to prevent during the pandemic," said Tim Thomas, a sociologist and director of the Urban Displacement Project at UC Berkeley who analyzed the data for CalMatters. "Being back to normal this quickly is concerning."

Thomas attributed the wave of eviction filings to a combination of state and local moratoria expiring, inflation and the recent expiration of several other pandemic aid programs that kept families afloat, such as expanded food assistance and loosened eligibility to stay on Medi-Cal.

Landlords' groups say the yearslong moratoria gave property owners no recourse when tenants failed to pay rent even when the economy started to recover during the pandemic and said lasting rental debt from the pandemic is leading landlords to now be more aggressive in seeking evictions.

Landlords can only file for evictions over unpaid rent from the past 12 months, but that does not forgive old debt, and tenants' advocates say there's little to stop landlords from applying newly paid rent to old debt. The National Equity Atlas, a research group, estimates that as of September, 605,000 California households owed a total of \$1.8 billion in back rent.

A state program that was open from March 2021 through March 2022 required landlords and tenants to apply for federally funded rental assistance to cover back rent from the pandemic before landlords could seek an eviction. But thousands who applied are still waiting for the aid to cover debts from that time period while the program appears to be on track to run out of money. Many landlords said they had trouble handling the program's red tape or had tenants who weren't approved for assistance for every month that they owed rent.

Tenants' advocates, however, also blamed recent rent increases for the high number of filings. Even in counties that haven't been governed by any eviction limits since last summer. cases filed remained above pre-pandemic averages more than a year later. Landlords who are subject to a 2019 rent cap law have been allowed to raise rent on tenants by as much as 10% this year, due to last year's record inflation, though some cities have stricter caps.

But in some counties including Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Mateo — the number of cases of tenants facing eviction increased this year by more than 10% compared to pre-pandemic levels, according to the CalMatters analysis. The highest leap was in Santa Clara County, where evictions filed in 2023 through August were more than 35% higher than in 2019, on average.

Eviction filings do not necessarily mean a tenant gets kicked out. But the court filing — known as an unlawful detainer starts a legal process with strict timetables that could result in a landlord being granted legal possession of the unit, allowing them to send a sheriff's deputy to perform a lockout.

The wave has swamped tenants' attorneys, most of whom work for understaffed legal aid organizations that represent low-income residents. Few tenants have attorneys in eviction court, compared to landlords who are represented most of the time.

The recent eviction case spikes put California in line with other Democratic states that extended tenant protections during the pandemic well beyond a federal moratorium, such as Oregon or Minnesota, Thomas said.

Kyle Nelson, a senior policy and research analyst at Strategic Actions for a Just Economy who has studied evictions in Los on how long it took for evictions to stabilize after the Great Recession, some counties should expect cases to remain elevated

for years. CalMatters obtained more than a year of data from courts in 19 of the state's most populous counties showing the number of eviction cases filed each month through August 2023, along with nearly a decade of corresponding historical figures compiled by the Judicial Council, the agency governing the state's court system.

In counties that did not extend additional local eviction protections after the state law expired, eviction filings began spiking the month before the statewide moratorium ended and reached their peaks in late 2022. But they remain elevated.

The court process allows for landlords and tenants to settle a case before it goes to trial, which could include a payment plan to avoid eviction or an agreement to leave.

But tenants' advocates point out there are numerous ways a tenant could also be "informally evicted," by moving out due to the threat of a court case. The filings data do not include those cases or show if a tenant moved out during a court case. Eviction cases are sealed from public view — but not if the tenant loses in court, making it more difficult for them to rent again.

Landlords' associations said most property owners only file for an eviction as a "last resort."

In eviction court in Sacramento one recent morning, tenants said the process felt designed to pressure them.

To avoid a trial, Keyarra Dunn made a deal with her landlord to stay in her apartment by agreeing to pay a portion of her back rent in the next four days, and the remainder — more than \$7,000 — in three and a half weeks.

Dunn, 23, said she knew of nowhere else to live if she and her four young children had to move out. She acknowledged that she had fallen behind on rent for at least four months, but said she was getting divorced, had been in and out of the hospital and spends much of her income as a car rental shop manager on childcare.

She said it would have helped to have had an attorney, and wasn't sure she could come up with the money in time. Because the settlement was made instead of a judge's ruling, it had all the force of a court order. If she can't keep her end of the deal, the eviction process would move ahead quickly in court.

"I felt like I had to," she said of making the agreement. "It was like, now or never, to pay a rent amount that I might not have all of."

California Divide reporter Felicia Mello contributed to this story.

Data compiled by Ben Christopher, Jeanne Kuang, Alejandro Lazo, Felicia Mello and Alejandra Reyes-Velarde.

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### **Grant Enhances CHP's Strategies to Combat Speed and Aggressive Driving**

**CHP News Release** 

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Speed and aggressive driving continues to be a

major concern on California roadways. Federal funding awarded to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will help implement safety measures to reduce dangerous driving behaviors statewide.

The \$2.5 million Speed Prevention, Education Enforcement Deterrence (SPEED II)

grant aims to reduce the number of fatal and injury crashes related to speed and the number of victims killed and injured in these crashes. To achieve this, the CHP will deploy enhanced enforcement and public awareness campaigns

Speeding and aggressive driving behaviors are a significant danger to the motoring public, pedestrians, and individuals using alternate forms of transportation. In federal fiscal year 2021-2022, speed was a factor in nearly 40% of all fatal and injury crashes in California. During this period, there were in excess of 28,000 speed-related crashes, resulting in over 400 deaths and more than 42,000 injuries.

