

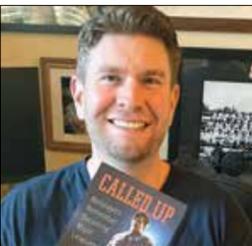


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The Sun is Rising on Public Safety in Sacramento County

A Commitment to Protecting, Connecting, and Preserving Public Safety

Story by Kristina Rogers

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On January 31st, Sacramento District Attorney Thien Ho gave a public safety address to a packed room at Clunie Hall. Guests included Police Chief Kathy Lester, elected officials, colleagues, community leaders, crime victims, and friends. D.A. Ho laid out his department's mission and here are a few important highlights.

To begin, since January 2021, more than 600 people have died in Sacramento County of Fentanyl. D.A. Ho explained those numbers are expected to rise. Most parents don't know social media is the leading platform for drug dealers. Counterfeit pills mixed with fentanyl are marketed online as "prescription pills."

Laura Didier was there to share her story about how her own son got access to one such counterfeit pill. It was Christmas break in 2020. Her son Zack was a straight-A student, athlete, and musician. He was a good kid, and parents didn't seem to have any reason to worry. Unfortunately, Zack went online and bought a pill marketed as a prescription Percocet, but it wasn't. He tried it once, and his father found him dead in his bedroom. It was a somber reminder deadly drugs are now easily accessible to anyone, anywhere. With tears, Laura said, "He'll always be 17." Heartbroken, she wanted



Thien Ho and Sacramento Police Chief Kathy Lester. Photo courtesy of District Attorney's Office

to make something good from this tragedy. Didier partnered with the District Attorney's office to promote "one pill can kill." Now she joins Thien Ho and Angela Webb to speak at educational school forums about fentanyl awareness. They plan on expanding their youth-focused program in 2024. To learn more about One Pill Can Kill and watch Zack's story, go to: 1pillcankillsac.com.

Awareness is vital to helping protect our communities,

but accountability is equally essential. Thien Ho is working with other District Attorneys to provide harsher sentences for drug dealers. The loss of even one life is too much to allow a dealer to walk away without real consequences.

He noted January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month. According to the California Department of Justice, California is the #1 state for human trafficking. (<https://oag.ca.gov/human-trafficking/what-is>).

The Human Trafficking Unit in the District Attorney's office partners with the Sacramento Child Exploitation Task Force (CETF), which includes the Sacramento County Sheriff, FB, and Sacramento Police Department. And while they aggressively pursue and prosecute human traffickers, child predators, and domestic abusers, there is a new outreach arm. Victims of these crimes can go to GetHelpSac.org for answers. *Continued on page 3*

Storm Season Safety: Evacuation Warning vs. Evacuation Order

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA - As a significant series of storms continue to impact parts of the state, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) reminded all Californians Monday about the importance of being prepared.

Extreme weather such as heavy rainfall and snow are contributing to dangerous conditions. To keep Californians safe, law enforcement issues evacuation warnings or orders ahead of major emergencies, such as weather events.

An evacuation warning means there's impending danger to your life or property. If a warning is given, assume an evacuation order will follow. Start gathering important items for your family and pets. Any individuals who need extra time to evacuate, or anyone with large animals, should pack up and leave when a warning is issued.

An evacuation order means there's an immediate threat to your life and you need to leave immediately. Follow all directions from law enforcement to ensure you and your family evacuate safely.

Leave as soon as evacuation is recommended to avoid being caught in flood waters or road congestion. In some emergencies, officials might not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate!

Officials will determine the evacuation areas and escape routes based on the danger's location, behavior, terrain, etc.

You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible.

Do not return to your home until officials determine it's safe. Notifications will be given as soon as possible.

When a disaster hits, you might not have time to gather necessary supplies. Pack a Go Bag so it's ready to grab when there's an emergency. Items to take are important documents, cash, medicine and important medical information, and phone charger and backup battery.

Plan ahead for your pets and know where you will take or leave them during an emergency. During an emergency, local animal rescue organizations work with law enforcement and fire departments to rescue as many animals as they can. You should also have

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Captain Joseph House Foundation Holds Fundraiser at El Camino High

Captain Joseph House Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA MPG - Captain Joseph House Foundation, which opened in 2022, will share information about the development, growth and status of the Gold Star Family program on Feb. 17.

This is the first such presentation in a community with a donor-rich base of support, according to Captain Joseph House Foundation founder Betsy Schultz. The foundation is in memory of Special Forces Army CPT. Joseph Schultz, her son and an El Camino High School graduate. Joseph Schultz was killed in Afghanistan on Memorial Day weekend, May 29, 2011.

The nonprofit foundation's mission is to honor



This photo of Special Forces Army CPT. Joseph Schultz and his proud mother, Betsy Schultz, was taken in 2010 when the El Camino High graduate earned his Green Beret in North Carolina. Photo courtesy of Betsy Schultz

fallen heroes through remembering and caring for their Gold Star Families left behind, according to Schultz, a Gold Star mother.

Within days of her son's death, Schultz recognized

that something was missing in the continuum of care for Families of our fallen heroes: the opportunity to bond with others experiencing a similar loss.

Forming the nonprofit Captain Joseph House

Foundation, Schultz donated her large "bed and breakfast" to the organization and began converting it into a respite home for Gold Star Families.

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Missile Site's TCE Spreading to Border of Active-Adult Community

Story and photos by Carol Feineman

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Remediating a trichloroethylene (TCE) plume that moved from the defunct Titan 1-A missile site in Lincoln to properties across the street and today bordering an active-adult community is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) priority.

That's what U.S. Army Corps' Sacramento District Deputy District Commander Lt. Col. Dianna Lively stressed during a Jan. 31 meeting with the grassroots Lincoln-based Titan 1-A Missile Site Environmental Contamination and Remediation Committee. Right before an Army Corps' public informational meeting about the former missile site's soil vapor and groundwater contamination, Lively and other Army Corps representatives assured the committee that the agency was working on removing the contamination.

Minutes later at the public meeting, however, Army Corps representatives told about 250 residents that remediation would not begin until at least 2027. Army Corps representatives at both meetings would not estimate when remediation would start.

The Titan 1-A Missile site at 401 Oak Tree Lane in Lincoln was one of 18 former intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) silo sites in California, Colorado, Wyoming and Washington during the Cold War.

Each Titan 1 missile site stored three missiles in the underground silos. Beale Air Force Base 851st Strategic Missile Squadron near Marysville oversaw the Titan I missile sites in Lincoln, Chico and Live Oak. Lincoln's missile site operated from 1962 to 1965.



Sun City Lincoln Hills residents looked at charts and information from the U.S. Army Corps showing a trichloroethylene (TCE) plume bordering the active-adult community. The residents also listened to a presentation by Army Corps representatives saying that more information was needed to determine the contamination's extent.

According to the Jan. 31 public meeting presentation, the Army Corps will place three soil vapor probes and a groundwater monitoring well at a church property located in between the missile site and the Sun City Lincoln Hills (active-adult community) border. The Army Corps will add probes and five monitoring wells along the Sun City Lincoln Hills border. The reason for the probes and the monitoring wells is because the federal agency "wants a better understanding of the amount of contamination in the area," according to Army Corps Deputy Chief for Public

Affairs Tyler Stalker.

