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California Capital Airshow Welcomes Back the USAF Thunderbirds



The skies will light up July 13 and 14 with performances by the top airshow performers during the annual California Capital Airshow. Courtesy photo

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - The United States Air Force Thunderbirds Jet Demonstration Team will be at this year's California Capital Airshow lineup, in addition to the much-anticipated visit from the Italian Jet Team, Frece Tricolori.

The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the city of Rancho Cordova, returns to Mather Airport on July 13 and 14. This event will feature an extraordinary

lineup of performers, miles of ground attractions and the return of nighttime aerial performances concluding with a massive pyro-musical fireworks show.

"To have both the Thunderbirds and Frece Tricolori performing at the same show is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Darcy Brewer, executive director of California Capital Airshow. "Our attendees will get to see some of the best pilots in the world fly right here in Sacramento. We hope everybody is ready for jets, jets and more jets!"

This unique show features four

hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 6 p.m. each day. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will kick off the event, followed by Frece Tricolori, United States Navy F-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster demo teams and an impressive roster of highly-skilled civilian performers.

As the sun sets, the show will continue with maximum afterburner followed by aircraft lighting up the night sky with pyrotechnics, walls of fire, a spectacular fireworks show, and more.

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\$3 Million Approved for Neighborhood Improvement Projects

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget hearings, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved \$3,000,000 in funding, budgeted in the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund, for a Neighborhood Improvement Initiative.

The Neighborhood Improvement Initiative aims to target the elimination of blight and enhance public spaces through investments in projects improving safety and livability in underserved areas of the county, with a specific focus on Environmental Justice communities, commercial corridors and areas adjacent to vacant or blighted properties.

"I am extremely proud of this investment," said Third District Supervisor Rich Desmond. "The Neighborhood Improvement Initiative is funding projects that are really important to many of our communities and are crucial to their identity, pride and sense of place."

Said County Board of Supervisors Chair and Second District Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, "This initiative really reflects our support of the diverse needs in the county. We're not just revitalizing spaces; we're improving safety, connections and dignity in our communities."

The County Board of Supervisors directed the Office of Economic Development to conduct extensive outreach to develop a comprehensive list of potential projects for the Neighborhood Improvement Initiative. During summer and fall 2023, the Office of Economic Development, with the supervisory district offices and county Departments of Transportation and Community Development, met with community partners, residents and businesses through community meetings and online engagement to gather feedback and have the public suggest projects.

County staff evaluated project feasibility and community benefits within each supervisory district for recommendations to receive Neighborhood Improvement Initiative funding. On May 7, the

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180-Plus AVID Students Celebrated

San Juan Unified School District News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Families and friends filled Mesa Verde High School's stadium on April 25 to celebrate the graduation of more than 180 San Juan Unified School District students at its Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Senior Celebration.

AVID is an elective class that equips students with essential life and academic skills such as reading, writing, organization, communication and collaboration. The overall mission is to prepare all students for college readiness and success.

This year, seven student speakers represented the seven San Juan Unified high schools in attendance. Each 12th-grader was awarded an embroidered graduation stole because of their commitment and work throughout their time in AVID.

Mustafa Al Hilfi, a Mesa



Mustafa Al Hilfi, a Mesa Verde High School 12th-grader, said that the AVID program made it easy for him to take the next step to attend college. Courtesy photo

Verde High School AVID 12th-grade student who immigrated from Baghdad, Iraq, said he was initially overwhelmed by the transition but found a sense of belonging and purpose through the program.

"When I first immigrated to the United States, I kind of had an

identity crisis. I didn't feel I belonged here. After joining AVID, I realized everyone around me had the same goals, same ideas and same interests. AVID paved the way and made it really easy for me to go to college," Al Hilfi said.

Leslie Peoples, the Mesa

Verde High AVID coordinator, emphasizes the program's focus on deliberate strategies for success, ranging from organization and time management to communication and goal setting.

"I have been an AVID coordinator at Mesa Verde High School since 2011 and 100% of our graduates have earned admission to a four-year college," Peoples said.

Beyond academics, AVID fosters personal growth and development, instilling valuable life skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

"I think AVID builds structure, fosters good relationships and really builds a solid foundation for kids to be successful not only in the classroom but also in their future," Peoples said.

San Juan Unified is proud to celebrate the endless opportunities available to students because of their hard work and dedication. ★

American River Trail Guide Released



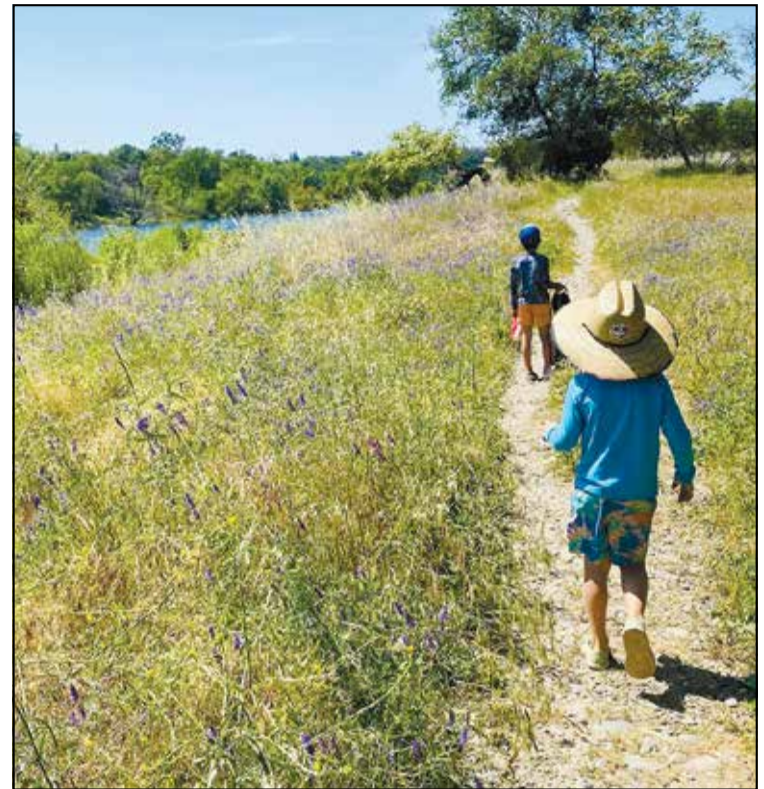
Ashley Shult Langdon poses with her book, "Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento's Lower American River." Photo courtesy of Ashley Shult Langdon