"The receipt of this grant will enable the CHP to reinforce our commitment to road safety," said CHP Commissioner

Sean Duryee. "Through a combination of proactive enforcement and community education, we aim to eliminate the threat of speed and aggressive

driving, while making our roads safer for everyone."

During April 2021 to July 2023, the CHP used federal funding to employ educational and enforcement efforts to combat

dangerous driving behaviors. The federal funding allowed the CHP to conduct enhanced speed enforcement operations on state routes with increasingly speed related incidents. During this period, the CHP issued over 48,000 citations to motorists exceeding 100 miles per hour; collaborated with allied law enforcement agencies and posted anti-speeding and aggressive driving behavior ads on social media.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide safety, service, and security.

## Sacramento Tall Club Memorial Scholarship Available

By Thomas J. Sullivan

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Members of the Sacramento Tall Club (STC) affiliated with Tall Clubs International (TCI) are seeking outstanding eligible high school seniors throughout Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado counties to apply for their competitive annual 2022-23 academic scholarship.

The number of submitted scholarship applications dropped off last year, said STC Club President Harry Lehman of Orangevale. STC did not award a local scholarship for the 2021-22 school year.

"We wanted to take an extra step to reach out to all high school districts throughout our region in a focused direct mail effort, and through the media to make sure that both public and private schools received this year's application materials in a timely manner.

'We recognize that the potential pool of eligible scholarship candidates across the Northern California region is quite large, and we wanted to take all steps possible to encourage high school seniors to apply."

TCI divides California geographically into four scholarship areas with membership of the Sacramento Tall Club responsible for student scholarship applications in some 29 inland counties, large and small, north to the Oregon border, Lehman said.

Locally, STC has provided scholarship materials to high schools in the San Juan Unified School District serving Citrus Heights, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento city and county high schools.

"The TCI scholarship application process is now completely entirely online," Lehman said.

"Typically, high school guidance counselors are aware of the STC and TCI scholarship program, but many may not be aware that our application process has completely changed," Lehman said.

Individual applicants can upload their application, current high school transcripts, reference letters, and personal photo to the TCI scholarship website at www.sacramentotallclub.org/ scholarship starting January 1st where they will receive an immediate receipt email acknowledgment of their application and responses to any direct questions which they may have, Lehman said. STC scholarship applicants may also contact scholarship@sacramentotallclub with additional questions or for more information.

A complete summary of STC scholarship

application guidelines, sample essays and photos of current and past winners are also posted on the club website.

Every year, the Sacramento Tall Club awards academic scholarships to qualified and talented high school seniors who meet the tall club height requirements (at least 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men.) The annual STC scholarship award is dedicated in memoriam to former TCI and STC members, many of whom were big supporters of young scholars and their many talents and merits. Scholarship amounts can vary year to year.

Part of the scholarship application for each young person is to write an essay titled "What being tall means to me."

Completed essays, high school transcripts and all application materials submitted by area high school students graduating in the 2023-24 school year are due by March 1.

Local Sacramento Tall Club (STC) scholarship winners also compete for annual scholarships awarded by both Tall Clubs International (TCI) and by the non-profit Tall Clubs International Foundation. Annually, the TCI foundation awards scholarships of up to

While grade point average and test scores are especially important scholarship criteria, so too are participation in school activities and community involvement.

General membership in the social Sacramento Tall Club is open to men that are over six feet and women that are nearing that mark. "We wish all our applicants our best in pre-

paring their applications, and in their overall scholarship search," Lehman said. The 2023 STC scholarship winner will

be notified later in March 2024 by the club membership. All signed STC scholarship applications

should be submitted with a good headshot photo, preferably a senior graduation photo. Partial applications submitted online are not accepted, Lehman said. The club also has a donations link to con-

tribute to its scholarship fund at: www. sacramentotallclub.org/scholarship so that the dollar amount of student scholarship awards can be increased. Lehman said, "We're always looking for, and welcome support from the community to help the STC scholarship program grow and offer more scholarships to eligible students."

## Sac County Teens Support Gifts from the Heart



A group of dedicated teens from Inderkum High School chose to get involved with Gifts from the Heart as part of their Senior Project. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

#### Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) -Sacramento County is celebrating 35 years of Gifts from the Heart this year. A child protective services worker founded the program in 1988. Since then, the tradition has grown to support thousands of people in Sacramento County. Each year, dozens of volunteers donate thousands of hours. Volunteers pick up, wrap, and deliver gifts from November into mid-December. Sponsors also support the cause by donating gifts, money, and food.

This year, a group of dedicated teens from Inderkum High School have joined the cause. John Norboe, Van Froling, Tv Miramontes, Kaylee King, Jackson Norton, Mason Worrall, and Lindsay Jones say they are excited to give back to their community. The group chose to get involved with Gifts from the Heart as part of their Senior Project – which requires them to volunteer for a cause they are passionate about. The teens have not only volunteered their time, but they

have also fundraised over \$1,500 for Gifts from the Heart. They organized different events to fundraise the money. The cash will help provide gifts for foster youth in Sacramento County. The teens say they are privileged to be able to give back.