"It's hard to say when everything will be finished," said Army Corps technical lead Matthew Marlatt during the public presentation. "We don't know yet."

Asked by the Messenger Publishing Group when remediation could possibly start, Marlatt would not answer and said to look at the meeting slide that described the CERCLA process. CERCLA stands for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

The project is in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) phase. Samples of soil, soil vapor and groundwater are collected and analyzed to determine the contamination's extent. The Army Corps expects to finish the study in 2024, followed by a proposed plan in 2025 and an approved record of decision with the state of California in 2026, according to the Jan. 31 public presentation.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the federal agency responsible for cleaning up the contamination and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is the state agency responsible for remediation oversight.

Eliminating the TCE "is not a fast process," said U.S. Army Corps Project

Manager Tim Crummett. "When the record of decision is done, there's always the unknown. Things don't go as planned."

The Jan. 31 presentation was the Army Corps' second public presentation on the Lincoln missile site's remediation efforts.

During the first public presentation on May 31 at Sun City Lincoln Hills, Crummett said, "We have a carcinogen in the groundwater. It's under the ground. It's not too far from you. It's in your neighborhood. We all agree, everyone in this room, we want it removed."

Crummett, at the May 31 presentation acknowledged that several Lincoln residents and the Army Corps representatives disagreed about the health risks and levels of TCE contamination in the groundwater. He said residents were not at risk.

Others, including Center for Public Environmental Oversight Executive Director Lenny Siegel, Lincoln resident and grassroots committee member Anne Constantin Birge, Lincoln City Councilmember Bill Lauritsen and Lincoln City Manager Sean Scully strongly disagreed and have pushed for remediation.

Exposure to high TCE concentrations can cause dizziness, headaches, sleepiness, confusion,

nausea, unconsciousness, liver damage and death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Army Corps included a fact sheet in a Jan. 18 email blast inviting the public to the Jan. 31 public informational meeting.

The fact sheet stated, "However, the data collected as part of the Remedial Investigation (2018-2023) indicates that there is no imminent risk to residents that live or work near the former missile complex as the impacted soil vapor is within undeveloped land to the southwest, and groundwater is not used as a drinking water source. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), the government regulatory agency coordinating with USACE on this project, concurs with this finding."

The grassroots Lincoln committee has said that the health risks are not from the drinking water supply, but from TCE vaporizing from the groundwater.

What Lincoln Officials Said About the Jan. 31 Meeting

"We were excited to hear about the additional testing measures that will be implemented in the very near term, which will hopefully give a better quantitative view of the contamination

and its spread or movement," said Lincoln City Manager Scully on Feb. 1. "...We consistently heard from USACE personnel about how important it is for the city and community to remain engaged on this issue as a partner in the process, so we will continue to advocate, participate and coordinate until remediation is complete."

Lincoln City Councilmember Bill Lauritsen had another perspective.

"The USACE presentation was disappointing on several fronts, although I have two main concerns. The first was the 'Area of Concern' or testing zone outlined within the yellow border on their maps. This 'Area' excluded Sun City, even though it goes right up to the Sun City fence and the area immediately downhill south from the already contaminated zone..." Lauritsen said. "My second concern is the timeline. If what I heard is right, the Army Corps of Engineers won't really begin remediation until 2029 at the earliest. This is not a pleasant thought. Developers want to build on this land and residents of Sun City are rightly concerned about the spreading contamination... We need to begin testing beyond the yellow line and push for a speeded-up calendar." ★



U.S. Army Corps' Sacramento District Deputy District Commander Lt. Col. Dianna Lively on Jan. 31 at Sun City Lincoln Hills said that cleaning up the TCE plume from a nearby former missile site is a priority.



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There, they can access organizations like My Sisters House, Weave, and the Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH).

The discussion moved to the fear and crime our local businesses and property owners are experiencing. It's not secret that retail theft has skyrocketed in California. The D.A.'s office is taking aim with a new organized retail theft unit. Not only are they focused on fighting the crimes that shutter our local businesses, but D.A. Ho is advocating for answers to nearby encampments as well. He noted that these homeless camps "put people between compassion and chaos."

To help people on the street get back on their feet, Thien Ho supports the development of a shelter model called Hope for Sacramento. This model allows anyone on the streets to get shelter and move toward sobriety and housing at a reasonable pace (hopeforsacramento.org).

District Attorney Ho knows Incarceration isn't the only solution to crime. This is why his office has another answer. Non-violent offenders will receive an opportunity at redemption with the new Changing Courses program. Instead of prison, those accused of a crime can choose to enter an apprenticeship program in the trades. If they complete the program, they can move toward a lucrative job, and a real future. D.A. Ho explained, "This allows them to change their course from a life of crime to a life of construction."

Still, there is another hurdle that our law enforcement professionals can't handle alone. Current legislation in California is one of the biggest obstacles to public safety.



Laura Didier sharing her story about her beloved son. Photo courtesy of District Attorney's Office

That is why Thien Ho and District Attorneys across California are advocating for a measure to be added to the fall ballot called The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act. Many law enforcement professionals point to Prop 47 as a contributor to the rise in crime across California. It's been ten years since the proposition passed, and they believe it is time to change things. Interested folks can review the petition details and how to get involved go to; casafecommunities.com.

The presentation ended on a hopeful note. D.A. Ho believes Sacramento has been sleeping, and although it's a slow process, she is waking up. The sunrise is coming, and our Thien Ho is welcoming us with coffee.

To review the entire presentation and learn more about the Sacramento District Attorney's office, go to: sacda.org. ★

Bera Releases Statement on Passage of Bipartisan Tax Package



Ami Bera

Office of Representative Ami Bera News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On the evening of January 31st, Rep. Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) released a statement following his vote to pass H.R. 7024 - Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024, bipartisan tax legislation that delivers

critical wins to hardworking families and small businesses in Sacramento County. The legislation passed by a vote of 357-70 on the House floor.

"Tonight, I joined a strong majority of members on both sides of the aisle to pass a bipartisan tax package that will make meaningful changes to the tax code to uplift hardworking families, empower small businesses, and bolster American innovation.

"The package includes several pro-growth, pro-family tax priorities I've been fighting to deliver throughout my time in office, including an expansion of the Child Tax Credit and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit,

incentivizing research and development, supporting small businesses, and strengthening our trade relationship with Taiwan.

"This package is an important step in the right direction that will put money back in the pockets of hardworking families. I urge the Senate to take up this bill quickly so we can get this tax relief signed into law soon. It's estimated that 16 million children will benefit from this package in the next year, including 49,000 in my district.

"Despite the dysfunction and chaos that has defined this Congress, this bipartisan bill demonstrates the progress we can make when lawmakers come together to find common ground." ★

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a go-bag packed for your animals with the following items: pet carrier for each pet, two-week supply of food and water, pet

first-aid kit, identification tags, vaccination information, medications and dosing instructions, plastic bags for waste disposal and leashes/collars/harnesses. ★

SMUD Powering Futures College Scholarship Application Period Now Open

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - SMUD announced February 1st that the application period for its Powering Futures college scholarship program is now open. The program awards up to 21 scholarships of up to \$4,000 each to undergraduate students who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Students must live in SMUD's service area or have a legal guardian who is a

SMUD customer.

