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Carmichael's iconic water tower is a sentinel near a newly established salmon nesting habitat near Ancil Hoffman Park. Biologists Maeghen Wedgeworth and Matt Ziemer drop markers prior to measuring underwater nests.

**Story and photos
by Susan Maxwell
Skinner**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Within weeks of a \$3.6 million Water Forum project completion in October, giant chinook were spawning in new gravel beds beside Ancil Hoffman Park.

At the peak of the fall American River salmon run, biologists commissioned by the Forum counted more than 100 new redds (nests) in river reaches that have been less than hospitable for spawning for decades. Salmon were digging nurseries when this reporter joined the survey of six augmented acres at



Adult salmon die soon after reproducing. Biologists Maeghen Wedgeworth and Matt Ziemer examine a chinook corpse in river shallows.

Upper River Bend. After salmon, steelhead will use the same breeding habitat. Another species benefitted by the project is Pacific Lamprey, that breed in the same habitat.

“Monitoring is

important” explains Kirsten Sellheim, senior scientist for Cramer Fish Sciences. “We bring what we learn into the next project design. In spring, we’ll do more monitoring here to learn how juvenile fish

are using side channels that were part of this project.

“River bend is further downstream from most of the Water Forum’s past projects. Close to Nimbus Dam, spawning areas get crowded; this can reduce embryo survival. With the River Bend project, we’re trying to spread out spawning opportunities. It’s likely that greater reproduction success could occur in less crowded areas.”

Begun in August, the ten-week gravel-moving project continued Federal and State-funded efforts to aid salmonids. At the end of their lifecycles, these threatened species must have movable stones

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Evictions on the Rise

**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 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

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The Paid Sick Day Dilemma

**By Sameea Kamal,
CALMatters.org**

California workers will be guaranteed five paid sick days a year starting Jan. 1, up from the three days that employers are currently required to provide, thanks to Senate Bill 616.

The bill, authored by Long Beach Democratic Sen. Lena Gonzalez, also extends protections against retaliation to workers who are in a union, but excludes provisions that would have granted railroad employees access to unpaid sick leave.

It was a significant, but partial victory for proponents, including advocacy groups for families and women and dozens of unions. They originally sought seven days, but the final version was reduced in negotiations during the legislative process.

The California Work & Family Coalition hailed the law — one of



The National Federation of Independent Business lists the new law among its top five “compliance headaches” for California’s small business owners. Photo courtesy of Marcus-Aurelius Pexels

several measures last session aimed at improving work-life balance — as “a commonsense change.”

But trade associations representing various industries such as the California Grocers Association and California Hotel & Lodging Association, as

well as chamber of commerce groups throughout the state, argued that the law would hurt small businesses that have not recovered from the pandemic, are now dealing with inflation and can’t afford the additional cost of covering for sick workers.

The National Federation of Independent Business lists the new law among its top five “compliance headaches” for California’s small business owners in 2024, along with SB 848, which makes it unlawful for employers to refuse as

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Evictions on the Rise

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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 Angeles County, said based on



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

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.

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CHP Highlights New Traffic Safety Laws

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws referenced below take effect on Jan. 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

Vehicles: Registration AB 256 (Dixon)

Existing law requires current month and year tabs to be displayed on the registered vehicle's rear license plate. Beginning July 1, 2024, and until Jan. 1, 2030, a violation of vehicle registration shall not be the sole basis for any enforcement action before the second month *after* the month of expiration of a vehicle's registration. However, if a vehicle is stopped for any other Vehicle Code violation, enforcement action for a violation of vehicle registration may be taken before the second month *following* the month of expiration. Late registration fees from the Department of Motor Vehicles will still apply.

Vehicle Removal: Expired Registration (AB 925, Ta)

Requires a peace officer or traffic enforcement official to verify the lack of current vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles before towing a vehicle for expired registration longer than six months and prohibits the vehicle from being towed if the officer or traffic enforcement official does not have immediate access to those records.

Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program - AB 645 (Friedman)

The cities of Los Angeles, Oakland, San Jose, Glendale, Long Beach, and the City and County of San Francisco may install a limited number of cameras to enforce speed limits for a five-year pilot period in school

zones and designated "safety corridors" – locations that have a high occurrence of fatal and

injury crashes – and areas known for illegal street racing. Recorded violations will be subject to a civil penalty.

Vehicles: Stopping, Standing, and Parking - AB 413 (Lee)

Designed to increase visibility at crosswalks, this law prohibits parking or stopping a vehicle along a curb at least 20 feet from a marked crosswalk or 15 feet of a crosswalk where a curb extension is present. The regulation only applies to the side of the road of the vehicle's approach to the crosswalk. Local jurisdictions may establish different distances through local

ordinances by marking areas with signs or paint.

Cruising - AB 436 (Alvarez)

The law removes city and county authority to regulate cruising via local ordinances. Additionally, the law legalizes "low-rider" vehicles to cruise California's streets, by removing the height restriction on

acting as an automobile dismantler. Individuals and businesses who have a legitimate purpose for having catalytic converters, such as repair shops, will be excluded from penalty.

Vehicles: Catalytic Converters AB 1519 (Bains)

This law makes it illegal to remove a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) marking from a catalytic converter. It also makes it illegal to possess three or more catalytic converters that have had their VIN markings removed.

Vehicles: Catalytic Converters - SB 55 (Umberg)

This law requires a

motor vehicle dealer or retailer to have the catalytic converter engraved or etched with the VIN before a new or used truck or car is sold. The law does allow for the purchaser to decline having the VIN etched or engraved on the catalytic converter.

Emergency Notification: Ebony Alert: Missing Black Young - SB 673 (Bradford)

This legislation establishes the "Ebony Alert," which allows law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate an alert for Black youth, including young women and girls between 12 to 25 years of age, who are reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, at risk, developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired, or who have been abducted.