"It's a great cause. It's really nice to help out your community. And, when you hear about these foster kids that aren't really getting much for Christmas and whatnot, that makes you appreciate it. The least you can do is give back, and when we were given an opportunity like this for our senior project, I thought it was a great idea," says Van.

The teens are just 17 and 18 years old, proving anyone can get involved with helping their community at any age. These high schoolers, along with other volunteers and sponsors highlight our community's kindness and compassion. It is the people who donate their time and money who have helped Gifts from the Heart grow into a program that helps thousands of children, teens, disabled adults, and older adults in Sacramento County. ★

### **United Way Receives Grant to Create New Job and Housing Opportunities** community in decisions.

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BIPOC-led community organizations to leverage public investments to address economic disparities. United Way joins 43 statewide partners in the initiative that has awarded \$14 million toward community development and centering

"Economic progress is only meaningful if it's equitable," said Chet Hewitt, president and CEO, Sierra Health Foundation. "These partners will be at the forefront of California's recovery and climate resilience efforts for years to come."



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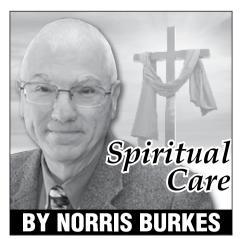






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The crowing of the barn rooster stirs the young parents and their newborn son where they sleep amidst steaming piles of hay. The boy awakens, batting the air and fussing for a feeding.

Mary pulls Jesus to her breast, allowing him the nourishment he seeks. The moment belongs only to them, so Joseph turns over searching for sleep.

Soon, the sun streaks through the barn's crevices, flooding it with light. The glare awakens the questions Mary sought so hard to keep to herself.

"Joseph."

- He groans.
- "Joseph."
- "What is it, Mary?" he asks.
- "Tell me again what the angels said." Joseph props himself on his elbow.
- "The angels said, 'Don't be afraid.""

"But, Joseph! How can we not be afraid? We're so young. We have nothing."

Joseph rubs his eyes, hoping to find the clarity befitting Jesus' stepfather. "I'm not sure," he says. "But maybe mir-

acles come from 'nothing.' After all, God made an entire world from nothing.'

Mary offers only a respectful nod, causing Joseph to drop his head in his open palms.

"You're right to be worried. I'm worried too," he says. "How will I provide for you

Mary reaches for Joseph's face, cradling it with a warm hand. "I love you."

It's the way she answers most of Joe's

His fingers trace Jesus' hand as a means to

answer his own question.

"This tiny hand will carry a hammer some day," Joseph says. Then he stretches his own hands wide as if to bracket the sign he

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envisions. "We will be, 'Joseph and Son, Galilean Carpenter Shop.'"

"According to your angelic friends," Mary counters, "Jesus' hands will also carry 'great

Mary moves Jesus to her other side and invites Joseph closer to share them both.

'Will he change the world?" she asks. "I'm not sure the world is ready for him,"

Joseph says. "They won't be, but it will be God's tim-

ing. Not ours." Mary counts Jesus' toes aloud, contemplating how to categorize him — man or

God — when she dares a deeper question. "What if God should want to take him

At first, Joseph seems unwilling to consider the loss of his firstborn, even if it were somehow God's will. He does his best to deflect his fear through two questions of his

"There's only one thing that really bothers me, Mary. Who are we? How did we get so lucky?"

Mary stares at the thatched roof in contemplative silence. She is absorbing that word 'lucky' when Joseph revises his

"Or should I ask, 'How did we become burdened?""

"Joe! Watch what you say!"

"Honestly, who are we to be trusted with so great a task?" he asks.

"We're nobody." She pauses a few moments before adding, "Or, maybe we've been chosen because we are everybody."

"That makes no sense," Joe says.

"Yes, it does. Everyone will have to decide for themselves what to do with Jesus – just as we did."

Joseph remains unimpressed.

"I'm not sure I can fully answer your question except to say, mankind is a part of God's plan. I'd even say we are his plan." At that, Joseph shakes his head.

"Goodness. Do you suppose God has a plan Mary puts the sleeping Jesus aside and

playfully answers Joseph by stuffing his tunic with a handful of straw. "I love you," she says, "but I have one

more question."

"What?" he asks.

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## **Giants and KNBR FanFest Tour** to Make Stop in Sacramento

Sacramento River Cats News Release

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, Dec. 14, the San Francisco Giants introduced the Giants & KNBR FanFest Tour 2024 – an evolution of their traditional preseason fan event. Known as a single-day San Francisco-based event, Giants & KNBR FanFest has transformed into a four-stop Northern California series, which kicks off in Sacramento at Sutter Health Park on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Giants & KNBR FanFest Tour will expand beyond San Francisco, providing opportunities for fans to interact with their beloved team prior to Spring Training in Scottsdale. This year's iteration will feature four events with current Giants players, coaches, alumni, VIP guests and Lou Seal. The final stop will feature a Spring Training-inspired Open House at Oracle Park with Giants alumni.

As a proud affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, the Sacramento River Cats and their home of Sutter Health Park will host the first stop of the tour on Jan. 20. At the event, fans will have the chance to receive autographs, participate in Q&A sessions, purchase merchandise, and much more. Scheduled to appear at the event is Rocklin, CA, native and Giants ace Logan Webb, along with other current teammates and coaches.