The awards are based on academic merit and financial need. Preference will be given to students who have declared a major relevant to a career at SMUD. Some scholarships may also include a paid internship at SMUD for eligible students.

"The Powering Futures program is a catalyst for broader educational access and high-paying job opportunities within our communities," said Paul Lau, SMUD CEO and General Manager.

"We invest in the future generation because these students will drive the future success and vitality of the Sacramento region and our transition to an equitable clean energy future.

The deadline to apply for the scholarships is March 1, 2024. Scholarships are for the 2024/2025 academic year.

For more information about the SMUD's Powering Futures college scholarship program, visit smud.org/Scholarships. ★

Captain Joseph House Foundation Holds Fundraiser at El Camino High

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every military branch and from every state in the U.S. may qualify for the Family-to-Family respite program. A respite week, with up to three families meeting together, provides an opportunity for sharing a common love and loss, Schultz said. It is also a time to celebrate the life of one's hero and build new relationships that can last beyond the week at Captain Joseph House, located in Port Angeles, Washington.

There are no fees for the families, which includes roundtrip airfare, daily

transportation, lodging, all meals and recreational activities. Volunteers, in-kind, discounted services and financial donations to the foundation made it possible to open the doors of the house to welcome Gold Star Families in 2022, Schultz said.

"Your donations have been sincerely appreciated," Schultz said. "Fundraising will continue to ensure this opportunity will be available for Gold Star Families to participate in future years."

The Captain Joseph House Foundation's State of the Foundation

is from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 17 at El Camino High School Center for the Arts, 4300 El Camino Ave., Sacramento. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$25 per ticket and free for anyone 19 years old and younger. Tickets are available at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6232423> or <https://m.bpt.me/event/6232423> or at the door.

For more information, call 360-460-7848 or go online to www.CaptainJosephHouseFoundation.org or Facebook.com/CPTJosephHouse. ★

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How Will California Overcome High Living Costs, High Poverty And High Debt?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As most Californians know from personal experience, their state has an especially high cost of living, particularly for housing.

Forbes magazine rates California as having the nation's third-highest living costs behind Hawaii and Massachusetts, with \$53,171 a year in average household spending for housing, health care, taxes, food and transportation.

California also has the nation's fourth-highest level of income disparity, which explains why it also has the nation's highest level of poverty in the Census Bureau's supplemental calculation, which factors in the cost of living.

The Public Policy Institute of California, using a similar methodology, found that nearly a third of Californians are living in poverty or near-poverty. PPIC also says that without state and federal safety net programs, many of which were enacted in recent years by Gov. Gavin Newsom and a Democratic Legislature, the state's poverty rate would climb by more than eight percentage

points.

These data are the grist for perpetual debate in California's political, media and academic circles over causes, effects and remedies, and the conversations will be heating up this year. The state faces multibillion-dollar budget deficits well into the future due to what appears to be a semi-permanent plateau in revenues that cannot cope with sharp increases in spending during Newsom's governorship.

Advocates for the poor and their legislative allies are pushing Newsom and legislators to protect the safety net programs from cuts as they confront the deficit, but they will be competing with other spending categories that enjoy heavyweight political support, such as K-12 and higher education and prisons.

There's another aspect to California's high living costs and high poverty rates – high levels of debt that have gotten scant media and political attention.

Americans have amassed \$17.3 trillion in home mortgages, auto loans, student loans, credit cards and other forms of personal debt, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Californians owe at least \$2.5 trillion of that and perhaps as much as \$3 trillion, thanks largely to its high housing costs and the large mortgages needed to handle those costs.

In fact, according to a newly released study by CreditDonkey, a personal finance website,

Californians are carrying the most debt of any state, driven by an average mortgage of \$422,909 for homeowner families.

Californians debts for student loans, auto loans and credit card balances are also fairly high, although not terribly so vis-à-vis other states. It's mortgage debt, at least \$2 trillion, that truly sets California apart from other states, although a third of the state's homeowners don't have mortgages.

That said, Californians seem to be handling their high debts fairly well. The state's personal bankruptcy rate is well below the national average and a fraction of those in states, mostly in the South, with sky-high rates. However, the PPIC, using census data, found that a million of California's 9 million renters are behind on their rent.

California's unique combination of high living costs, high poverty and high debt makes the state something of a personal finance experiment. The test will be how people fare during the next recession.

During the Great Recession, California had one of the nation's highest levels of mortgage defaults and repossessions, and it took years for the housing industry to climb out of the cellar.

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

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Twin Rivers Unified School District Letter to Community

Twin Rivers Unified School District Letter to Community

To Staff and our Twin Rivers Community,

As you have likely heard, on January 30, 2024, Grant Union High School faced a tragic incident that shakes every school community to its core. At approximately 9:30 a.m., the school received reports of shots fired within the premises. Twin Rivers Police Department responded instantly and notified the Sacramento Police Department. Immediately, our school's security protocols were activated, and the school went into lockdown mode to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

I am saddened to confirm the involvement of two students from Grant Union High School in this tragic incident. This was not a random shooting

or an incident of someone unlawfully entering the campus. One student was immediately taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, and thanks to the rapid response of our law enforcement, the suspect was located and arrested quickly.

While there was no longer any immediate threat to students or staff, the campus remained on lockdown as per our security procedures to ensure law enforcement could conduct their investigation and process the scene.

The District office remained fully engaged, coordinating emergency communications and resources to support the school community. I received numerous calls today from local leaders who offered support and assistance, and their solidarity with our school community is greatly appreciated.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the swift and coordinated response from law enforcement, whose rapid deployment helped contain the situation.

Moreover, I am profoundly grateful for the effectiveness of our emergency protocols and the dedication of our staff. Their quick thinking and decisive actions helped ensure the safety of our students and minimized the potential for further harm. Today, we witnessed the strength of our community and the resilience of our school in the face of adversity.

As we navigate the days ahead, let us continue to support one another and remain vigilant in our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of the Grant Union High School family.

Thank you.
Dr. Steve Martinez
Superintendent

Voter Registration and Elections Update My Voter Portal

Sacramento County News Release

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Ballot Drop Box locations near you, and so much more!

Visit the My Voter Portal link and check it out on the Sacramento County website.

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Local Author Calls Up Baseball Fans with New Book

By Tamara Warta

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The San Francisco Giants baseball team clearly has countless fans across Northern California, and have inspired many young baseball players to dream of going on to the Major Leagues themselves. One of those dreamers was Zak Ford, who grew up in the 1980s and 90s — the heyday of Candlestick Park.