a few short months, the students and their professor, Dr. Anna Klimaszewski-Patterson, churned out 18 original maps prominently featured throughout the trail guide.

"We were thrilled to have

me build this super fun, engaging and beautiful book."

The result is a 136-page full-color trail guide with photos, easy-to-read maps, at-a-glance trail tips and more than 70 options for trails from down-



Ashley Shult Langdon covers 70 options for trails on the Lower American River. Photo courtesy of Ashley Shult Langdon

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Outdoor enthusiast Ashley Shult Langdon is on a mission to help residents find new ways to discover and enjoy Sacramento's wild and scenic river with her upcoming trail guide, "Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento's Lower American River." The first-of-its kind book will be released on May 14.

"What began during the pandemic as a way to keep my

preschool-aged boys from climbing out the windows soon turned into delightful daily discoveries along the Lower American River," said Langdon. "It's the guide I wished I'd had at my disposal in 2020."

Langdon wanted to provide closer, easier doorways to nature for more residents.

"There's no need to drive far or wait for the weekend - there's a little slice of wild, natural beauty running right through Sacramento County," said Langdon. "Spotting river

offers on a run between work calls or finding wildflowers during an after-school outing is entirely possible."

In researching her book, Langdon became Sacramento's local expert for the vast network of trails, many of which have never been published in a trail guide or on a county map. So Langdon reached out to Sacramento State's Geography Department to set "Mildly Scenic" at the center of the upper division coursework last fall. In just

our undergraduates engage as a part of this story via their expertise in GIS and mapping to help put this valuable resource in the hands of explorers of all ages," said Dr. Klimaszewski-Patterson.

Looking to elevate "Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento's Lower American River" beyond a basic trail guide, Langdon collaborated with Greg Traverso, graphic designer and pop artist, who is the mastermind behind the book's cover design.

"From the beginning, Greg looked beyond what I was doing with the book and saw 'Mildly Scenic' as a lifestyle," Langdon said. "And from there, he helped

town Sacramento to Lake Natoma that families, runners, walkers and sun-bathers can all enjoy. Put simply, if you're looking for an easy out-and-back loop in the sunshine or an affordable activity for out-of-town guests, "Mildly Scenic" has got you covered.

"I'm excited for people to be able to use this guide just in time for summer. How lucky are we to have the mildly scenic American River right in our backyard? It's wild and scenic," Langdon said.

"Mildly Scenic" will be available in print (\$24.99) at bookstores and in eBook (\$9.99). For more information, visit mildlyscenic.com. ★

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Yummy Buffet Grill & Sushi Aims for Summer Opening

California Capital Airshow Welcomes Back the USAF Thunderbirds



A worker places individual letters in the new sign for Yummy Buffet Grill & Sushi.

Story and photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Construction of the new Yummy Buffet Grill & Sushi at 7217 Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights continues to move forward toward a planned summer opening with exterior physical improvements largely complete according to contractors spoken to at the job site, and new signage installed just late last week.

The 7,577 square-foot restaurant location faces Greenback Lane, in the same shopping center plaza as a Sam's Club warehouse store, and it is not far from the U.S. Post Office and Citrus Heights City Hall.

The location was previously the home to Tokyo Buffet, which had been shuttered since a fire occurred at the site in 2019, which damaged the former restaurant's heating, ventilation and cooling system.

Yummy Buffet Grill & Sushi is an all-you-can-eat buffet-style restaurant that offers Japanese and Chinese cuisine options for lunch or dinner. A second Yum Buffet and Grill is open at 4300 Florin Road in Sacramento.

Another all-you-can-eat buffet-style restaurant that also offers similar

Japanese and Chinese cuisine options, Hibachi Buffet Sushi and Grill, opened at 5623 Sunrise Blvd. in Citrus Heights in December 2023.

City Spokeswoman Marissa Brown said the permit filed by Jaing Xinying, property owner of Yummy Buffet Grill & Sushi, with the city last August 8 included window replacement and new stucco finishes, along with interior improvements such as new appliances and equipment for cooking and buffet. "Some mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work were also approved for the site," Brown said.

Xinying was unavailable for comment, but a restaurant manager at the Florin Road restaurant who was spoken to by telephone, said construction at the new Citrus Heights Yummy Buffet Grill & Sushi is "on schedule" with a mid- or late- summer opening likely, once final required health and building inspections are completed.

"We're excited to be opening in Citrus Heights soon," he said.

Xinying retained VSAC Design of Sacramento to prepare project architectural designs, said Huan Vu, a principal engineer for the firm. His firm, VSAC Design, specializes in commercial façade improvements and new commercial construction. ★

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Airshow tickets are on sale now at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. Tickets are limited and selling quickly, so those hoping to attend are encouraged to purchase their tickets soon.