"We are thrilled to host the first stop of the Giants & KNBR FanFest Tour,' said Sarah Hebel, Sacramento River Cats director of marketing. "Player and fan interaction is an integral part of the Sutter Health Park fan experience, so River Cats fans will no doubt look forward to this extended opportunity to connect with local product Logan Webb among other Giants favorites "

Outside of Sacramento, the tour will also make stops in San Jose (Jan. 24) and Napa (Feb. 3) before concluding at Oracle Park (March 9). Giants tickets for the 2024 baseball season will be available for purchase at each tour stop, along with other special offers for those in attendance.

"We are continuously listening to our fans to ensure we are delivering what they want," said Rachel Heit, chief marketing officer of the San Francisco Giants. "With the reimagination of Giants & KNBR FanFest in 2024, we're giving Giants fans even more opportunities and flexibility to connect with their team, while improving and expanding upon a beloved preseason event.'

To learn more about the giants & KNBR FanFest Tour 2024, visit rivercats.com and click on the FanFest icon. Fans

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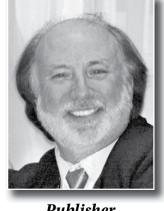
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### **Board Approves Regulations for Converting Wastewater to High Quality Drinking Water**

State Water Resources Control **Board News Release** 

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Further advancing the Administration's all-of-the-above Water Supply Strategy to make California more resilient to hotter, drier conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board approved regulations on Dec. 19, 2023, that will allow water systems to develop treatment protocols to convert wastewater into high quality drinking water.

The board's unanimous vote gives California the most advanced standards in the nation for treating wastewater to such an extent that the finished product meets or exceeds current drinking water standards. Known as direct potable reuse, the process will enable water systems throughout the state to generate a climate-resilient water source while reducing the amount of wastewater discharged to rivers and the ocean. In fact, recycling water allows water systems to add millions of gallons of additional drinking water to their supplies over time while avoiding costlier and more energy intensive water supplies.

"This is an exciting development in the state's ongoing efforts to find innovative solutions to the challenges of extreme weather driven by climate change," said E. Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the State Water Board. "On top of helping us build drought-resilient water supplies, direct potable reuse offers energy savings and environmental benefits. And most importantly, these regulations ensure that the water produced is not only safe, but purer than many drinking water sources we now

The final version of the regulations came

together over many years and after an expert panel of 12 scientists and engineers evaluated work by the board's Division of Drinking Water and determined the standards are protective of public health. Proposed regulations were released to the public in July; board staff gathered public comment and made adjustments based on that input. These revisions include added flexibility for alternative treatment techniques and clarifications about the collaboration among partner agencies on reuse

Direct potable reuse relies entirely on immediate, multi-barrier treatment that can recycle wastewater to drinking water standards in a matter of hours. This contrasts with the method currently being deployed in major projects launched throughout the state, called indirect potable reuse, which further improves treated wastewater over time through groundwater recharge or dilution with surface water. While no formal direct potable reuse projects could be initiated in California until the regulations were adopted, water agencies in Santa Clara, San Diego and the city of Los Angeles have launched pilot projects in recent years.

The newly adopted regulations comply with California's Safe Drinking Water Act, which ensures that the water delivered by public water systems in California shall at all times be pure, wholesome, and safe to

Once the new regulations are finalized through the Office of Administrative Law in 2024, water systems can submit plans for direct potable use projects to the board for approval.

More information about direct potable reuse can be found on the board's website.★

### **SMUD Partners with Cub Scouts** to Recycle Christmas Trees

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION. CA (MPG) - Give your Christmas tree the proper holiday send-off. Instead of tossing it in the trash, recycle it. You'll be doing our local landfills a big favor.

SMUD is once again partnering with local Cub Scout Pack 128, who will be picking up trees on Dec. 30 and Jan. 6, 2024, from their local area and bringing them to SMUD to mulch for free.

As one of the Cub Scouts main fundraisers of the year, they collect trees from residents in East Sacramento neighborhoods for a donation and SMUD turns them into mulch. This helps fund many community service and learning projects throughout the year for the Cub Scout

Community members are welcome to bring their trees for recycling themselves to the SMUD Corporation Yard, 6100 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento on Jan. 6, 2024, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., as well as at other designated locations.

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Kiefer Landfill\*12701 Kiefer Boulevard: Saturday, Jan. 6 & Sunday, Jan. 7 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Elder Creek Recovery & Transfer: 8642 Elder Creek Road, Saturday, Jan. 6 | 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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\*If you have more than five trees, you need a voucher and must follow Sacramento County's Holiday Tree Recycling Program rules for them to be accepted for free.

SMUD provides mulch for free to its customers for use in landscape projects, gardens, playgrounds, parks and homes throughout the year. To pick up chips, be sure to bring your own tools to load the chips and bags to carry them in or a tarp to cover a pickup load from 6100 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento.

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### California's Push For Labor Laws Can **Have Negative Consequences For Workers**



By Dan Walters. **CALMatters.org** 

When the federal government and state governments passed laws governing wages, working hours and other workplace conditions prior to World War II, agricultural labor was exempted.

Many years later, after the 40-hour work week became standard, California's Industrial Welfare Commission decreed that farmworkers could work up to 10 hours a day or six days a week before overtime pay kicked in.