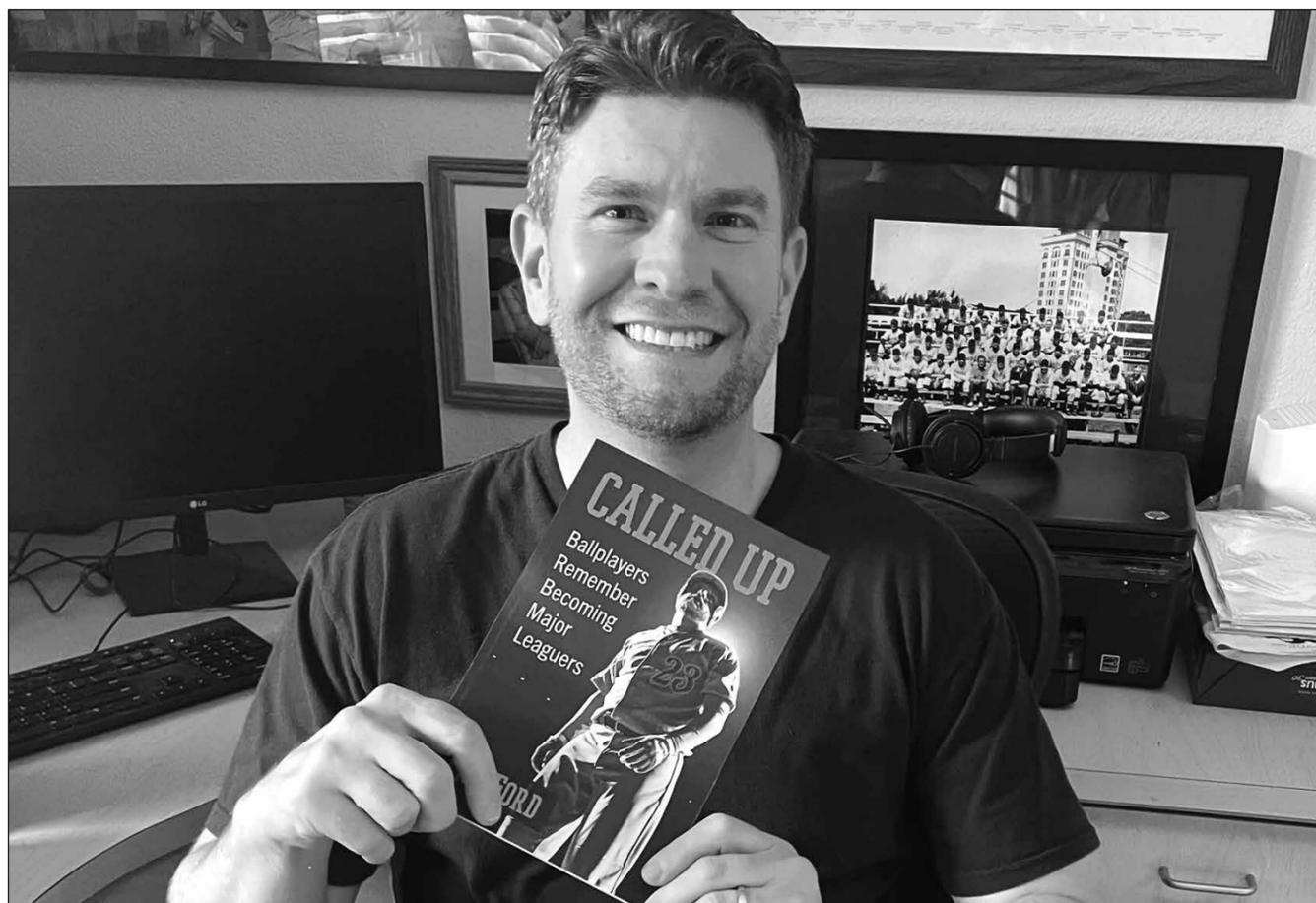
Ford not only enjoyed cheering from the stands at many a Giants game growing up, but he also heralded from some pro-ball genetics. His great-uncle, Larry Powell, pitched in 14 professional seasons in the 1930s through 1950s. He was picked up by the Boston Red Sox out of spring training, but was released two weeks later. Powell was then signed by the Boston Braves, but again was released — this time after only one week. His MLB dreams died without ever stepping into a game.

Ford grew up knowing of Powell's experience, but never asked him how that journey felt. Instead, Powell — who struggled to hit .200 throughout his own Little League years — decided to write about baseball instead.

Ford's book, *Called Up: Ballplayers Remember Becoming Major Leaguers*, may not include Larry Powell's perspective, but it does delight readers with 109 stories of MLB players reflecting upon the moment they were called up to the big leagues. Written in a first-person narrative, it's a human interest book that will obviously be enjoyed by baseball fans, but written with such skill that it will also draw in readers that have limited knowledge of the process and history of the game.

"It really captures the feelings and emotions of becoming a MLB player," says Ford. "To be able to capture 109 stories about the achievement is something I'm very glad of being capable to do."

Out of the 109 featured in the book, about 10 of them are local



Zak Ford, author of *Called Up: Ballplayers Remember Becoming Major Leaguers*. Photo courtesy of Zak Ford

to the Sacramento region — those that either came out of the area, and reside in the Sacramento region now. Ford himself grew up in the Rancho Cordova area and now lives in Cameron Park. He works in workforce development policy, which aims to improve outcomes for people with disabilities. He was also a member of the Folsom-Cordova School Board from 2010-2018.

Ford clearly has a passion and enthusiasm for people and bettering the world around him, but the world of baseball — and later writing about it — has always captured him.

"I've always been a fan of baseball dating back to when I was a 7- or 8-year-old kid," says Ford. "I kind of realized that I was going to have to choose a different avenue

for me to find my niche in the game and decided to pursue writing. I've basically been doing it as a hobby since I was a teenager. One of the goals I've always had was to write a baseball book, and now at 45 [years old] I've achieved it."

To write the book, Ford interviewed former MLB players for about two and a half years. When asked what stories really stuck out to him, Ford took a thoughtful pause to answer.

"All of these players had to exhibit extreme dedication and perseverance to meet the goal of becoming a MLB player," he said. "All of them are great inspirational stories. I grew up a Giants fan, and I was able to capture the stories of some of the guys who came up with the Giants during the

time I was a young baseball fan. Those are the stories that stick out to me."

Sean Estes, who is now active with Giants broadcasts, is one example of a player that shared his story of being a number one pick.

"It took him four or five years to reach the major leagues," Ford recalls. "He was up in the major leagues for the majority of the next 12 or 13 years."

The lesson to be learned? Never give up on your dreams.

"There are many stories that show ups and downs, that show hardship and overcoming adversity. It's an inspirational book about going through that journey and showing dedication and perseverance," said Ford.

Since his book's publication, Ford has done virtual

presentations for baseball groups, as well as a local book signing. He's also working on a second book. Potentially entitled *Next Up*, the new manuscript will focus on MLB players' lives in the normal workforce outside of baseball — perhaps disproving the belief that all MLB players retire wealthy.

"The vast majority of them need to have jobs after their playing careers," says Ford.

"There are players that have had pretty big challenges trying to find what's next, while others have that hustling mentality they picked up in baseball that serve them well after their playing days. That scrappy mentality has paid off."

It has paid off for this successful local author as well. You can keep up with Zak's career by visiting his website, zakford.com. ★



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



If you're like many Kings fans, you've probably already had a conversation as to whether the current Kings team can surpass the 48 wins of last year.

As of this writing, the Kings are on a 5-1 road trip, and with a win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, this road trip poses the possibility of being the best in the last 25 years! This, after a horrific four-game losing stretch that should have been at worst two wins and two losses.