Emergency Services: Endangered Missing Advisory - AB 946 (Nguyen)

This new law will aid in the recovery of missing persons who do not meet the

age restrictions associated with the AMBER and Silver Alerts. The new law authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP activate the "Endangered Missing Advisory" for public distribution of missing person information within appropriate geographical areas when specific criteria is met.

Vehicle Safety Regulations - SB 68 (McGuire)

This law authorizes the CHP to establish rules and regulations allowing commercial vehicles capable of carrying more than 500 gallons of fuel to exceed the standard 10 hours-of-service limit during Governor-declared State of Emergencies. The exception only applies for the purpose of vehicles transporting fuel for refueling aircraft used in emergency-related activities, including fire suppression.

Pupil Transportation: Driver Qualifications - SB 88 (Skinner)

This law will require drivers and their vehicles which are used by a local educational agency to provide pupil transportation for compensation, to meet certain safety requirements.

Vehicles: Zero-Emission School Buses: Signage - SB 775 (Padilla)

This law authorizes a school district, county office of education, or charter school using a zero-emission school bus to transport pupils at or below the 12th-grade level to place signage on the rear of the zero-emission school bus that identifies the school bus as a clean air zero-emission bus. It also authorizes the CHP to issue guidelines governing the size and placement of that signage.

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lowered vehicles.

Automobile Dismantlers: Catalytic Converters - AB 641 (Fong)

This law redefined an automobile dismantler to include individuals in possession of nine or more catalytic converters. Additionally, the law creates penalties for individuals illegally

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How Sac County Meets the Needs of Older Adults

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - California launched the Master Plan for Aging in 2021 to create a California for All Ages by 2030.

“We are all aging, whether we’re 10, 20, 30, 40, or 70, 80, 90, or 100,” says Heidi Richardson, program planner with the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family & Adult Services. The benefits of supporting older residents are the same as supporting all residents: a community where residents from birth to older ages can thrive, enjoy life, help others, and reach out for help when in need. “We think of older people as needing care and help — and some do — but we all do at points in our life. We want a society where people are able to say, ‘I need help.’”

Sacramento’s Growing Aging Population

According to the California Department of Aging, the population of Sacramento County residents over age 60 will increase 187% from 2010 to 2060. Conversely, the population of younger residents is decreasing.

“What’s going to happen in Sacramento County, in probably 2026, is the older adult population will exceed the youth population. That will be the first time in history that that’s ever happened,” says Pam Miller, executive director of the Agency on Aging Area 4. “There’s a whole lot of things out there that are happening for the first time that older adults are experiencing. I think the increase in housing costs, the increase in food costs, and your income probably going down because you’re older, it’s like the perfect storm for folks to need a lot of services.”

Agency on Aging Area 4 services cover Sacramento, Nevada,



“We think of older people as needing care and help — and some do — but we all do at points in our life. We want a society where people are able to say, ‘I need help.’” Photo courtesy of Kampus Production

Placer, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Agency on Aging, Area 4 supports older residents by connecting them with programs that can help with housing, food insecurity, caregiver resources, legal services, health care and more. Locally, housing, food insecurity and transportation are top issues, says Miller.

Planning To Meet Future Needs

In February 2021, Sacramento County joined AARP’s Age-Friendly Network of States and Communities. Created by the World Health Organization and implemented by AARP, age-friendly communities identify

eight domains that make communities more livable. Those domains include accessible and affordable housing and health care, transportation options, green spaces, as well as opportunities for social and civic participation. Age-friendly communities “help older people thrive and experience connection and joy in their life,” Richardson says. “Our goal for older adults — and everyone — is to thrive as residents of Sacramento County.” In 2023, Sacramento received a grant from the California Department of Aging to develop an Action Plan, the next stage of becoming an age-friendly community.

Aging And Disability Resource Connection

While Sacramento is working towards an age-friendly future, there are many current resources, programs and supports available. The Aging and Disability Resource Connection helps older adults and people with disabilities stay in the community by providing resources through information and assistance, person-centered case management and other important services. The goal is to keep people out of long-term care. Multiple community agencies and government programs are part of the Aging and Disability Resource Connection and work together to help older adults and people living with disability connect to services that are

right for them.

General Resources for Older Adults

Senior Resource Guide - Phone: 2-1-1 or 1-844-546-14642; **Agency on Aging Area 4** - Phone: 916-486-1876; **Aging and Disability Resource Connection** - Phone: 1-800-211-4545; **ACC Senior Services (includes Meals on Wheels)** - Phone: 916-394-6399; **Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services** - Adult Protective Services (APS) Phone: 916-874-9377; In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): Phone: 916-874-9471; **Resources for Independent Living** - Phone: 916-446-3074. ★

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And so a New Year begins with hopes of better things to come. So I checked in with World-Renowned Psychic/Medium **Mary T. Browne** to give us a glimpse into this New Year with a practical no sugar-coated Pablum, so we can be prepared for just about anything we have to face and make it through. **Mary T** has been on my POPPOFF Radio Show many times and is a real straight shooter. She has authored several books including **"Life After Death"** and **"The Power of Karma"** and **"The 5 Rules of Thought."** World leaders and celebrities alike turn to **Mary T** for counsel.

1. Americans will become more tired of wars and a majority will be against sending more funds to the Ukraine in 2024.

2. 2024 will see greater instability in the Middle East as the war between Israel and Hamas intensifies.

3. The economy will be bumpy and inflation will begin to rise again but not to the levels seen in 2021.

4. Global shipping interruptions caused by attacks on ships in the Red Sea will create supply chain problems resulting in price increases.

5. People will remain burdened by housing, energy and food prices.

6. Artificial Intelligence will have a much larger impact at a much faster pace than people are prepared for. 2024 will see a huge rise in the use of AI resulting in a greater loss of jobs than anticipated. Jobs will not only be lost in assembly lines,

store checkout aisles and fast-food restaurants, but finance, research, editing, law and sales just to mention a few. Fake influencers generated by AI will become more problematic resulting in confusion and political interference.