In 2016, however, years of lobbying by unions and other groups finally paid off when the Legislature decreed that the eight-hour day and 40-hour work week for agricultural labor would be phased in. Then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed the legislation, Assembly Bill 1066, despite warnings from farm groups that it would disrupt their industry.

Recently, the University of California's Cooperative Extension branch, which researches agricultural issues, released a study indicating that having a 40-hour work week has not been as beneficial to farmworkers as its sponsors promised.

Alexandra Hill, an assistant professor at UC Berkeley, concluded that many workers who had hoped for a cornucopia of overtime pay saw their incomes reduced when employers limited them to 40 hours a week. Her study found that many workers experienced reductions in the \$100-\$200 range each week because farmers could not automatically pass on overtime costs to their

"It's really important to think carefully about how we can best implement policies that really benefit the people that we're trying to (help)," Hill told The Sacramento Bee.

Hill's research exemplifies the phenomenon of unanticipated consequences that often afflicts political actions. Legislators may have thought they could help farmworkers by giving them a 40-hour workweek but failed to consider the potential downsides when applied in the real world.

In recent years, the Legislature has been particularly prone to passing laws affecting workplace conditions - not surprisingly, given the close relationship between the Capitol's dominant Democrats and labor unions, which seek benefits they are unable to achieve in unionization drives or negotiations with employers.

The most spectacular example was 2019 legislation that severely limited employers' ability to use contractors, in effect converting several million workers to payroll employees.

Hill's study was released just months after the Legislature had set new minimum wages for the fast food and medical care industries, \$20 per hour for the former and \$25 for the latter, to dampen threats of ballot-box wars.

on farm labor, unions and other advocates of the new minimum wages said they would lift workers in the affected industries out" of poverty.

"Today California is putting a stop to the hemorrhaging of our care workforce by ensuring health care workers can do the work they love and pay their bills - a huge win for workers and patients seeking care," Tia Orr, executive director of SEIU California, told CalMatters.

However, there will be real world impacts.

Fast food franchisees will adjust by hiring fewer workers, raising prices or adopting more technology, such as the self-serve kiosks now common at McDonald's.

One effect of the health care wage bill has already surfaced. When it was passed, legislators were not given any estimates of the financial impact, but after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the measure, his administration said it would cost the state budget, which has a \$68 billion projected deficit, about \$4 billion a year split 50-50 between state and federal taxpayers. And that doesn't include the multibillion-dollar impact on private health care providers and insurers.

On one level, it's perfectly understandable why politicians would like to raise wages for some of the state lowest paid workers. But they shouldn't ignore the potentially negative effects of their actions.

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

### Sac Diocese to Seek Bankruptcy Protection, Facing over 250 Sexual-Abuse Cases

By Matthew Malone, MPG Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento will seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection next year, Bishop Jaime Soto announced on Dec. 9, as it faces hundreds of lawsuits alleging child sexual abuse by clergy. The diocese oversees Catholic parishes in much of Northern California, including Sacramento County.

In a letter published online and distributed to parishioners at local churches, Soto said he expects to file for bankruptcy protection in March 2024.

"It is now clear to me that the only respectful, transparent, and fair way to address the substantial number of claims by those who have been abused by clergy and other members of the Church is to seek a court-supervised reorganization. This process will also allow me to sustain the sanctifying, teaching, and charitable work of the Catholic community in Northern California," the let-

Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection generally allows an organization to continue operating while negotiating with creditors to restructure its debts. The letter noted as much and said parishes and schools in the diocese "would continue their operations uninterrupted."

Soto said more than 250 lawsuits alleging abuse have been filed against the diocese. Without reorganization, "it is likely that not all the abuse victim-survivors would receive a fair consideration of their claim," he said, with available funds being "depleted" in the first



Diocese of Sacramento, is seen in 2011. Bishop Jaime Soto has announced his intention to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on behalf of the diocese, in response to hundreds of lawsuits claiming clergy sexual abuse. Photo courtesy of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacramento, California by TravelingOtter used under CC BY-SA 2.0.

cases brought forward.

"Bankruptcy is a costly and lengthy process, but it also provides supervision and transparency for all the parties involved so that a fair resolution is offered to the victim-survivors of abuse," Soto continued. He expressed hope that the diocese would "emerge from this necessary, penitential exercise with greater resolve to be a humble sanctuary of holiness and healing for all the sons and daughters of God in Northern California."

Law Group Decries Plan

A law firm that represents people alleging clerical abuse, including cases in the Sacramento diocese, criticized the decision.

"On behalf of the many survivors who were gravely hurt, we react with deep disappointment in the choice made by the Bishop of Sacramento to seek bankruptcy protection from accountability," Jeff Anderson and Associates said in a press release. "We know from all the work we have done with survivors across the country that bishops and dioceses have continuously utilized Chapter 11 to shamefully protect themselves."

The release said other dioceses have used bankruptcy filings to delay court cases and prevent "full disclosure."

"The Diocese might change, but their motivations for filing bankruptcy remain the same - the desire to protect their reputation and their assets, no matter the moral expense," attorney Jeff Anderson said in a statement.