Time to give out some much-deserved kudos. Much-criticized coach Brown has tightened up his rotations in recent games, and the results are speaking loudly.

It is so good to see Davion Mitchell jumping off the bench every game and creating havoc with the opposing team. His presence literally changes the defensive chemistry on the court, and it seems to work like a much-needed jump start. Collectively, everyone seems to realize that it's time to up-tempo the defensive effort, and I'm seeing significant changes in Fox, Sabonis, Murray, Huerter, and even Kessler Edwards.

In addition to Mitchell seeing increased playing time, let's give coach Brown some credit for giving Trey Lyles more time on the court. As I have expressed several times, we have yet to see what Lyles' ceiling will be, and he continues to impress me. He could arguably be the best 3-point shooter on the team, but his game brings much more. Like Sabonis and Barnes, he is adept around the rim, a good passer, and one of the best on the team in drawing offensive fouls.

A 5-1 road trip, with the potential of winning six games before returning home, puts smiles on everyone's faces, and like last year, the Sacramento Kings are telling the league, "We are tough on the road!"

Playoff teams win on the road, period! Something else playoff teams do is shoot free throws.

If the Kings don't make some immediate improvement in their ability to sink free throws, look for another quick exit from the playoffs. Yes, we first have to make the playoffs, but this team is very capable of doing that, and I for one believe they will surpass 50 wins this year.

The Kings have exactly two players shooting 80% or better from the line, and that

would be Malik Monk at 81% and Harrison Barnes at 80%.

The team is dead last in the league, and that just isn't acceptable. While it's true that the coaching staff doesn't shoot free throws, with the number of coaches on this team one would think we could find a prescription to improve the moniker of worst in the NBA.

Let's set some goals here Kings fans, and the first one should be getting out of last place. We can do this!

I would be remiss if I didn't hand out a major accolade to "Mr. Double-Double," Domantas Sabonis, who just tied Oscar Robertson for achieving the most consecutive double-double games as a member of the Kings roster, with an incredible 31 straight. In addition to his stellar consistency, Sabonis is challenging the league leader Nikola Jokic for triple-doubles! This is nothing short of remarkable. For all Kings fans, stop and smell the roses. This is something you may never see again, so let's appreciate the guy that brings his lunch pail to work like no one else does.

29-19 and fifth place in the western conference should be applauded, and I hope you're enjoying the breadth of this team. There is something here for everyone.

As much as I like to see coach Brown tightening up his rotations, something needs to be done as it relates to coach's challenges.

My wife made the observation that with a success rate of 28%, it makes more sense to flip a coin than continue on the present course.

When you are wrong three out of every four challenges, it's time to make some changes. Give this to one of the assistant coaches, or if it comes at a critical time in the game, call a timeout, and take the time necessary to make a good decision.

Last note, De'Aaron Fox broke out of a miny slump to lead the team in points on the recent road trip. His 41 points in the win against Chicago was huge, and watching him improve from the free-throw line was encouraging.

Trade talks have died down, so appreciate the team we have, and let's have a tremendous second half!

Light the Beam!

Your thoughts? Reach out to me at vgarrisriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

State Program to Compensate Ranchers for Wolf Attacks Runs Out of Money

Less than a year after the state fully implemented a pilot program to compensate ranchers for livestock losses and other economic impacts caused by wolves, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife says it has run out of money. Ranchers say the \$3 million allocated for the program does not begin to pay for the rising financial damage created by the presence of wolves, apex predators that are protected under state and federal endangered species acts. In an announcement, the department said it had received 102 applications for compensation and that there may not be enough money to cover future applications.

As Rice Planting Surges After Drought, Waterfowl Flock to Fields

The return of fully planted rice crops to the Sacramento Valley following years of drought has restored another essential feature of the region: migrating waterfowl. After harvest, reservoirs replenished by last year's historic storms enabled farmers to flood more of their fields this winter, creating wetland habitat for birds. "You can't drive down the road without seeing thousands of geese," said Kim Gallagher, who grows rice along Highway 45 in Yolo and Colusa counties and participates in government-funded programs

that incentivize rice farmers to flood their fields for wildlife conservation.

American Farm Bureau Federation Sets Policy Agenda

The American Farm Bureau Federation has wrapped up its annual convention in Salt Lake City by approving policy changes to guide the organization's legislative priorities for the year. AFBF delegates reversed policy by allowing caps on the annual number of temporary guest worker visas, as long as they do not restrict farmers and ranchers from using the program to meet labor needs. Delegates also agreed to address the growth of artificial intelligence in agriculture, which has the potential to enhance farming practices but raises some privacy rights concerns.

Researchers: Wet Weather Could Increase Almond Orchard Threat

University of California researchers are warning almond growers to be on the lookout for a rare disease that can cause severe damage to their orchards. Phytophthora, soilborne microorganisms dubbed "water molds" because of their dependence on water, can cause root and crown rot at the base of trees. With heavy rains in the forecast for late January and early February, one species—Phytophthora syringae—was drawing attention due to an unprecedented outbreak last winter, fueled by the atmospheric rivers that lashed California. ★

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The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region News Release

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The variety of films include comedies, dramedies, dramas, and documentaries from all over the world, plus Q&As, mini-concerts, special panels, and in-person receptions.

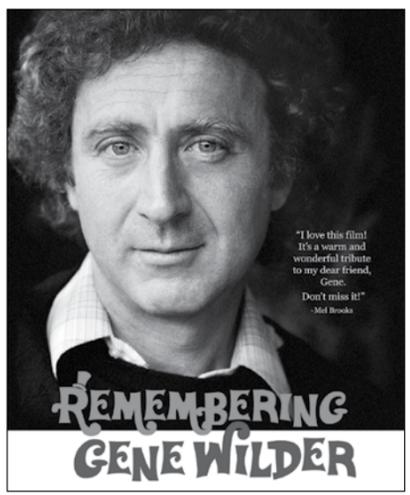
Opening weekend will be live on the big screen at the Veterans Memorial Theatre in Davis on Saturday night, March 9 and Sunday, March 10.

Closing weekend will be live in-theater at The Center at 2300 Sierra Blvd in Sacramento on Saturday night, March 16 and Sunday, March 17.

All-Festival Passes are \$150 and include all in-person films and streaming films, plus receptions and film chats. Weekend passes and individual film tickets will also be sold. The website will go live, and tickets and passes will be on sale on January 22, 2024.

Visit the festival website at <https://sac-jewishfilmfest.org/> for a complete list of feature films, shorts, special events, ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities.

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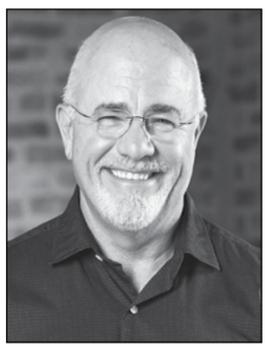


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- Debbie

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Dave Ramsey Says

you're living right now will have either a positive or negative effect on your future. I decided I wanted the greater, long-term good, so I gave up on the short-term stuff.

Debit cards are great tools. You can't spend money you don't have with them like you can with a credit card. But you've still got to budget very carefully for each month, and give a name and a job to every single penny of your income. Otherwise, you can still overspend.