The California Capital Airshow's partners are Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Modern Aviation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Visit Rancho Cordova, Folsom Lake Dodge, Donaghy Sales, SMUD, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Atlas Disposal, Sunbelt, Teichert, Elite Power, FOX 40, iHeart Media and UPS.

In addition, the Airshow team is grateful to a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe.

For more information, tickets, event details and volunteer opportunities, check online at www.californiacapitalairshow.com.

About the California Capital Airshow

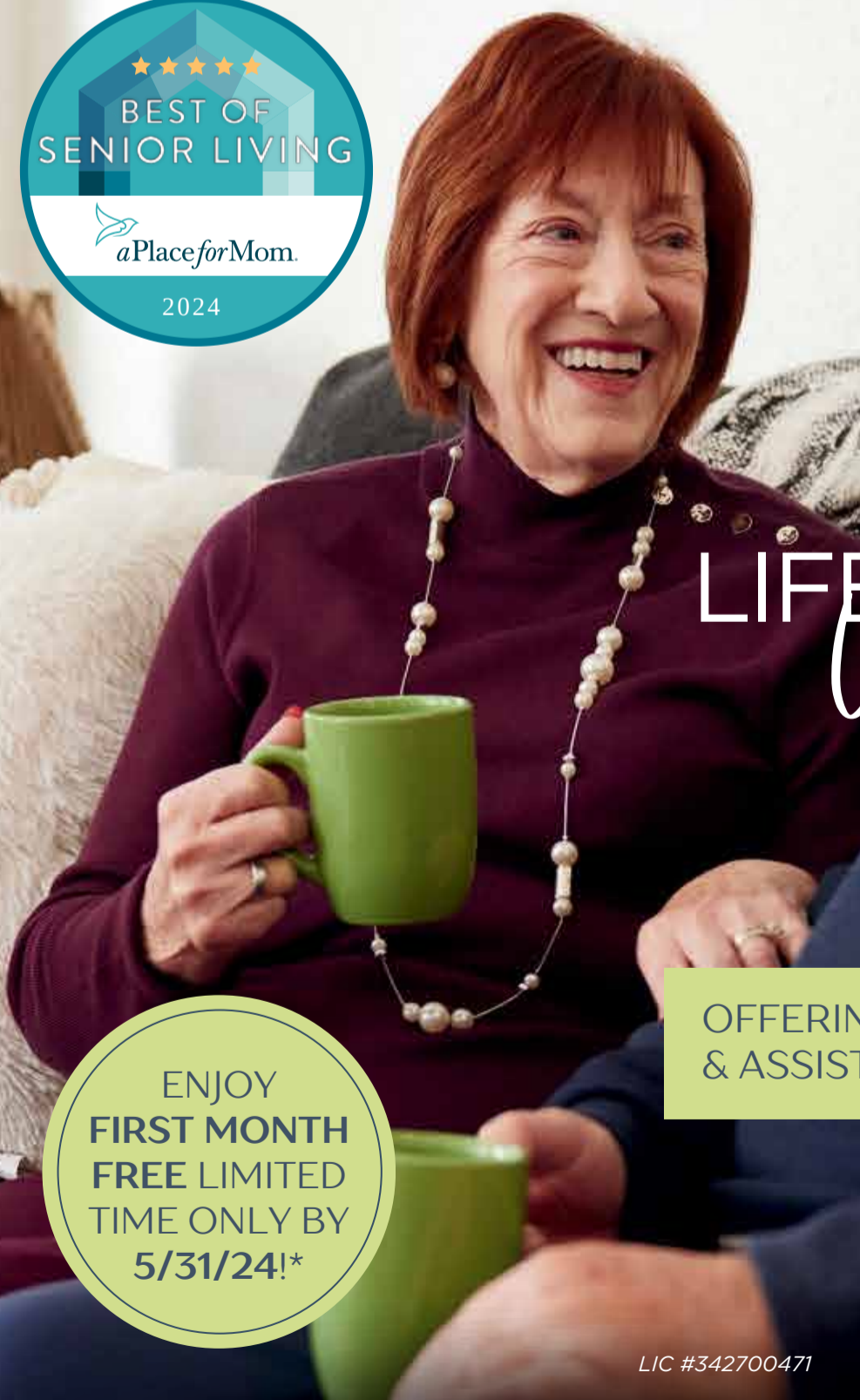
Established in 2004, the nonprofit California Capital Airshow plans and operates the family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people.

The California Capital Airshow gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth



This unique show features four hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 6 p.m. each day. Courtesy photo

programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers and discount tickets, visit the airshow's website at www.californiacapitalairshow.com ★



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Without More Transparency, We Won't See Real Accountability on Homelessness



Josh Hoover

By Assemblyman Josh Hoover

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Homelessness continues to be a main topic of discussion at each one of my community meetings. Our residents are rightfully concerned that California's current approach to solving this crisis is falling woefully short. The numbers demonstrate that very clearly.

Today California is home to nearly half of the nation's unsheltered homeless. Since 2018, our state has spent nearly \$24 billion taxpayer dollars to solve its homelessness crisis, only to see its unshoused population rise by 32% during that same period of time. In Sacramento County alone, the homeless population has grown by 67% since 2019 and recently passed San Francisco.

That's why one of the first actions I took as a newly elected member of the Assembly in 2023 was to request an audit of our state's homelessness spending. I was thankful to be joined by a bipartisan coalition of legislators including Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose), Senator Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks), and Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley).

The premise was simple enough: if the billions we are spending to solve this crisis aren't getting the desired results, what are we doing wrong and how can our investments be put to better use?