7. Governments will begin to work on passing laws to slow down the use of AI, but there is no turning back. We must learn to work with AI and it is time for people to become educated about it. 8) She sees more people turning to meditation as many are seeking ways to find greater harmony in this unbalanced world. She suggests that we use the word Harmony to help us if we find ourselves in turmoil. Take a deep breath and quietly say 'Harmony' and concentrate. This tiny exercise can have a remarkable ability to calm us.

We sure do have a lot to think about in 2024. The world is in turmoil and all we are trying to do is survive the wave of bad that may come to us every day. But I know **Mary T** believes that we can and will survive if we stay strong. I know we can make it through thick and thin if we just hold on to belief, belief in a greater power than we are and know we will be guided with a wisdom that will help us through these rough times. If you want to know more about **Mary T. Browne**, you can check out her website at www.MaryTBrowne.com. She is one remarkable force for good.

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Social Security Matters If My Wife Claims Now, Will It Hurt My Social Security Amount?



**By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor**

Dear Rusty: I am 69 years old, and my wife turned 70 early this year. I am still working full time. My wife is not working, but she got a letter from Social Security saying she should take her Social Security as soon as possible.

My question is: since my wife has reached her full retirement age, can she take her SS without it affecting mine when I claim? I plan to work at least another year, depending on how the economy goes (I may have to work longer if it doesn't get better). I have IRAs and a 401k to pull from when I retire. **Signed: Anxious Husband**

Dear Anxious: The reason your wife received a letter from Social Security (SS) suggesting she claims now is because her benefit reached maximum some time ago at age 70. Thus, there is no reason for her to wait beyond age 70 to claim. By delaying past age 70 your wife is losing money so she should apply as soon as possible. I suggest your wife call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or your local office) right away to request an appointment to apply for her

benefits and she should be sure to request six months of retroactive payments (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively). If your wife has a "my Social Security" online account, she can also apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply, but she should be sure to request six months of retroactive benefits in the "Remarks" section of the online application. Because your wife is more than six months past age 70, getting 6 months retroactive benefits will not reduce her age 70 benefit amount. Nor will your wife claiming her benefits now negatively affect your Social Security when you later claim.

Even though you plan to continue working, likely beyond 70 years of age yourself, you should not wait beyond age 70 to claim for the same reason – your benefit will reach maximum when you are 70. You can apply for your benefits up to 4 months in advance, and specify you want benefits to start in the month you turn 70. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to create your own "my Social Security" online account now at www.ssa.gov/myaccount, which will make it easier for you to apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply when the time comes next year. Applying online is, by far, the most efficient way, but you need to have your online account set up first to do so.

Just so you know, there is no need to worry that you won't get credit for work income earned after you have applied for your benefits. Even after you are collecting benefits, Social

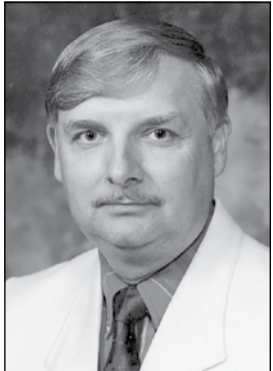
Security will automatically review your earnings each year when that info is received from the IRS (after you file your income tax return). If your most recent earnings are higher than those in any of the 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your benefit when you claim, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly payment amount. In other words, you shouldn't delay past age 70 to claim Social Security because you're working – you'll still get credit for those earnings, automatically.

So, I suggest that your wife take fast action to apply for her Social Security benefits to avoid losing any more money, and that you plan to apply for your benefits to start when you turn 70. There is no financial advantage to waiting beyond age 70 to claim, even if you continue working.

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MEMORIAL

ERICK STEVEN SPRUNGER • 7/28/1947 — 12/8/2023



As Rick's wife, Mary Jane Popp. I can truly say "It's A Wonderful Life" absolutely describes the life of my beloved Rick Sprunger. He was a great son, a dedicated and loving husband for nearly 53 years, a decorated Vietnam Veteran, and so caring that he always had my back for whatever I created from the most serious to the crazy antics I came up with. He was always there for me from being a cameraman for my TV work to helping me make my dreams a reality. He was a one-of-kind in all he did from writing scripts to producing award-winning films for the government. His creative talents always shined. Whatever task Rick took on, you could count on

it being done to perfection. To say he will be missed will never be enough. But we are and always will be soulmates forever.

Rick is survived by me Mary Jane, sister-in-law Mary Frances Popp, and our two four-legged kids Ice and Trekker. Rick was so dedicated to animal rescues like "Golden Retriever Homeward Bound." For over ten years, he helped

to retrain and let frightened dogs know they were loved. Rick cared for all creatures big and small. Also left to remember Rick is his great family of cousins in Berne, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held Thursday January 11 at high noon at Sierra View Funeral Home 6201 Fair Oaks Blvd in Carmichael California, beginning with honor guard presentation. For donations, please pick your favorite charity and donate in Rick's name. Of course he would love donations for any animal charities.

A piece of my heart is with you in Heaven my darling Rick. But our love will live on till we meet again in a better place, and share that special bond forever.

The Paid Sick Day Dilemma

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many as five days of "reproductive loss leave" for miscarriages, failed adoptions and other events.

The state Chamber of Commerce had the sick leave law on its "job killer" list and recently issued guidance for employers to navigate the law's complexities.

There's no federal law that requires employers to give workers paid sick leave. California became the second state in the nation to adopt a paid sick leave policy in 2014, but now provides less time than 15 states and many of its own cities, including San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

Upon signing the bill on Oct. 4,

Newsom said too many people were still having to choose between skipping a day's pay and taking care of themselves or their family members when they get sick.

"We're making it known that the health and wellbeing of workers and their families is of the utmost importance for California's future," he said in a statement.