- Dave

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I always recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. In most cases, this amount of cash—sitting in a good money market account with check writing privileges—will allow you easy access in the event of unexpected expenses or a financial emergency.

- Dave

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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Manuel Sanchez, 7432 17th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Woodpecker's Tree Care" 7432 17th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2023
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WOODPECKERS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09468
Natalya Karashchuk, 7929 Tototom Park Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Natalya's Services" 7929 Tototom Park Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2023
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NATALYAS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00315
Gay Carroll-Haring, 2726 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bliss Road Studios" 2726 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
BLISS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09154
Chromatic, LLC, 2014 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chromatic Wellness Center" 2014 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
CHROMATIC 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00313
Joshua Lee Downey and Jackson Lewis Ray, 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 76, Sacramento, CA 95825 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tanpopo" 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 76, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
TANPOPO 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09313
Safety Realized LLC, 5635 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Summit Safety/Tahoe Sleds" 5635 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
SUMMIT 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09097
Nick P Gavrilenko, 8308 Carriage Oaks Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GreenWave Floor Care" 8308 Carriage Oaks Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023
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GREENWAVE 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00205
James Cyparski, 7762 South Cliff Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JC Construction" 7762 South Cliff Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
JC 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00102
O'Shay Gonzalez, 6020 Wilkinson Street, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shaywitdakay Collectible Hub" 6020 Wilkinson Street, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
SHAYWITDAKAY 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09179
Ricardo Lara Saldana, 7850 Riverhurst Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite Cleaning" 7850 Riverhurst Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
ELITE 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08871
Arias Brothers Inc., 1880 Prairie City Road #110, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hermanos Jalisco Grill" 1888 Prairie City Road #110, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
HERMANOS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09446
Narinder Kumar, 180 S Lexington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trinetra Indian Grocery" 310 S Lexington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2023
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TRINETRA 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00153
Yevgeniy Voyku, 4020 Stephen Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "YV Mobile Mechanic" 4020 Stephen Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 4, 2024
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YV 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00175
Mia Nguyen, 621 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ace's Pace" 621 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2024
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ACES 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00002
Emily Vallejo, 8026 Briar Ridge Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M Plus E Additions" 8026 Briar Ridge Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2024
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ADDITIONS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08903
Daniel Sergey Molitvenik, 5532 Missie Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clear Skies" 5532 Missie Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2023
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
CLEAR 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00253
Curt Davis, 1599 English Colony Way, Penryn, CA 95663 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Insight Flooring Inspections & Moisture Tests" 1599 English Colony Way, Penryn, CA 95663. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
INSIGHT 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08948
R.L. Niello Co. Inc., 2701 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Niello Volkswagen/ Niello Collision Service" 2701 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023
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NIELLO 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00295
Full Circle Dealer Services, Inc., 1481 River Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AutoFiPro" 1481 River Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
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AUTOFIPRO 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00286
Cecily Sorenson, 4519 Baron Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CS Accounting and Notary Services" 4519 Baron Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
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CS 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08447
Vence Lewis, 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Space 9 Collective" 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2023
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SPACE 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00178
Gregorio E. Monterroso, 8544 Imran Woods Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KC Builds" 8544 Imran Woods Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2024
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KC 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00357
Ardalan Bayat, 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 19, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Healing Hands of River City" 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 19, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 11, 2024
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HEALING 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08353
Grif Group LLC, 535 Anton Boulevard Unit 850A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Credit 1 Finance Group" 535 Anton Boulevard Unit 850A, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023
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CREDIT 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00378
Scott French, 4210 53rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)

"Junk-B-Gone & Hauling" 4210 53rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 11, 2024
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JUNK 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00107
Desenia Berenice Felix Gomez, 5816 Canary Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DB-Beauty Salon" 5816 Canary Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2024
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BEAUTY 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00240
ePaiges Design Group, LLC, 10968 Woodring Drive, Mather, CA 95655 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ePaiges Design Group, LLC/ePaiges" 10968 Woodring Drive, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
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EPAIGES 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09153
N and T Innovation Inc, 6511 Savings Place 130, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PURE H2O HUB" 6511 Savings Place 130, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 14, 2023
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PURE 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00182
Mark Fleig, 5545 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "F and F Properties" 5545 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2024
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FANDF 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00465
Wiltown Riders, Inc, 2230 S. Harrison Street, Stockton, CA 95206 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wiltown Riders" 11887 Armo Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 18, 2024
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WILTOWN 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00222
Alicia Jimenez, 22 Temple, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "La Oxaquena Plus" 9663 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 8, 2024
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LA 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09384
MZ Flooring LLC, 7316 Thalia Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Modern Flooring" 7316 Thalia Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2023
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MODERN 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00478
Oleksandr Naydonov, 6092 Garfield Avenue, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Royal Pool Service" 6092 Garfield Avenue, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 18, 2024
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ROYAL 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00438
Empire Oaks LLC, 3924 Stedway Court, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Score Revive Academy" 3924 Stedway Court, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 16, 2024
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SCORE 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00313
Joshua Lee Downey and Jackson Lewis Ray, 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 76, Sacramento, CA 95825 and Garrett Lewis Ray, 624 Grider Drive, Roseville, CA 95678 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tanpopo" 2400 Sierra Boulevard Apt 76, Sacramento, CA 9582. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2024
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TANPOPO 2-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00625
Wali Hassany, 1808 Richmond Street, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dreamland Aahoo Immigration Consultant/Next Chapter Aahoo Legal Document Prep" 2740 Fulton Avenue 101-16, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 24, 2024
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
DREAMLAND 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00674
New Way Mortgage, Inc., 1111 Howe Avenue #510, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious

Business Name(s) "Sal You Loans/Sal You Loans Team" 1111 Howe Avenue #510, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 25, 2024
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
SAL 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00494
Altai Hussain, 717 Turnstone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rehmat Traders/Pak Diamond Traders" 717 Turnstone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 19, 2024
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REHMAT 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00487
P&W Kar Sales Inc, 2140 Marconi Avenue Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sac Autosport" 2140 Marconi Avenue Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 19, 2024
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SAC 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00527
A.A.Auto Sales LLC, 3335 Gould Way, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Class Auto" 3335 Gould Way, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 22, 2024
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
CLASS 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00671
East Horizon Stores LLC, 9113 Skippereen Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kitchen Skyline" 9113 Skippereen Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 25, 2024
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KITCHEN 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09442
Jessica Oconosak, 11010 Orleans River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Critical Security Forums/Party Creations by JO" 11010 Orleans River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 26, 2023
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
CRITICAL 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00574
999 Thai Inc, 3609 Don Julio Boulevard, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yummy Thai Sushi" 1501 N Y Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 23, 2024
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YUMMY 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00618
Alberto Vazquez, 7874 Claypool Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mango Media" 7874 Claypool Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 24, 2024
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
MANGO 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00538
Alberto Vazquez, 7874 Claypool Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alamo Stairs" 7874 Claypool Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 22, 2024
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ALAMO 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00481
Steven R Hill, 6929 Fair Oaks Boulevard #712, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Get Vin Verification" 1401 21st Street #7715, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 18, 2024
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GET 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00454
ACE Auto Works LLC, 8030 14th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ACE Auto Works" 8030 14th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 17, 2024
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ACE 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09340
BHC Murase Group, 3667 Recycle Road #8, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Super Muscle Parts" 3667 Recycle Road #8, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2023
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SUPER 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-00737
Tiffani Harter, 9002 Oak Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jump the