The results, however, were more troubling than I expected. Not only could the dollars be put to better use, in most cases we do not even have the necessary information to properly assess program effectiveness.

The State Auditor's two-part report, which focused on 5 state level programs and 2 local governments, highlighted a number of eye opening findings:

Despite billions in spending, the homeless population in California has increased by 53% in the last 10 years.

The state has failed to systemically track homelessness spending and is not adequately positioned to collect data and assess outcomes.

Only two of the five state programs audited could provide enough information to assess their cost effectiveness.

Neither San Jose or San Diego centrally tracks and reports its spending and outcomes.

Neither city has properly evaluated the effectiveness of its homelessness programs.

Both cities have sent millions in funding to outside service providers but have not assessed whether these service providers are actually getting results.

One solution the Auditor proposed is for the Legislature to mandate new reporting

requirements telling state agencies to measure the costs and outcomes of state-funded homelessness programs. That seems like something that should have been happening all along to make sure policymakers have the ability to regularly assess program efficacy.

I introduced Assembly Bill 2093 to implement this change and I am happy to report that it passed the Assembly Housing Committee with unanimous bipartisan support.

Before we spend another dollar on homelessness, we need assurances that the dollars are being tracked. The inability to measure outcomes and performance will inevitably lead to wasted resources and broken promises.

Our communities deserve better. At a recent oversight hearing on homelessness, our lead agencies in California admitted that they have no idea where the money has gone or how many people it has helped. This is a complete failure of leadership and it's time for the Legislature to demand more accountability.

Assemblyman Josh Hoover is a member of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and represents the 7th Assembly District in Sacramento County, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale, and Rosemont. You can contact his office at Assemblymember.Hoover@assembly.ca.gov. ★

Ben Ali Shrine Band to Present Free Concert at Veterans Center

Ben Ali Shrine Band News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Ben Ali Shrine Band will perform a free, one-hour, open to the public concert at noon Monday, May 27, at the Veterans Community Center, 6921 Sylvan Road, in Citrus Heights.

Under the baton of Director Jerry Lopes, the band will play a variety of patriotic and popular favorites in observance of Memorial Day.

Donation envelopes in support of the extraordinary work done by doctors and staff of the Shriners Hospitals for Children -- Northern California, 2425 Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento, will be available on-site. Donations are strictly voluntary.

Ben Ali's history dates back to 1922, highlighted by positive community outreach and support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Ben

Ali Shrine Temple is located at 3262 Marysville Blvd., in Sacramento.

Shriners Hospitals for Children -- Northern California treats children with complex medical conditions, providing care to families throughout Northern California, the western United States and portions of Mexico and Canada. The free care provided by the local hospital -- and Shriners hospitals throughout the United States -- promotes healing that otherwise would represent an enormous economic burden to affected families.

Acquired in 2013 by founders Jim and Jeanne Rounsavell, the Veterans Community Center has become a community gathering place for veterans of all branches of the U.S. military. The building offers "a place for all vets, past and present, to come and gather among their peers ... and relive their various experiences during military life and just life in general." ★

\$3 Million Approved for Neighborhood Improvement Projects

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Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of all \$3,000,000 for 12 projects, primarily

within Environmental Justice communities, commercial corridors and/or areas adjacent to vacant or blighted properties located

throughout each supervisory district. A full report of the projects is available to view online at www.sac-county.gov. ★

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Dave Ramsey Says

come back to life like a zombie and come looking for you.

I'm not an expert on Florida law, but a pretrial conference in a case like this—over a \$7,688 credit card bill—is highly unusual. I've been helping people with money problems for 30 years, and I've never heard of anything like this. It could be some kind of new tactic the collections attorney is using to try to intimidate you.

If I were in your shoes, I'd call the attorney who's suing you and try to negotiate a payment plan or settlement. Do you have anything you can sell? Because I've got a feeling if you can come up with \$3,000 or so and offer it as payment in full, they'll take it. I don't mean to be unkind, but these guys figure you're a deadbeat because you've got a 5-year-old debt hanging over your head and haven't tried to pay it. They'll take almost anything they can get at this point.

In general, when you go to court over a situation like this, you're going to lose. You have a legal debt, and you haven't paid it. It's that simple. So, if you don't have anything to sell to

make some money that way, you need to get busy working an extra job or two. I'm talking about doing Door Dash or something—in the morning before work or in the evening after work. Kiss those weekends goodbye too. Just go nuts for a few weeks, and make a bunch of extra money fast.

It won't be easy, and you're going to be dog-tired for a while. But you can scrape together \$3,000–4,000 before June easily if you'll just put your head down and make it happen. Then, offer it up to the attorney. Demand a written release, with the debt declared settled and paid in full, and chances are, this thing will be off your back!

– Dave

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

April was Another Solid Month for New Home Sales



Despite the fact that mortgage interest rates ticked upward in April, Sacramento-area new home sales recorded the third-highest total for the month since 2006. Image by Paul Brennan from Pixabay

North State BIA News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Despite the fact that mortgage interest rates ticked upward in April, Sacramento-area new home sales recorded the third-highest total for the month since 2006, the North State Building Industry Association reported May 8.

BIA members reported selling 584 new homes regionwide in April, well above the monthly average of 495 and the third-highest total since 682 sold in 2006 at the tail end of the housing boom. Only April 2021 and April 2023 reported higher numbers.

"Our BIA builders are continuing to build the new homes our region so badly needs, but it's also important to remember that they are building a stronger community," said North State President & CEO Tim Murphy. "Neighbors feel connected when they move into a new home community, and the economic growth that follows a strong period of homebuilding helps knit the entire region into a greater sense of community."