This isn't the first time a sick leave expansion has been introduced, but the COVID-19 pandemic amplified the need. In March 2021, a new law required larger employers to provide as many as 10 more days for quarantines or vaccine side effects. But that benefit went away, along with federal tax credits that paid for it, six months later. ★

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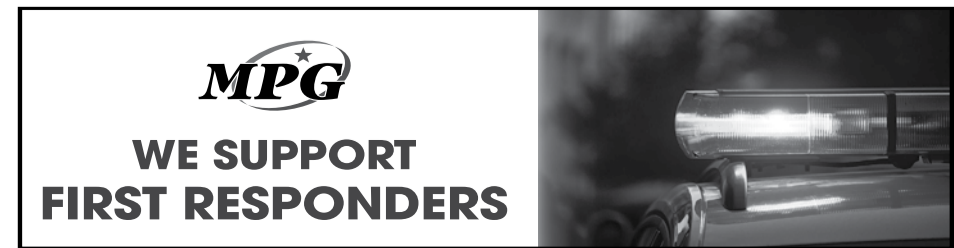
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Former Sergeant Found Guilty in Cover Up of Assault of a CSP Inmate

FBI News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A jury found former California state correctional officer Brenda Villa, 32, of North Highlands, guilty on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, of one count of conspiracy to commit falsification of records in a federal investigation and three counts of falsification of records, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

In July 2023, following a three-day trial, a jury found Villa guilty of perjury in connection with a federal grand jury investigation into the assault of an inmate by a correctional officer and the ensuing conspiracy to cover it up. The prior jury could not reach a unanimous verdict on additional conspiracy and falsification of records counts, and the United States requested a retrial. The retrial on those remaining counts finished today.

According to the court records and evidence presented at trial, Villa was a correctional sergeant supervising other officers at California State Prison – Sacramento (also known as New Folsom State Prison or CSP-Sacramento) when correctional officer Arturo Pacheco unlawfully assaulted an inmate under color of law. Several California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) officers responded to the alarm after the assault. Villa was the first responding officer to the scene and immediately took charge. The inmate was transported to the hospital but died two days later. As a supervisor, Villa directed the preparation of, and later signed off on, a series of reports about the incident that she knew were false because they completely omitted the presence and involvement of a correctional officer who had witnessed the assault, and who Villa herself had observed at the scene. Villa instructed the

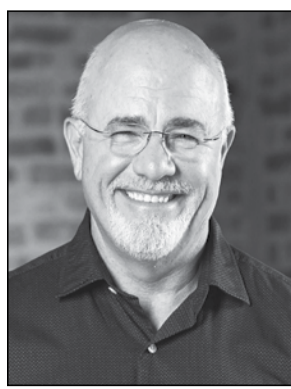
removal of that correctional officer witness's name from another person's report. The correctional officer witness's draft report describing Pacheco's unjustified use of force was never collected, and it did not become a part of the official record of the incident.

Following the assault and the inmate's death, CDCR initiated an internal investigation. As the CDCR internal investigation proceeded, a federal grand jury began investigating federal criminal charges in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's Office. In November 2020, Villa was called to testify in front of the grand jury about her role and the actions of her fellow officers in covering up the unlawful assault. Villa lied under oath to the federal grand jury investigating the incident.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael D. Anderson and Rosanne L. Rust are prosecuting the case.

Former correctional officers Arturo Pacheco and Ashley Aurich pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 12½ years and 21 months in prison, respectively.

Villa is scheduled to be sentenced on March 18, 2024. Villa faces a maximum statutory penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the count of conspiracy and the count of perjury. She faces a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count of falsification of records. The actual sentence, however, will 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. ★



But Will He Listen?

Dear Dave,

My best friend is having financial problems, and I'm worried about him. He's "between jobs" now and making less than \$600 a month through a part-time job. He says he's holding out for his dream job, which is about ten hours away, but even when he's working full time, he always asks to borrow money or says he's running low. He interviewed for his dream job several months ago, and I haven't got the heart to tell him he was probably passed over for the position. Is there anything I can do to help him?

– Garrett

Dear Garrett,

I assume that since you're good friends, he's willing to listen to what you have to say. There's absolutely nothing wrong with having a dream job. You just have

Dave Ramsey Says

to be practical and realistic at the same time.

This next part is more observation than insult, so I hope you'll understand. Your friend sounds to me like he might be a little impulsive and unrealistic. When it comes right down to it, maybe a touch immature, too. So, I think what we're talking about here is how to give your friend a gentle, well-intentioned nudge in a more realistic direction. He needs to open his eyes to some positive financial realities of life—like living on a written, monthly budget—and not making a habit of chasing rainbows and making excuses.

If he came to me for advice, the first thing I'd tell him is that the most employable people are ones who aren't broke. When you go into a job interview and you're broke, it's easy to come off as desperate and tense. That doesn't make for a very good interview.

The answer to that, when you're essentially unemployed, is to work any legitimate full-time job. At the very least, two, three or even four part-time jobs. Deliver pizzas, wait tables

and mow yards. It's doesn't matter what you're doing, as long as you're generating a livable income for yourself. Smile and be professional at whatever you're doing, too. You never know when you might come face-to-face with your next real employer. But none of this will happen if you're working three or four hours a day, and spending most of your time at home in front of the television.

I hope this helps. I hope your friend will listen to you and understand you have his best interests at heart. But if he doesn't, all you can do is hope for the best and pray for him.

Best of luck, Garrett. You're a good friend.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 Solutions ★

USDA Grant To Support Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Bountiful Foundation, the 501(c)3 nonprofit science, research and educational organization of the California Farm Bureau, has received a \$574,750 grant to support the California Farm Bureau Beginning Farmer and Rancher Mentoring Program.

The program has been named "Expanding our Roots" and is dedicated to supporting newly emerging agriculturalists in California. More information on the program may be found at the California Farm Bureau website.

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The funds will support the development and implementation of the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Mentoring program, which will partner with the California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers organization.

"This was a very competitive grant solicitation process that the California Bountiful Foundation pursued, and it is one of many examples how the foundation is supporting farmers and ranchers as well as helping us build our agricultural future," said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson.