The Sacramento diocese is the fourth in California to seek bankruptcy protection after a wave of sexual-abuse claims under state Assembly Bill 218. The legislation took effect in 2020 and extended the statute of limitations on childhood sexual abuse, allowing much more time for accusers to come forward after reaching adulthood.

The other dioceses filing for Chapter 11 protection are Santa Rosa, San Francisco and Oakland.

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## California Slips in National **Ranking of Judicial Hellholes**

NFIB California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American Tort Reform Foundation today released its latest Judicial Hellholes report showing California now the third worst jurisdiction in the nation, a two-place drop from its previous perch at No. 1 in last year's report.

"It's nice to see California drop a few rungs on the Judicial Hellholes ladder," said John Kabateck, California state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the state's leading small business association. "But it wasn't because our Legislature tried. Business owners, especially small business owners, still are in the crosshairs of the most egregious PAGA, Prop. 65, ADA, and now Consumer Privacy Act lawsuits, which give trial attorneys full rein to sue Main Street employers."

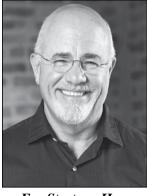
PAGA, the Private Attorneys General Act, comes in for justified criticism in the Judicial Hellholes report, the California section of which begins on Page 30, but just as troubling is the "Trial Lawyers' Newest Statutory Gold Mine" section (Page 33), which forewarns: "On January 1, 2023, the California

Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (CPRA) went into effect. This Act replaced the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and addressed some of the CCPA's ambiguities. It eliminates a business' 30-day window to cure, grants new rights to consumers, and increases business's

contractual obligations. It also creates the California Privacy Protection Agency to enforce the CPRA, which will fine businesses \$2,500 for violations and \$7,500 for intentional violations and those involving a minor. While the Act took effect in 2023, it applies to data collected beginning on January 1, 2022. In July, California Attorney General Rob Banta announced that his office was doing an 'investigative sweep' of all large employers in the state to ensure they are in compliance with the Act. Apart from the attorney general investigations, consumers can sue for cash awards following a data breach without proving an actual injury, making it easy for trial lawyers to bring massive class actions. The law also provides for treble damages and attorneys' fees, creating a large incentive for the plaintiffs' bar to file lawsuits."

From the Executive Summary, "Endless Prop-65 litigation targets a variety of industries and no-injury Private Attorney General Act (PAGA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility lawsuits bog down business. The state's unique Lemon Law is a gold mine for plaintiffs' lawyers and arbitration is under attack in both the courts and the legislature. California also is at the forefront of the environmental litigation battle."

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For Starters, Have A Plan

My mom and dad always told me to live within my means. As an adult, I've made some mistakes with money, including falling right back into debt after paying off everything. I'm tired of this rollercoaster, and I want to get control of my finances for good. Can you give me some advice on where to start?

Melissa

Dear Melissa,

It's frustrating, isn't it? But making mistakes with money means just one thing. It means you're human. We've all done it. Think about this, though. We're approaching a traditional time of the year for changes. On top of that, you're smart enough to have realized what you've done in the past hasn't worked.

Believe it or not, I was once in the exact same spot you are now. When it happened to me, there were three pieces to the puz-

**Dave Ramsey Says** 

zle that helped me break the cycle. One was fear. Specifically, I was scared to death that I wouldn't be able to take care of my family, and that I'd retire broke. Now, don't misunderstand me. No one should live their lives in fear. But a healthy, reasonable level of fear can provide needed motivation.

Another was disgust. I realized what I was doing was stupid. I was tired of living that way, and I made a conscious, purposeful decision that things were going to be different.

The third piece, and maybe the most important because it's connected to our spiritual walk, was contentment. We live in a society that's constantly having the idea that we'll be happier, or more successful, or more admired, if we'll only buy this or that product. We're constantly marketed to, and when we have this stuff in our faces day after day, we can become unsatisfied with just about every aspect of our lives. Don't let it drag you down. It's all just an illusion.

One of the things I did to combat this, was to start living on a strict, written, monthly budget. Also, I

stopped going places where I was tempted to spend money. You shouldn't give a drunk a drink, right? So, don't put yourself in a bad situation when it comes to your behavior with money. If you go wandering through the mall without a specific plan, you'll lose every single time.

When you go to the store make a list of only the things you need. On top of that, take only enough cash with you to buy what you need. If you can walk in and back out without buying a bunch of stuff that wasn't on your list, it's a win. Every time you do this, it's another win and another step away from your old habits and in the right direction.

You can do this, Melissa. God bless you.

Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08662 Alberto Juarez, 4849 Tomasini Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Botanica Obatala" 9317 La Riviera, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2023

Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 **BOTANICA** 

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT FBNF2023-08820** Phaya Thai Halal LLC, 4310 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phaya Thai Halal" 4310 Marconi Avenue. Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 30, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08807 Fatt Catt Tattoo, 5159 Madisor Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fat Cat Tattoo/Fat Cat Tattoo 916" 5159 Madison Avenue. Sacramento, CA 95841, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08718 Gabriel E Costa III, 7307 Herlong Way North Highlands CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gabe's Ohana Auto Shop' 6807 30th Street Unit-C, North Highlands, CA 95660, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 **GABES** 