Murphy further underscored the community-building efforts of the homebuilding industry through its two charitable organizations.

"The North State Building Industry Foundation plays a crucial role in our local homebuilding workforce by providing job training for out-of-school youth and adults seeking opportunities in

residential construction, whereas HomeAid Sacramento is dedicated to building and maintaining housing and programmatic facilities for nonprofit organizations and public institutions serving those experiencing or at risk for homelessness. These initiatives demonstrate our industry's commitment to building a thriving region.

"BIA builders, trade contractors, and all the affiliated companies that help make homeownership possible give back to their community in so many ways. I am proud to be a part of this great organization, and I know all our members feel the same way."

April sales dipped 3% from March and were down 7% from the previous year as interest rates ticked slightly higher each week during the month. Nationwide, rates stood at 7.22 for a 30-year fixed mortgage at the beginning of May, still well below the peak of 7.79% reported last October.

Communities in Roseville again reported the most sales (138), followed by Elk Grove (86), Rancho Cordova (78), Sacramento (60), and Folsom (49). The top 10 was rounded out by Plumas Lake (32), Lincoln (27), El Dorado Hills (24), Natomas (23) and Woodland (17). The vast majority of new homes sold between \$500,000 and \$750,000. (See charts below for more information.)

BIA statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties. ★


Dear Dave,

A few years ago, I had a real problem with credit card debt. Since then, I've gotten much better at handling my money, and I'm making about \$80,000 a year. Two weeks ago, I received a letter about a credit card I had in 2020. The amount owed is \$7,688. The letter doesn't say I'm being sued, but it says I have to appear before a judge in two months for a pretrial conference. I live in Florida, and I've never heard of anything like this. I only have \$1,000 in savings.

– Damari

Dear Damari,

I'm glad to hear you're handling your finances better now than you did in the past. But at this point, you're learning that old debts don't necessarily die, aren't you? Ignoring debts isn't a good plan, because many times they



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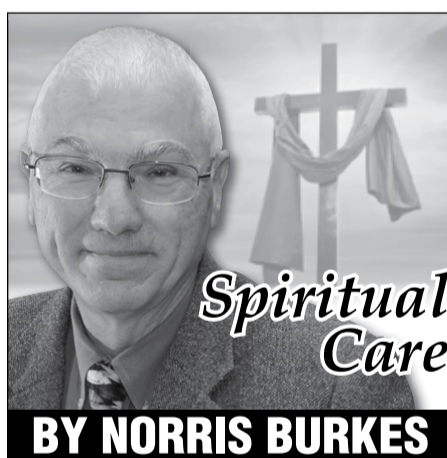
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BY NORRIS BURKES

I have a great trivia question to start your weekend.

Do you remember who made famous the catchphrase, "Let's be careful out there"?

If you guessed Michael Conrad playing Sergeant Phil Esterhaus in the TV show "Hill Street Blues" (1981-1987), you'd be half right. Esterhaus, the desk sergeant, sent his officers onto the street with a heartfelt, "Let's be careful out there."

But a little-known fact about that quote is that TV writers got that phrase from my mom.

That's right. At least twice a week during my adolescence, Mom sent me out into the world telling me, "Be careful out there."

Your mom probably said the same thing too, but I'm sure you didn't reply with the sarcasm I did.

"Be careful of what, Mom?" I'd ask. "Be specific. Are you telling me I can't walk the freeway to school anymore?"

"Why do I have to be careful? I promised my buddies I'd drive them to the beach so we can swim with the sharks."

I'm sure she got my point. Her admonition was short of specific tips so it wasn't going to significantly change my plans to do stupid things.

Nevertheless, she'd send me out with a smile, rebuffing my sarcasm, saying, "Just be careful!, OK?"

Still, I loved her concern. She spoke as a person of faith and her warning to "be careful" carried the sentiment of the Apostle Paul.

Whether you consider yourself to be

religious or not, I think there's good motherly advice in Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, asking congregants to "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise."

The passage continues with astonishing specificity, naming four goals to living wisely. (Ephesians 5:15-20)

First, from verse 18, "Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life."

My mom, a Baptist preacher's wife was definitely a teetotaler. Still, I think she'd like the alternative as it's suggested in The Message – "Drink the Spirit of God, huge drafts of him."

The latter half of the verse names a second goal: "Become filled with the Spirit of God."

I'm not sure what kind of spirit my mom saw in her youngest child. But I do know she encouraged me to let God reflect the divine image He placed in me. Even today, I know she sees in me "fightings within and fears without," much like the hymn "Just As I Am."

The third goal Paul mentions is "speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit" (v.19).

That's a bit confusing. Are we supposed to sing to one another as if we are characters in a musical?

No. I think Paul is saying, "Speak to each other as if God was speaking his love through you."

My mom's translation of this – and probably your mom's too -- was, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. But by all means, say nice things!"

Finally, verse 20 tells us to be careful that we are "always giving thanks to God for everything."


Thank God for everything. REALLY?

No.

Paul's writings, here and elsewhere, emphasize that we take care to maintain the spirit of thanksgiving for all situations, both visible and invisible.

Even now I'm thankful that, at age 91, my mom is still around to tell me to be careful with my grammar, my speech and my posture.