The initiative will match 200 beginning farmers and ranchers with one

to 10 years of experience with agricultural mentors who have worked in California farming and ranching for more than a decade. Mentoring will focus on topic areas including market access, climate challenges, navigating the regulatory system, pest management and the business aspects of farming and ranching.

Beginning agriculturalists receiving support under the program will include military veterans and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Partners in the effort include the California Farm Bureau YF&R program, county Farm Bureaus, the Black Agriculture Working Group and the Farmer Veteran Coalition's founder, Michael O'Gorman.

"We are excited to implement this program and for the opportunity to support beginning farmers and ranchers who are critical to California's agricultural future," said Amrith Gunasekara, Ph.D., science and research director of the California Bountiful Foundation. "This effort will provide valuable experiences, training and opportunities for our young agriculturalists and mentor the next generation of leaders in America's most productive farming state."

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Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Intuition - That Little Voice Inside You



You've had it happen, probably more than once. You make a decision or take some action, but there is that little voice in the back of your mind telling you not to do it. Then later on, if it turns out you made a mistake, you'll readily admit that you knew you shouldn't have done it.

But you proceeded anyway, in spite of your so-called better judgement. Why? Is there something within your subconscious mind that is able to make better decisions than your conscious self? Everyone has that little voice called intuition. Too often, to our detriment, it's ignored.

Surprisingly, there are people who refuse to pay attention to their intuition, even when it's proven that it is correct. Repeatedly, these people ignore their better judgement only to continually make mistakes. There is nothing wrong with making a mistake. Ignoring guidance that could help avoid making the wrong decision is a waste.

Exactly how intuition works is not really known. However, its uncanny accuracy is proven time and time again. Some people develop a highly tuned sensitivity to it. Others block it out to the point that they are not even aware of its existence.

Your intuition is a special internal navigator. Your brain has much more power than you consciously tap into. It's capable of doing things you don't really understand. Whether you call it a gut feeling, a little voice, a nagging inside you, or a bad feeling is irrelevant. It is all the same thing.

Here's another example. Someone you meet for the first time makes you feel uncomfortable. You can't put your finger on anything specific. The person is pleasant yet you don't feel right. Your subconscious mind is picking up something you can't see. If you have enough interaction with the person, the reason for your uneasiness will eventually come to the surface.

You can develop your intuition. First recognize it exists. Next listen to it.

Your intuition works best when you step back and take some time to contemplate your situation while considering various options. Allow your mind to work to bring the best course of action.

Whenever your intention conflicts with your intuition, it's time to pause without taking any action. You first need to resolve why there is a conflict with your inner voice. If you proceed without further thought and analysis, you are increasing the odds for unfavorable results.

Your inner voice is there to serve you. It's your ally, not your adversary. People get into trouble when they act before they think. Often, they behave as if they are in a race with time. This haste is self-imposed causing them to act impulsively rather than prudently.

There is really no rush. It takes relatively little extra time to step back, listen to your inner voice, and fully analyze your various options. A little introspection yields big benefits. You don't want to lament having rushed into something.

If you analyze bad decisions you have made, you will probably find you acted hastily, didn't think first, and ignored your gut feel. This cycle doesn't have to repeat itself. It's easy to break out of it. People who reiterate this pattern invariably complain that they don't understand why problems consistently seek them out.

Everyone has intuition. Some have ignored it so long they don't realize it exists. Others pay attention when those internal alarms go off. You decide which category you want to be in. The more you use your intuition, the better it will get.

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It's A New Year, But California Will Continue To Struggle With Existential Issues In 2024



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

California enters the new year with its existential issues still unresolved, and a new one – an immense budget deficit – threatens to make dealing with them even more difficult.

California has made very little progress, if any, on narrowing its shortage of housing, its levels of homelessness and poverty remain among the nation's highest, and its population is declining as hundreds of thousands of Californians decamp for other states.

The Legislature's budget analyst has calculated that California faces a \$68 billion gap between revenue and already programmed spending over a three-year period that began in 2022. Annual deficits in the \$30 billion range thereafter.

Next week, Gov. Gavin Newsom will quantify his version of the yawning gap and how he proposes to close it, touching off six months of negotiations with the Legislature on a 2024-25 budget.

It will dominate election-year discourse in California and complicate Newsom's simultaneous efforts to expand his national political image by portraying California as a model of compassionate and effective governance that should be emulated elsewhere.

Newsom and other statewide officials – Democrats all – will not be on the ballot this year, and it's certain that Democrats will continue to enjoy supermajorities in both legislative houses. California's only electoral uncertainties are which of three Democrats will fill the late Dianne Feinstein's seat in the U.S. Senate and outcomes in as many as 10 congressional districts that could determine which party controls the House of Representatives.

The big election year action will be on a spate of high-dollar ballot measures, particularly those that would affect how Californians are taxed. While it's coincidental that tax issues are arising just as the state experiences one of its periodic budget deficits, the juxtaposition does give the campaigns for and against them an added flavor.

The most prominent tax measure, sponsored by the California Business Roundtable and other corporate groups, would make raising state and local taxes more difficult. If passed, it would require voter approval of any state tax increases and increase voting thresholds for local taxes.

Democrats and their allies, especially public employee unions, despise the measure, and the Legislature seeks to undermine it with a constitutional amendment – also on the November ballot – that would increase the required voting margin for measures that increase margins for taxes.

In addition to those dueling propositions, a third measure, also placed on the November ballot by

the Legislature, would lower the voting threshold for local taxes and bonds for infrastructure improvements. Having competing ballot measures on the same issue has become something of a trend in recent elections.

Those, however, are just three of the propositions that will, or could be, placed before voters this year.