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08684 StarPointe Consulting Inc., 5150 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 101. Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Empowered Mindset Coaching" 10523 Fair #121, Oaks Boulevard Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 **EMPOWERED** 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08677 Marysol Laguna, 6070 Ehrhardt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Business Name(s) Fictitious 'Sol Interpreting" 6112 Demonte Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08719 KS Management & Consulting Services LLC 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08347 Todd Rowe, 2660 Night Hawk Way, Camino, CA 95709 is 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

Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 **FOOTHILI** 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08589 Taxtime LLC 7162 Fair Oaks Boulevard Apt 2, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TaxTime" 2701 Cottage Way Sacramento, 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

**TAXTIME** 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08361 Drew Berryessa, 9369 Emory Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Berryesco" 9369 Emory Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 **BERRYESCO** 12-29-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08564 Brandon W Kelley, Broadway Suite A, Placerville, CA 95667 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Classic Muscle" 3341 Fitzgerald Road Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08700 5228 Debra Bannister, Keystone Avenue, Sacramento, 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Butter Me Sourdough" Kevstone 5228 Avenue. Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 BUTTER 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08057 Roper Food Service, 4990 Rocklin Road #100, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jimboys Tacos 110" 708 E Bidwell Street, Folsom. CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October

Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 JIMBOYS 12-29-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08720 Old Roots Inc, 3305 Elkhorn Boulevard Unit 8. North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Old Roots" Elkhorn Boulevard Unit 8, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08447 Vera Lewis, 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Space 9 Collective" 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024

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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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08619 Ryan McCarty, 40854 17th West Street, Palmdale, CA 93551 is doing business under the Business Name(s) **Fictitious** "The Market Real Estate/The Market" 1610 R Street Suite 280. Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024 MARKET 1-5-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08939 Daphni Ames, 6617 Filbert Avenue. Orangevale, 95662 is doing business unthe Fictitious Business Name(s) "Illuminated Images by 6617 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08951 Mohammad Nawaz 4029 Marconi Avenue Apt #86 Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Rusiness Name(s) "Bakhtar Fashion" 2922 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5,

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) "Roval Sport & Dance Lab 2668 Ball Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08923 Blinker LLC, 1501 5th Street Unit 647, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blinkr" 1501 5th Street Unit 647, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08853 Stephney Chelesea С Verner Avenue #13 Sacramento, CA 95841 doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'Safe Gatherings Weight Loss Management" 6430 Verner Management" Avenue #13, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1.2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024 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 Řancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024

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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 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 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 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 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 "GUDEA" 5015 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024

1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-09054 Roberta Barth, 9313 Ridgeside Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "Project Coordinating Name(s) Expert" 9313 Ridgeside Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 PROJECT 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME **STATEMENT FBNF2023-08715** Smedley-Brown, Rancho Zinfandel Drive, 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 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024

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 Management" 5750 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 225-J, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 28, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08957 Iris Salon Suites, Inc., 11829 Delavan Circle. Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Name(s) "Phenix Business Salon Suites" 3160 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12,

**PHENIX** 

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1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08965 Sorin Mocan, Julian Mocan and Evan Mocan, 8820 Ridge Hill Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 are doing business under the Name(s) **Fictitious** Business 'Sorin's Painting" 8820 Ridge Court, Orangevale, 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024

SORINS 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 Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 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 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 **TASTY** 

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 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 1-12-24 CBSE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08930 Ray Acosta and Cathy Acosta. 4824 Arboleda Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "It's About the Wood" 4824 Arboleda Drive, Fair Oaks. CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024

WOOD 1-19-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09128 Tracy Dias, 4925 El Camino Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the

"Clear Vision Window Cleaning"

Fictitious

Business Name(s)

4925 El Camino Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024 **CLEAR** 

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09149 Diana L. McDowell, 2822 Londonderry Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "D&D Creations" 2822 Londonderry Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024 CREATIONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09130 Auto Discount Outlet, LLC, 3451 Longview Drive Suite 140 Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "autodiscountoutlet.com" 3451 Longview Drive Suite 140 Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09195 Mustafa Anan Liddawi. 2110 Big Sky Drive, Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yalla Yalla Hot Sauce" 5800 Madison Avenue #5. Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed

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with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2023 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024 YALLA 1-19-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-09178 Maria B Thomas, 9316 Los Torres Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Glow Mami Designs" 9316 Los Torres Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2023

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STATEMENT FBNF2023-09381 Cory David Hopson Jr, 9184 Blue Point Lane Unit #15, Sacramento. CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious "CDB Business Name(s) Apparel" 9184 Blue Point Lane Unit #15, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2023 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024 1-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09378 Villa Mosa Properties LLC, 311 E Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Villa Mosa Properties" 311 E Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21 2023

Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024 VILLA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME Berk Street Enterprises, Inc., 2377 Gold Meadow Way Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zion Healing Gold River" 2377 Gold Meadow Way Suite 100, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2023

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #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, 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 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 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 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on February 27, 2024, 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 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

**CHANGE OF NAME** 

#23CV012747

Darian Alexander Brown has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Darian Alexander Brown to Darian Alexander Wilkins. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 21, 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: December 1, 2023, Richard K. Sueyoshi Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024 **BROWN** 1-19-2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOYCE L. JIMERSON CASE NO. 23PR001699

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Joyce L. Jimerson. A Petition for Probate has

been filed by David Mott, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting David Mott be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the dece-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 24, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County Sacramento, William 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 obiections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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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 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: Terri L Cipponeri, Ewing & Assoc, 995 S Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453; 707-263-6400 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023, Jan 5, 2024 **JIMERSON** 