Which proves my last catchphrase for the day: "There's no place like home." -The Wizard of Oz, 1939 ★



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Social Security Matters

Future Retiree Worried About Social Security's Future



By Russell Gloor,
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Dear Rusty: I keep reading that the SSA will only be able to pay out 75% of benefits come 2033. If congress were to do nothing and this reduction in benefits occurred, would seniors already collecting benefits in 2033 have their benefits reduced or would it only be those who have not begun to collect have their future benefits reduced? I will be collecting my benefits no later than 2027 but my wife will not reach full retirement age until 2033 and we are looking for information on whether we need to adjust savings now to account for mine or my wife's possible reduction in benefits. **Signed: Worried Senior**

Dear Worried Senior: If Congress does nothing to prevent Social Security's reserves from depletion, Social Security – by law – will only be able to pay out benefits equal to income, which is estimated to be about 23% to 25% short of what will be needed to

pay full benefits starting in 2033. That would mean everyone who is already receiving monthly Social Security benefits would get a payment 23% to 25% less than they were previously receiving. And without reform, new beneficiaries would get benefits similarly reduced.

The action needed to prevent those cuts from happening resides with Congress, and any program reform they enact would likely only affect those who are not yet collecting. Whether or how that would affect you and your wife as future SS beneficiaries depends on the scope of reform Congress will enact which, of course, is not yet known. That uncertainty, itself, is reason enough to bolster your savings for your future retirement.

The probability of Congress allowing the Trust Funds to be depleted, thus necessitating an across the board cut in everyone's benefit is, in my opinion, slim (it would be political suicide). Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial woes – they just currently lack the bipartisanship and political fortitude to do so. And it's doubtful any Social Security reform will happen this election year – rather, the opposing sides will likely just sling accusations at each other in 2024. But rest assured that

both sides of Congress are acutely aware that reform of the Social Security program is needed soon, and we are already seeing signs that progress on reform may be forthcoming (but not until after the 2024 elections).

Congress is notorious for waiting until the last possible moment to act, and I don't suggest you alter your Social Security claiming strategy based on the unknown. But building a bigger nest egg for retirement is always a prudent goal. Also, calling your Congressional Representative to endorse needed Social Security reform which ensures your future benefits will not be cut would be a good move

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Measles Exposure in May at UC Davis

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Public Health confirms one case of measles in a child who visited the UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Department between 10 p.m. and 3:15 a.m. May 6 and between 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. May 7.

UC Davis Medical Center is contacting those who were potentially exposed in the Emergency Department during those hours. Unvaccinated persons or those with unknown vaccination status who were in the UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Department during the aforementioned periods of time are at risk of developing measles from seven to 21 days after being exposed.

Exposed individuals should review their immunization and medical records to determine if they are protected against measles. Those who have not previously had measles or who have not received the measles immunization might not be protected from the measles virus. They should talk with a health care provider about receiving measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization. Persons needing vaccination should call the Public Health immunization line at 916-875-7468.

Sacramento County Public Health advises residents to notify their health care providers as soon as possible about a potential exposure if they are pregnant, have an infant, have a weakened immune system and/or are not immunized regardless of vaccination history. Do not go to providers in-person or go to the emergency department for potential exposure.

Exposed individuals should also monitor themselves for illness with fever and/or an unexplained rash from seven to 21 days after their exposure (the time period when symptoms might develop); if symptoms develop, stay at home and immediately call a healthcare provider. If individuals become ill enough that they need medical attention in person, wear a mask and inform the registration staff about possible measles exposure so that appropriate isolation can occur in the healthcare setting.

UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento County Public Health and Public Health Departments in surrounding counties are contacting identified patients to assess immunization status and provide guidance to individuals who were exposed.

About Measles

Measles is a contagious viral illness. Measles typically begins with a mild to moderate fever accompanied by cough, runny nose and red/watery eyes. Some cases also report diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Two to three days later, there is generally a fever and a red, blotchy rash appears, usually first on the face. This rash rapidly spreads downward to the chest and back and finally to the thighs and feet. The rash fades after about a week.

Measles is spread through the respiratory route and can live in the air for up to an hour in the airspace where an infectious person has coughed or sneezed. Other people can become infected by breathing the contaminated air. The time from being infected with the virus to developing symptoms can be as long as 21 days but is typically nine to 12 days.

People with measles are infectious from four days before to four days after the onset of the rash. Anyone diagnosed with measles or suspected of having measles should stay home for four days after the onset of the rash. However, infected people without symptoms of measles might still be able to transmit the virus.

Vaccination against measles is the best protection against measles infection.

Adults who have not had two doses of MMR vaccine can receive the vaccine. However, pregnant patients or individuals who are immunocompromised should not receive it.

While vaccination is currently the best protection against measles infection, no vaccine or medicine is perfect, and vaccinated individuals might still become infected. If you were exposed and not immune, even after getting the vaccine, you can get measles and can transmit it to others.

Learn more about measles through Sacramento County's Public Health page. ★

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California Once Led In Government Transparency. It Descended Into Secrecy and Opacity



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California once was a national leader in making government more transparent, requiring state and local agencies to conduct their business in public meetings and giving Californians easy access to public records. In recent years, however, transparency has eroded. The Legislature has retreated into semi-secrecy, particularly on the state budget but also on other major legislation. Due to a construction project, legislative offices have been moved from the Capitol to an almost impenetrable building, making in-person contact more difficult. Behind those well-guarded doors, decisions are made and deals are cut and the outcomes are simply announced and enacted with sometimes little or no meaningful debate. In recent years, governors and legislators have been using budget “trailer bills” to pass major changes in policy with little or no notice. The descent into secrecy has, for obvious reasons, coincided with the advent of one-party government. The dominant Democrats can ignore media and the larger public because they know their numbers insulate them from accountability. The increasing opacity of state government decision making is compounded by its having data systems that are clunky and often offer