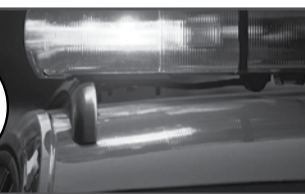
Three other biggies are: a business-backed initiative to repeal the Private Attorney General Act, a unique California law that allows private citizens to file class-action lawsuits against corporations; an oil industry referendum that would repeal the Legislature's imposition of a 3,200-foot buffer between oil wells and "sensitive receptors" such as schools and homes; and the latest of many attempts to make it easier to enact rent control laws.

All in all, voters will decide one measure on the March primary ballot – Newsom's mental health bond – and at least a dozen others in November. Competing interests could easily spend a quarter-billion dollars to persuade voters.

Interestingly – and perhaps sadly – none of them will materially affect the aforementioned existential issues that have come to define California in the 21st century. The chances are quite strong that when Californians look back on 2024 a year hence, those issues will be as depressing as ever.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08785
 Albedo Arts Community Inc., 95821 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
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024
 ROYAL 1-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08923
 Blinkr 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
 BLINKR 1-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08853
 Chelesea C Stephey, 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
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024
 SAFE 1-5-24

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
 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024
 ROSES 1-5-24

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
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024
 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
 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 Name(s) "GUDEA" 5015 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024
 GUDEA 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09054
 Roberta L Barth, 9313 Ridgeside Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Project Coordinating 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
 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
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024
 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
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024
 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 FBNF2023-08965
 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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 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 Roseeth Executive Coaching" 2736 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023
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 ROSETH 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08966
 Qingtan 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 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
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024
 CBSE 1-12-24

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 6, 2023
 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 Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clear Vision Window Cleaning" 4925 El Camino Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024
 CLEAR 1-19-24

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
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 CREATIONS 1-19-24

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) "autodis-

countoutlet.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
 AUTO 1-19-24

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 with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2023
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 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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 GLOW 1-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09381
 Cory David Hopson Jr, 9184 Blue Point Lane Unit #15, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CDB Apparel" 9184 Blue Point Lane Unit #15, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2023
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 CDB 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
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 VILLA 1-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09315
 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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 ZION 1-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09123
 Mark Dowling, 5559 Turnbull Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Round Tower Photography" 5559 Turnbull Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 19, 2024
 ROUND 1-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08808
 Edward Boitano, 8139 Sunset Avenue #110, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Folsom-Collectibles" 8139 Sunset Avenue #110, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2023
 Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
 FOLSOM 1-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09407
 Heather Peterson Family Therapy Inc., 507 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rooted Counseling" 507 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2023
 Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
 ROOTED 1-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09368
 Debbie Westwood, 733 Estates Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 and Deborah Westwood, 11427 Hesperian Circle, Gold River, CA 95670 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Westwood Family Cellars" 733 Estates Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2023
 Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
 WESTWOOD 1-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09383
 Seyed-Javad Masseemi and Fariba Saghari, 106 Canyon Rim Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M&S Consulting & Trades" 106 Canyon Rim Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2023
 Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
 CONSULTING 1-26-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 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
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024
 MARTIN 1-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV012747
 Darian Alexander Wilkins 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 persons 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 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 24, 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 your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Ruby Steinbrecher, PO Box 2790, Sebastopol, CA 95473; 510-435-6356
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023, Jan 5, 2024
 MATTOS 1-5-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HARRY GENE NITSCHKE, AKA HARRY GENE NITSCHKE, JR CASE NO. 23PR002040
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the 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 24, 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 your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Terri L Cipponeri, Ewing & Assoc, 995 S Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453; 707-263-6400
 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023, Jan 5, 2024
 JIMERSON 1-5-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUAN G. VASQUEZ CASE NO. 23PR002176
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Juan G. Vasquez
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sherri Wilmoth, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Sherri Wilmoth 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 February 7, 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 your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Rebecca H. Sem, 7540 Shoreline Drive, Stockton, CA 95219; 209-478-2000
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024
 NITSCHKE 1-12-24

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 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 30, 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 your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Gina Frisby, 5708 Alloway Street; 916-671-9359
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024
 DIAZ 1-12-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUAN G. VASQUEZ CASE NO. 23PR002176
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Juan G. Vasquez
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sherri Wilmoth, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Sherri Wilmoth 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 February 7, 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.
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 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: Rebecca H. Sem, 7540 Shoreline Drive, Stockton, CA 95219; 209-478-2000
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024
 NITSCHKE 1-12-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARNETTE ANN DIAZ CASE NO. 23PR000390
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Marnette Ann Diaz
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by Gina Frisby, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Gina Frisby 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 24, 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 your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Gina Frisby, 5708 Alloway Street; 916-671-9359
 Publish: Dec 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12, 2024
 DIAZ 1-12-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARNETTE ANN DIAZ CASE NO. 23PR000390
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Marnette Ann Diaz
 A Petition for Probate has been

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 Vasquez 01/19/2024

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
 CASE NUMBER: 23CV009805
 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
 All persons unknown claiming

any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the Property adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud of Plaintiff's title to the Property and Does 1 through 5
 YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Tracy K. Sharp.
 NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
 You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you

to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a

fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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National Average Price of Gas Projected to See Yearly Decline in 2024

GasBuddy News Release

DALLAS, CA (MPG) - GasBuddy, a PDI company, today released its annual Fuel Price Outlook with some good news for drivers: expect lower gasoline and diesel prices in 2024. The outlook highlights key trends in gasoline and diesel prices, forecasting that, after two years of above average gas prices, 2024 will bring relief at the pump for consumers as several factors contribute to less of a pinch at the pump. GasBuddy expects the yearly national average will drop from \$3.51 per gallon this year to \$3.38 in 2024.

Highlights from GasBuddy's 2024 Fuel Outlook:

Gas prices still could fall below a national average of \$3 per gallon this winter before starting to rise in late-February, getting close to \$4 per gallon as summer approaches, then mildly declining into summer, with hurricane season presenting uncertainty in late summer.

Drivers in some California cities could again briefly see prices above \$6 per gallon if major refinery issues develop during the summer, although most major U.S. cities will see prices peak at or slightly below \$4 per gallon in 2024.