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF **ROBIN KAY MATTOS** CASE NO. 23PR001891

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robin Kay Mattos. A Petition for Probate has

been filed by Krista Michelle Talavera, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Krista Michelle Talavera be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the 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

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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: Ruby Steinbrecher. PO Box 2790, Sebastopol, CA 95473; 510-435-6356 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023, Jan 5, 2024 MATTOS

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HARRY GENE NITSCHKE, AKA HARRY GENE NITSCHKE, JR CASE NO. 23PR002040 To all heirs, beneficiaries, cred-

itors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in will or estate, or both, of Harry Gene Nitschke, aka Harry Gene Nitschke, Jr. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Soon Ja Nitschke, in

the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Soon Ja Nitschke 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 18, 2024, 1:30 p.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

vour objections or file written obiections 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

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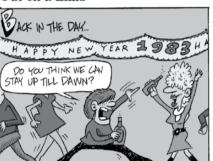
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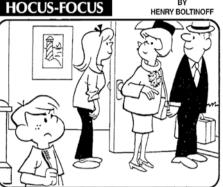




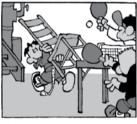
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1. NASDAQ's TSLA 6 Meme dance move

9. Feudal laborer 13. Plant louse

15. Signaling flare16. She turned to stone,

Greek mythology 17. Barn call

18. L in AWOL 19. \*Zodiac sign for those born on Hal-

loween 21. \*Ford "Zodiac"

23. Cash machine, acr. 24. Island

25. Short for although 28. Cul de \_\_\_\_, pl.

30. Owing something (2 words)

35. Argo's propellers 37. Mature 39. Passed

40. Guilty, e.g. 41. Presidential prom-

ises, e.g. 43. Those against

44. Waker-upper 46. Skin infection

47. King of beasts 48. \*1960s California

serial killer 50. Address a deity

52. Short for ensign 53. Hoodwink

55. New Zealand parrot 57. \*Fish sign 60. \*Half man/half horse

64. Blood vessel 65. This is well if it ends

67. Body trunk

68. Move like ivy

69. Grazing field 70. Plant with li-

quorice-flavored seeds 71. Catch one's breath 72. Trim the lawn

73. Roebuck's partner DOWN

1. Sun kisses 2. Colossal

3. Pest command

4. \*Zodiac sign or Don DeLillo's 1988 novel 5. One who is skilled at

something

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years \_\_\_\_"
8. Dora the Explorer's simian friend

9. Court petitioner

10. Genesis twin

11. RPMs 12. Extra charge

15. Like a native speaker 20. Insect, post-metamorphosis 22. Prince in Disney's

"Aladdin" movie

24. Heavy hydrogen, e.g. 25. \*Birthstone for some

born under Scorpio or Sagittarius

26. Hello, alt. sp.

27. Mountain nymph 29. \*Cancer crustacean

31. Lentil soup

32. Golfer Els 33. Take a chance (2 words)

34. \*Gemini 36. Delhi dress 38. Sound of a fan

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42. Satisfy, as in thirst

45. Eccentric one 49. Pool tool

51. Gossipy ones 54. Religious song

56. Make amends 57. Skin opening 58. Wraths

59. Proofreader's mark

60. Old-fashioned bathtub

61. Vocal piece for one 62. Brezhnev's domain

63. Fish eggs, pl. 64. Acronym, abbr. 66. \*#47 Across, in the sky

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## **David Villanueva Appointed County Executive**



Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to appoint Assistant County Executive David Villanueva as County Executive. The appointment is effective January 28,

2024. "I am pleased to announce that the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to appoint David Villanueva as County Executive," said Board Chair and Third District Supervisor Rich Desmond. "David's career has been dedicated to public service with Sacramento County and the State of California, with which he has had extensive senior management and executive management experience.

"The County as an organization has made tremendous progress over the last three years. We are confident this

will continue under David's leadership. David brings a unique combination of business, accounting and technology skills to this role, and he has shown in practice that his decisions are guided by honesty, integrity and a passion for service and transparency."

Appointed Assistant County Executive last May, Villanueva has been serving as Deputy County Executive for the Administrative Services Agency since 2011. Prior to that, he began his County service as Chief Information Officer/ Director of the Department of Technology in 2008. Before his County service, Villanueva was the Deputy Director/Chief Information Officer for the California Department of General Services.

"I am deeply honored and grateful for the trust placed in me by the Board of Supervisors in appointing me as the County Executive," said Villanueva. "This opportunity to serve our community is both a privilege and a responsibility that I undertake with great dedication. I am committed to fostering a culture of transparency, collaboration, and customer service excellence within our organization.

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"In the spirit of public service, I look forward to collaborating with our dedicated team and community stakeholders to continue to build a County government that is responsive, accountable, and committed to making a positive impact in the lives of our residents."

During his tenure at the County, Villanueva implemented a number of initiatives. Most recently, he led the County's new Leadership Development Academy program, designed to enhance leadership skills, learn global trends impacting leadership and sustain positive changes in the organization. He also implemented his Agency's departments in the County's Organizational Culture Change Initiative and managed the formation of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force.

Villanueva is a longtime member and the current Chair of the Board of Trustees for Plumas Lake School District. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from California State University, Sacramento, and recently completed the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

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