only outdated information. Cal-Access, the system that contains political information, such as campaign contributions and lobbying expenditures, is especially difficult to use and efforts to improve it have themselves been sporadic. Projects to modernize the state’s information technology have been underway for decades, but have experienced numerous delays and failures despite costing billions of dollars. A poster child for the data shortcomings is the Financial Information System of California, which has the catchy acronym of FISCal. It was envisioned many years ago as a comprehensive financial management tool for all state agencies but is only partially operational. One aspect of FISCal’s situation is that California is chronically tardy in reporting its financial picture. State Controller Maila Cohen recently released the state’s “Comprehensive Financial Report,” a nearly 400-page document required by law to be prepared each year. It was a report on the 2021-22 fiscal year that should have been issued a year earlier, but wasn’t because FISCal and other data systems could not generate timely and accurate numbers. Cohen acknowledged its tardiness in a cover letter, saying it “will mark the fifth consecutive year that California has published its financial statements well beyond the regulatory deadline of nine months after the fiscal year end,” and blamed it on FISCal and other technical shortcomings. The state auditor’s office, which is charged with reviewing the annual financial report, has been highly critical of FISCal’s implementation in

a series of audits for the Legislature. Three years ago, the office issued a report saying that FISCal’s deficiencies were chronically delaying the state’s annual economic reports, and noting that delays were hindering the state’s ability to borrow money and execute funding agreements. Obviously little has happened since to rectify that embarrassing failure. The 2022-23 financial report should have been released this month, but it will probably be a year late as well. California’s shortcomings in transparency have not gone unnoticed outside the state. This week, an organization called Truth in Accounting, which monitors financial information management across the nation, issued a 50-state scorecard on transparency and California scored third from the bottom. States were graded on such issues as the timeliness and accuracy of their financial reports, and their candor – or lack of it – in reporting financial obligations such as unfunded liabilities of their public pension systems. A perfect score would have been 100. New York was rated No. 1 with 86 points, followed by Wyoming and Hawaii. California’s score was 48, higher than only Illinois and Georgia. That’s shameful. Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. He began his professional career in 1960, at age 16, at the Humboldt Times in Eureka, while still attending high school, and turned down a National Merit scholarship to continue working as a journalist. ★

CDFW Warns Dog Owners to Be Mindful of Salmon Poisoning Disease

CDFW News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Salmon Poisoning Disease is a potentially fatal condition seen only in dogs after they eat certain types of raw or cold smoked fish like trout and salmon that are infected with a bacteria-like organism, *Neorickettsia helminthoeca*, which is transmitted by the parasitic flatworm (or “fluke”) *Nanophyetes salmincola*. *Nanophyetes salmincola* occurs naturally in waters of northern California and most of the north state can be considered the native range for the fluke. But dogs throughout the state are susceptible. Dog owners are advised to be cautious and to keep their dogs away from salmon, steelhead, trout and other freshwater fish carcasses. The parasite cannot survive in cooked fish, is not harmful to humans and does not affect pets other than dogs.



Dog owners in California are reminded to take precautions to protect their pets from salmon poisoning disease. Photo courtesy of CDFW

If your dog has eaten or is suspected of eating raw fish, watch for signs of the disease. Symptoms are similar to distemper and may include some or all of the following: a rise in body temperature, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, listlessness and/or rapid weight loss. If signs of the disease appear, promptly take your dog to a veterinarian. Salmon Poisoning Disease is treatable if caught in time. If untreated, death usually occurs within two weeks of eating the infected fish. Without treatment, 90

percent of dogs showing symptoms die. While all fish caught or originating from streams in California could potentially be infected, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) cautions that trout stocked in some waters in CDFW’s North Central Region are more likely to be infected with the flukes that cause Salmon Poisoning Disease. Weekly fish stocking information is publicly available at CDFW’s Fish Planting Schedule web page. ★

Sacramento Native Relays Instructions to Sailors Aboard USS Dewey

Navy Office of Community Outreach News Release

PHILIPPINE SEA (MPG) - Boatswain’s Mate 2nd Class Tramain White, top left, from Sacramento, California, relays instructions to Sailors on the aft-missile deck aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Dewey (DDG 105) during a replenishment-at-sea with the Henry J. Kaiser-class underway replenishment oiler USNS Yukon (T-AO 202) while conducting operations in the Philippine Sea, March 29. Dewey is forward-deployed and assigned to DESRON 15, the Navy’s largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th fleet’s principal surface force. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Samantha Oblander.



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Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
ROTT 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03140
H.G.N Investments Inc., 8038 Prairie Field Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stop N Save Liquor N Food" 4709 Florin Road 2B, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed

with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
STOP 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03081
Lauren Puliz, 6330 Fountain Square Drive #923, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Millennial Mama Therapy" 8257 Ashcrest Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
MILLENNIAL 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02526
Summit Funding, Inc., 2135 Butano Drive Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lead+ Wholesale Lending/Lead Plus Wholesale Lending" 2135 Butano Drive Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 3, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
LEAD 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02880
Tamala Da Vigo, P.O. Box 6070, Folsom, CA 95763 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "North Valley Consulting/NVC" 6609 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
NORTH 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02953
Kian Nikzad, 1320 D Street Apt D, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sun Harvest/ Ancient Sun/Helios" 1320 D Street Apt D, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
SUN 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02798
Anshul Dixit, Upasna Dixit and Ambethkar Venkatraman 1968 Misty Meadow Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Career and Minds" 1968 Misty Meadow Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 12, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
CAREER 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03017
FLS Inc, 711 E. Bidwell Street #8, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yuba Lock" 1212 Bridge Street, Yuba City, CA 95991. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 19, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
YUBA 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03018
FLS Inc, 711 E. Bidwell Street #8, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Folsom Lock & Security" 711 E. Bidwell Street #8, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 19, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
FOLSOM 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03188
Mingdan Wei, 4026 Barbara Street, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Just 4 Massage" 4261 Truxel Road Suite A4, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
JUST 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03190
Odyssey Business Development LLC, 1846 E Innovation Park Drive #100, Oro Valley, AZ, 85755 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite Loan Advisers" 3830 Watt Avenue Suite 2, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
ELITE 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03060
Ashley Simons, 1520 Main Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 and Britanni Costa, 6711 Hedgewood Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hub House" 7250 Auburn Boulevard Suite E, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2024
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
HUB 5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03241
Tony Lee Shedenhelm, 10641 Campana Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tony's Backflow Service" 10641 Campana Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 26, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
TONYS 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02975
Mr Drain Corp, 2528 Midland Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mr Drain Plumbing/Mr Drain" 2528