Americans are expected to spend a combined \$446.9 billion on gasoline in 2024. Average yearly spending per household will fall to an estimated \$2,407, down 2% from 2023, and over 12% less compared to 2022.

Electric vehicles (EVs) and the 2024

presidential election have the potential to impact fuel prices in the year ahead, with a potential slowdown in the EV transition at stake.

Memorial Day will be the priciest 2024 holiday at the pump, with the national average price of gasoline expected to be \$3.56-\$4.04 per gallon on the holiday.

"As 2023 fades away, I'm hopeful those \$5 and \$6 prices for gasoline and diesel will also fade into memory," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The global refining picture continues to improve, providing more capacity and peace of mind that record-setting prices will stay away from the pump in 2024. I anticipate that we'll still have some volatility, unexpected outages and disruptions, and potentially weather-related issues, but I do not expect it to lead to record prices. Offsetting OPEC+'s production cuts is contributing to the rise of U.S. oil production, which now stands at record levels. Combined with Canada, North American oil production could further stabilize countries that have decided to curb oil production."

The outlook forecasts the highest prices will be seen at the peak of the summer driving season in May, with the national average potentially rising as high as \$3.89 per gallon. More uncertainty is expected with hurricane season in late summer. Diesel prices are also predicted to fall incrementally from 2023, peaking at \$4.13 per gallon in March 2024. ★

Here To Help with Your New Year's Resolutions

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - It's almost time to ring in the New Year and you may be thinking about your 2024 New Year's resolutions! Whether your resolution is getting healthier, starting a business, adding to your family, traveling or volunteering in the community, Sacramento County is here to help!

Get information about nutrition, immunizations, adoptions, quitting smoking, or seeking mental wellness services – in addition to many others – by visiting the County's Health and Social Services webpage.

Get more exercise by cycling the miles of trails at our Regional Parks.

Get a new furry family member from the Bradshaw Animal Shelter. If you want to help save lives but can't adopt, consider providing a temporary home for a pet in need by becoming a foster care provider.

Get involved in the community and volunteer with a Sacramento County organization.

If one of your resolutions for this year is to travel more, we have the perfect

solution for you: travel from Sacramento International Airport! With its convenient location and wide range of destinations, SMF can help you check off all of those dream destinations on your bucket list. In 2023, SMF added new nonstop destinations to Orlando, FL (MCO) and Nashville, TN (BNA) on Southwest, Miami, FL (MIA) on American Airlines, and Lihue (LIH) and Kona (KOA) in Hawaii on Hawaiian Airlines.

Get going on your dream of having a business of your own with the key steps to Starting a Business.

Get informed about your County's Activities, Attractions, Adventure and Entertainment.

Get yourself and your family a good emergency preparedness plan in place before an emergency strikes, and sign up for Emergency Alert Notifications!

Visit the Sacramento County website any time of year for much more on how the county strives to improve residents' quality of life by providing cost-effective public services while fostering economic health, regional cooperation and stewardship of community assets. ★

Sacramento River Cats Join GOAL Sustainability Movement

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats and Sutter Health Park have joined a collective of major venues in sports and live entertainment across

the globe as a member of the industry-wide GOAL sustainability platform to champion social impact, climate action, and responsible change.

GOAL, which was founded in October 2022 by Oak View Group (OVG), the Atlanta Hawks & State Farm Arena, Fenway Sports Group, and green building expert Jason F. McLennan, is a community of sustainability-minded sports and entertainment operators which provides venues at different points in their sustainability journeys with tactical roadmaps, easy-to-use tracking tools, a library of resources and case studies, and access to like-minded, leading operators, vendors, and solution-providers, all committed to operating more sustainably, more urgently.

Sutter Health Park joins a growing list of venues, representing legendary teams and iconic places of mass assembly committed to leading, learning, collaborating and, in all cases, making a positive impact on their communities and for the planet. GOAL supports each venue's sustainability journey through data collection and analysis in addition to providing sustainability strategy, communications support and corporate partner engagement.

The Sacramento River Cats and Sutter Health Park have been an active participant in implementing sustainable best practices which included the installation of stadium solar panels, the use of internal LED lights, and intentional recycling efforts across the organization which include a food waste diversion system. Additionally, in partnership with area businesses, the River Cats created the Sustainability Circle in 2015 to work collaboratively to cultivate sustainable practices and reduce their carbon footprint.

"We look forward to continuing our renewable journey by joining the GOAL sustainability platform," said Chip Maxson, President/COO of the Sacramento River Cats. "This partnership will allow us to enhance our industry-leading efforts and further our commitment to keeping our region beautiful and healthy for generations to come."

The venues within GOAL represent different sports, different geographies, and different building types of varying

sizes and ages, ensuring that the input and feedback is worthy of the diversity of the live entertainment and hospitality industry. Some venues are already leading the way when it comes to climate action, and others are just beginning their respective journeys. But in all cases, these venues are action-oriented, climate-minded, and understand the urgency required to address a changing planet.

Properties within GOAL include: Acrisure Arena (Greater Palm Springs, CA), Budweiser Gardens (London, ON), CFG Bank Arena (Baltimore, MD), Chip Ganassi Racing (Pittsburgh, PA), Citi Field (New York, NY), Climate Pledge Arena (Seattle, WA), Co-op Live (Manchester, UK), Fenway Sports Group (Boston, MA), Footprint Center (Phoenix, AZ), Frost Bank Center (San Antonio, TX), Gainbridge Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, IN), Los Angeles Dodgers (Los Angeles, CA), Levi's® Stadium (Santa Clara, CA), MGM Music Hall (Boston, MA), Miami Heat (Miami, FL), Moda Center (Portland, OR), Moody Center at University of Texas Austin (Austin, TX), Mullett Arena at Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ), PPG Paints Arena (Pittsburgh, PA), Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse (Cleveland, OH), Sacramento River Cats (Sacramento, CA), Spectrum Center (Charlotte, NC), State Farm Arena (Atlanta, GA), Subaru Park (Chester, PA), Target Center (Minneapolis, MN), UBS Arena (Belmont Park, NY), Wrigley Field (Chicago, IL), Xcel Energy Center (St. Paul, MN)

"Our collection of GOAL venues represents forward-thinking venues across the sports, live entertainment and convention industry," said Chris Granger, OVG360 President. "I applaud Sutter Health Park for their leadership, for their spirit of collaboration, and for their understanding of the urgency demanded by climate change. I look forward to working with Chip Maxson and his team, learning from them, and sharing the very best ideas and best practices with our industry as we race against the clock, together."