Groove Consulting/Jump the Groove Consulting & Coaching" 9002 Oak Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 1, 2023
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JUMP 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00444
Daniel Joseph Palermo, 1175 Reston Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sterling Mortgage Services/Sterling Mortgage Home Loans/Palermo Real Estate Services/Roy's Umbrella/ Sterling Mortgage Solutions" 1175 Reston Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 17, 2024
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STERLING 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00354
Yegor Lyashenko, 7820 Daffodil Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lyko Build" 7820 Daffodil Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 11, 2024
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LYKO 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00620
Rooney's Plumbing Co, 2114 59th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Plumber" 2114 59th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 24, 2024
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PLUMBER 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00193
Zumwalt & Associates Inc, 3301 Sunrise Boulevard Suite J, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zumwalt & Associates Erosion Control" 3301 Sunrise Boulevard Suite J, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 5, 2024
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ZUMWALT 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00656
Fernando Soria, 705 Claire Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Soria Painting Sacramento CA" 705 Claire Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 25, 2024
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SORIA 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00244
The Sushi Sac Inc., 1200 K Street Suite 7, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sushi Paradaisu/Sushi Paradise" 1200 K Street Suite 7, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2024
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
SUSHI 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00616
Jesus Rios Courier LLC, 6722 Fair Oaks Boulevard #204, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jesus Rios Private Investigations" 6722 Fair Oaks Boulevard #204, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 24, 2024
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JESUS 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00472
Out Loud Bags LLC, 1718 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Midtown Loud" 1718 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 18, 2024
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MIDTOWN 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00578
Keri Esquibel, 1463 Barona Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Strand & Co Hair Lounge" 2220 J Street Suite 5, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 23, 2024
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STRAND 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00708
Shengli Gong 9369 Tavemor Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GL Foot Spa" 805 Wales Drive #1, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 26, 2024
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GL 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00757
Dexter Distribution Group LLC, 2300 Cabot Drive Suite 150, Lisle, IL, 60532 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wholesale Trailer Supply" 1470 Vinci Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 29, 2024
Publish: Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2024
WHOLESALE 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00824
Gaskin-McPherson LLC, 657 Tarryton Isle, Alameda, CA 94501 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)

"Regalia Crest Apartments, 3536 Watt Avenue" 3536 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 31, 2024
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REGALIA 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00310
Kellie Velasquez and Carlos Velasquez, 7612 Zephyr Hills Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Palette Cakes" 7901 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite C, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2024
Publish: Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2024
PALETTE 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00403
Pamela Willow, 1125 Los Robles Boulevard #A, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Real Brand Marketing" 1125 Los Robles Boulevard #A, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 12, 2024
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REAL 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09518
Café Diem LLC, 2359 Jay King Walk, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ca Phe Diem" 2359 Jay King Walk, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 29, 2023
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CAFE 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00506
Tycoon Management Group LLC, 901 H Street Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Organic Loose Leaf" 901 H Street Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 19, 2024
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ORGANIC 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09475
Harjinder Kaur, 1501 E. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capital Grocery" 1501 E. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2023
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CAPITAL 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-00754
Big Bay/B Records LLC, 4500 Tynebourne Street Apt #303, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Big Bay/B Records LLC/Big Bay/B" 4500 Tynebourne Street Apt #303, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 29, 2024
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BIG 3-1-24

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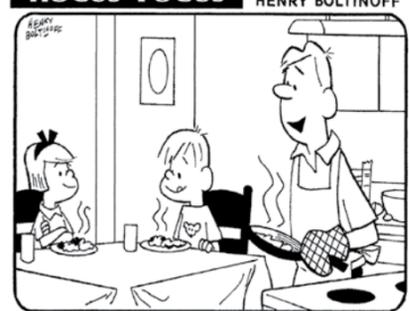