OVG's Sustainability Director Kristen Fulmer added, "We designed GOAL to make sure that the data points and thresholds for leadership meet venues anywhere along their sustainability journey, engaging – and without shaming – venues that are just getting started, while also enhancing efforts in venues that already make an impact in a variety of different topics, from waste diversion, to water conservation, to improved indoor air quality." ★



NFIB Releases Top Five Compliance Headaches for 2024

NFIB News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California's leading small business association today released its list of the top five compliance headaches hitting small business owners in 2024.

"California small business owners are no different from their counterparts elsewhere in the nation in struggling to find qualified employees and in dealing with inflation," said John Kabateck, California state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). "What does separate them from other small business owners in other states, however, is having to live with a Legislature that takes an almost sadistic delight in hamstringing them further with more and more regulatory compliance, and 2024 shows no letting up."

The five soon-to-be laws are: **SB 553 (Cortese) - Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. Effective July 1, 2024.**

This bill requires employers to establish, implement and maintain a workplace violence prevention plan and record information in a violent incident log, the post-incident response and internal workplace violence injury investigation. The log must include: the date, time and location of an incident, a detailed description of an incident, a classification of who committed an incident, the type of incident, including whether an incident involved physical, verbal, sexual or animal attacks, the consequences of an incident such as medical treatment received, whether security or law enforcement was contacted and the contact information of the individual completing the violent incident log.

AB 2188 (Quirk) - Discrimination in Employment: Use of Cannabis. Effective January 1, 2024.

Passed last year but going into effect on January 1, 2024, this bill amends California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) by making it unlawful for an employer to terminate, penalize or otherwise punish an employee for cannabis use outside the workplace. Existing law prohibits an employee from being impaired by cannabis in the workplace. One of the challenges for employers, however, is that since there is currently no

reliable testing method for determining if an individual is impaired by cannabis, the thresholding for proving such impairment is extremely difficult to meet.

SB 700 (Bradford) - Discrimination in Employment: Use of Cannabis. Effective January 1, 2024.

This bill amends California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) by making it unlawful for an employer to request information from an applicant for employment pertaining to the applicant's prior use of cannabis unless obtained from the applicant's criminal history. Takeaway from a recent NFIB California Podcast guest: Don't ask about an applicant's cannabis usage history. (NFIB does not provide legal advice. For legal advice about compliance with these or other laws, we recommend consulting with an attorney or human resource specialist.)

SB 616 (Gonzalez) - Paid Sick Leave. Effective January 1, 2024.


This bill increases paid sick leave from three to five days a year. Paid sick leave can still be front loaded and the current accrual methodologies remain in place.

SB 848 (Rubio - Reproductive Loss Leave. Effective January 1, 2024.


This bill amends California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) by making it unlawful for an employer to refuse to grant a request by an eligible employee to take up to five days of reproductive loss leave. The leave must be taken within a three-month window from the time of the loss. A reproductive loss event can include a failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, stillbirth or unsuccessful assisted reproduction.

Keep up with the latest on California small-business news at www.nfib.com/california or by following NFIB on Twitter @NFIB_CA or on Facebook @NFIB.CA.

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New Salmon Successes

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in oxygenated water for nesting and fertilization. To this end, 23,000 cubic yards of small-diameter gravel were moved from adjacent areas to form riffles and provide hospitable shallows.

The project includes a long, man-made side channel where hatchlings can feed and grow.

For millions of years, salmonids maintained their species unaided. The American River and its tributaries once offered 200 miles of breeding sites. Gold

Rush and damming alterations have reduced possibilities to 12 viable miles.

Dams don't just block spawning paths; they also bar natural gravel movement. "The lower part of the American River is gravel-starved," explains Water Forum Habitat Manager Erica Bishop. "Some salmon and steelhead reach home waters and can't find a place with the right physical conditions for spawning."

"Though the Nimbus Hatchery will always have a role in juvenile

fish production, our focus is to help fish complete life cycles naturally."

The current project wrapped just as the first migrating salmon reached Upper River Bend. Results were immediate. "Our first survey in October showed only a few redds in the area," says Sellheim. "Within a month, the numbers had skyrocketed. We know from 15 years of augmentation projects that we're creating suitable conditions."

As the early runners got down to business, more than 8000 new willows and sedge plants took root. As the river inundates, juvenile salmon use these tree structures to shelter from high water velocity and to hide from predators. Thousands of native wildflower and grass seeds will germinate and bloom with baby fish feeding on the insects supported by this enhanced riparian vegetation.

A 2021 Water Forum project supported a third of in-river

steelhead reproduction for that season. "Fish begin to spawn as soon as heavy machinery leaves the water," says Water Forum manager Erica Bishop. "We know the habitats we create meet their needs."

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 Seven Seas Seafood Mix 24 oz \$6.99/ea	 Pacific Surf Sea Scallops 1 lb \$12.99/ea
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WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

 Beef Rump/Bottom Round Roast - Bnls \$3.99/lb	 Beef T-Bone Steak \$4.99/lb	 Beef Porterhouse Steak \$5.49/lb
 Pork Baby Back Ribs \$7.99/lb	 Country Style Pork Loin Ribs - Bnls \$2.99/lb	 Chicken Leg Quarters 79¢/lb

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