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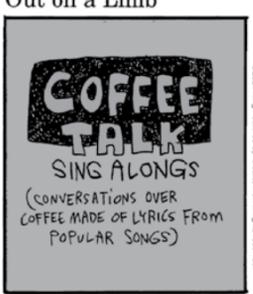
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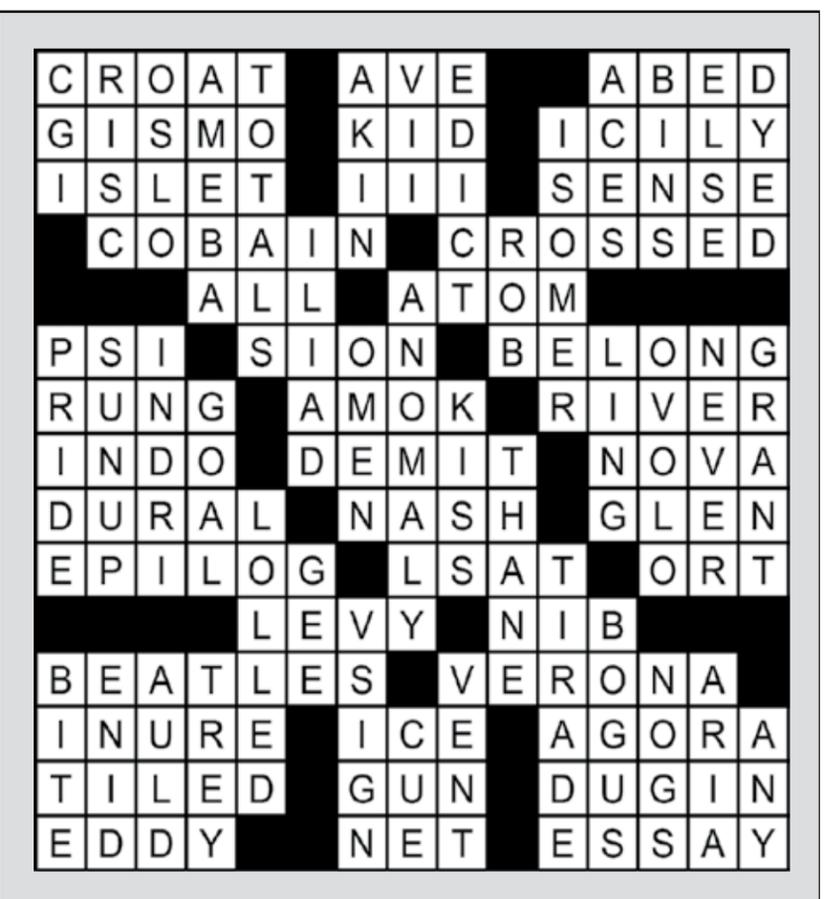
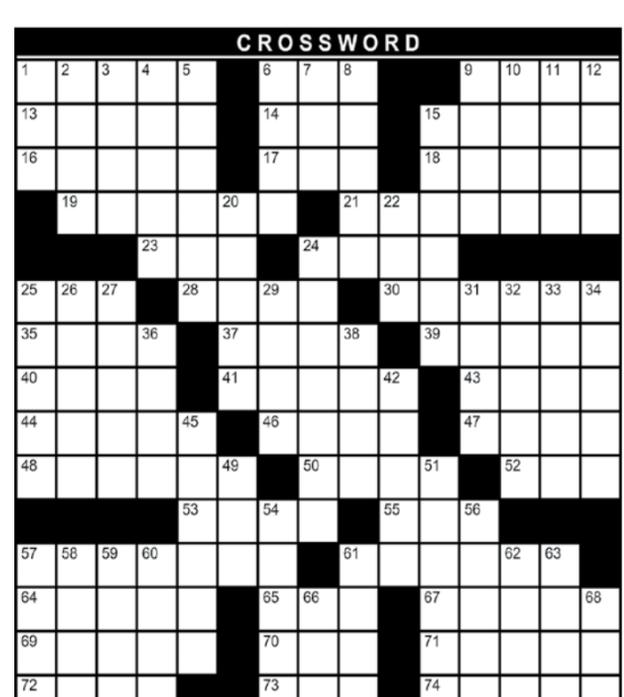
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 - Robert Redford's Sundance
 - In a cold manner
 - Tiny island
 - Mad King George's number
 - Hearing, e.g.
 - *Love's late Nirvana husband
 - *Star-
 - *Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at"
 - Elementary particle
 - Tire meas.
 - Land of Israel
 - *Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we"
 - Ladder crosspiece
 - Frenzied
 - London's Thames, e.g.
 - European language
 - Call it quits
 - Very bright star
 - What procedural and epidural have in common
 - Crosby's and Still's partner
 - Mountain valley
 - Final words
 - Future J.D.'s hurdle
 - Food scrap
 - Tax
 - Pen point
 - *"All You Need Is Love" band, with The
 - "Letters to Juliet destination
 - Habituate
 - NHL surface
 - Ancient marketplace
 - Large many bathroom floors?
 - Blunderbuss, e.g.
 - Entrenched (2 words)
 - Whirlpool
 - Volleyball court center
 - English homework assignment
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 - CISC alternative
 - Capital of Norway
 - Single-cell protozoan
 - Bottom lines
 - Similar
 - One of the Tudors
 - Authoritative proclamation
 - Single pip cards
 - The Container Store purchase, pl.
 - "What ___ can I say?"
 - T-shirt, after tied
 - Chemical cousin
 - Homer's epic
 - Actor Lowe
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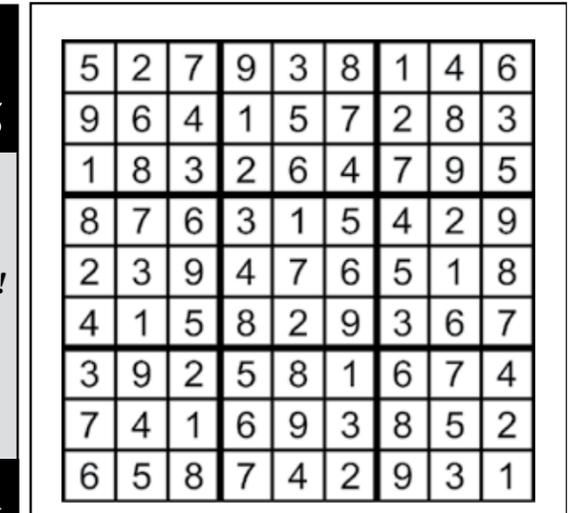


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New Airshow Format has International Flair

By Tamara M. Warta

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Capital Airshow, which typically roars through Sacramento Mather Airport each September, is returning again for 2024 - but with a new date and a distinct European flair.

This year, the 18th annual California Capital Airshow will feature Frece Tricolori, the Italian Air Force's military jet demonstration team. It will also be primarily an evening event, happening July 13 and 14. The changes may be surprising to airshow regulars, but excitement truly is in the air for the switch to summer and the international celebration it's bound to bring.

"Every year we want to do something fresh, we want to do something new. We want to bring our community something different," says Darcy Brewer, Executive Director of the California Capital Airshow. "We survey the insiders every single year. We heard a couple of different things from people. They wanted to see something they've never seen before, and they wanted us to bring back the night show we did in 2018."

The "insiders" Brewer refers to are the approximately 60,000 Air Show Insider® members of the California Capital Airshow community. Becoming an Insider is free and provides early access to tickets, helpful discounts, and a chance to view airshow schedules and events prior to



Frece Tricolori takes a colorful flight. Photo courtesy of Frece Tricolori, Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale, Aeronautica Militare, Rivolto Air Base, Italy

the general public.

Famous for their interactive STEM exhibits, large airplane and fighter jet displays, food and family activities, the airshow is well-known as a distinct stand out from the approximately 450 air shows that happen each year across America.

"We are one of the largest," said Brewer. "We want to be different."

With the arrival of Frece Tricolori, which has not performed in North America in 30 years, this year's air show is sure to delight both regular patrons and some

new faces.

"We start flying at 6pm and go nonstop until 10pm. And that last half hour is going to literally blow you away," says Brewer. The event includes what the organization is referring to as a "choreographed pyrobatic musical," featuring fireworks, daredevil jet maneuvers, music, and more.

"In the air, on the ground and throughout the year - the airshow crew is all about honoring those who serve, and inspiring the next generation --- but this year we'll

be doing it all in two different languages --- so if you've ever been to Italy and love it, or dreamed of going to Italy --- we're making it more simple this summer and bringing Italy to you," said Brewer.

This is the only location in the western United States where you will be able to be a part of

Frece Tricolori's full airshow performance, get the chance to see their colorful jets up close, and maybe even meet team members on the ground.

"People in America love the US jet teams, the rest of the world loves

the Italian jet force," says Brewer. "Brush up on your Italian and get ready for a once in a lifetime experience."

The California Capital Airshow has taken to the international skies one time prior - in 2017 they welcomed the French government for a one-day event over Easter weekend. Now, with that experience under their belt, the organization is going big. The Frece Tricolori team includes 75 members, as well as multiple government dignitaries that are expected to be in attendance.

Outside of the stunning displays and huge draw from the world's best pilots, the California Capital Airshow is unique for another reason - its commitment and passion for community past and present. The group is a non-profit that supports other non-profits. Groups are invited to apply to work at the airshow and raise funds for their various causes. \$79,000 went out to non-profit groups through parking lot and concessions volunteerism.

"We're all about STEM education, scholarships, and youth programs," noted Brewer. The group has many interactions with young people, equipping them to grow up to become whatever they dream.

"We try to inspire the next generation to get a job where they wake up in the morning feeling the same way the staff at the California Capital Air Show feels," Brewer says with pride when speaking about the great work environment found within the organization. Her enthusiasm and love of life is contagious, as is her passion to get people excited and involved about the air show and all it signifies.

"We like shining a spotlight on a region that we love. If you like history, aviation, or international flavor - there's something for you and we will make sure it happens before the gates open."

You can find out more about the upcoming airshow by becoming an Insider at californiacapitalairshow.com ★

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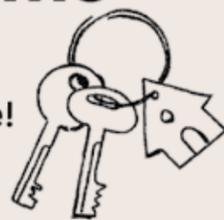
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