Midland Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 18, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
DRAIN 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03419
Robert J. Hightower, 5520 Link Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alta-Turris Consulting" 5520 Link Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 1, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
ALTA 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03009
Jyenny Babcock, 6330 Sunrise Boulevard #1031, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Well Accounted Bookkeeping" 5801 Topp Court, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 19, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
WELL 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03185
William Jerome Wright, 4019 Leo's Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Anthony's Auto Care Service" 4019 Leo's Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
ANTHONYS 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03397
Georgina R. Martz, 3025 Bertis Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Martz Tax Services" 3025 Bertis Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
MARTZ 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03203
Katharine Plamondon, 4046 Minnesota Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Windfall Recovery Firm" 4046 Minnesota Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
WINDFALL 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03132
Duncan Berseth, 6549 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Deck Doctor" 6549 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
DECK 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03234
Golden Hour Signings, LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Hour Signings" 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 26, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
GOLDEN 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03246
J3M Holdings LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Coding Page, LLC" 5105 Crystal Cove Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 26, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
CODING 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03455
Esther Garcia, 7491 Phan Lane, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "H.E.G. Cleaning Services" 7491 Phan Lane, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
HEG 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03474
Grizzly Roofing, 5000 Emerald Brook Way, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grizzly Roofing/California Flat Roofs" 5000 Emerald Brook Way, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 3, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
GRIZZLY 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02930
Mike Wahba, 1722 J Street Suite 216, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Global I.N./Global Investors Network/Global Multifamily Associates/California Apartment Brokers" 1722 J Street Suite 216, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2024
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
GLOBAL 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03611
KrisMar Enterprises LLC, PO Box 7013, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trusted Ink Notary Co" 5938 Desiree Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2024

Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
TRUSTED 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03634
James D Ewald, 3629 Sunrise Pines Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crossing Clouds Consulting" 3629 Sunrise Pines Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
CROSSING 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03467
Aleksi Bakumets and Irina Bakumets, 3331 Hunter Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Optimus Tinting & Wrap" 3331 Hunter Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
OPTIMUS 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03349
MoseyOnHome Realty Real Estate, Inc., 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 212, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MoseyOnHome Realty Real Estate, Inc" 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 212, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
MOSEY 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02646
Sohel Samiee and Shiva Ghasemi, 9709 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Print N Signs" 9709 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
PRINT 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03089
Joseph Farley, 3561 Maddiewood Circle, Sacramento, CA 95993 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Joe Farley Construction" 3561 Maddiewood Circle, Sacramento, CA 95993. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
JOE 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02920
Wake N Lake LLC, 6632 Mirwood Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wake N Lake" 6632 Mirwood Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
WAKE 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03665
Roper Food Services, Inc., PO Box 2515, Granite Bay, CA 95746 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jimboy's Tacos 45" 3900 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 9, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
JIMBOYS45 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03666
Roper Food Services, Inc. PO Box 2515, Granite Bay, CA 95746 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jimboy's Tacos 7" 3033 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 9, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
JIMBOYS7 6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03389
EVO Home Loans, LLC, 7975 N Hayden Road Suite A101, Scottsdale, AZ 85258 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Epiq Lending" 7975 N Hayden Road Suite A101, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2024
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
EPIQ 6-7-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV007185

Kelvin Lawson Jr and Kassey Jenae Lawson have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Knoel Jewel Lawson to Knoelle Jewel Lawson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 3, 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: April 12, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
LAWSON 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV005355

Arielle Shaunte' Mosteck, Arielle Shaunte' Mosteck have filed a petition with this court for

a decree changing the name(s) of Arielle Shaunte' Mosteck to Arielle Shaunte Buchanan and Aydon Troy Buchanan Neal to Aydon Troy Buchanan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 4, 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: March 20, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
BUCHANAN 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV007595

Natalia Regina Rinker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Natalia Regina Rinker to Natalia Regina Hannahan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 10, 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: April 17, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
RINKER 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV008580

Jesus Enrique Hinostrroza Jr has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jesus Enrique Hinostrroza Jr to Jay Enrique Hinostrroza.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 12, 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: March 27, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
HINOSTROZA 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV007012

Eric Deon Silas has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Eric Deon Silas to Eric Deon Barnes.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: April 10, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
SILAS 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV001491

Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
SILAS 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV007324

Carla Annette Smith has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carla Annette Smith to Carla Annette Manchester.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 14, 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: April 15, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
SMITH 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV007963

Abiyah Olivia Ehindero has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abiyah Olivia Ehindero to Sizannah Emet Hesel-Wells.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 16, 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: April 23, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
EHINDERO 5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV007958

Monique Lee Davis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Monique Lee Davis to Monique Lee Davis-DeRobertis.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 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: May 8, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
HAMMOND 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV008376

Dated: April 23, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
DAVIS 5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV006981

Cynthia Louise Plattner aka Cynthia Louise Fonseca has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cynthia Louise Plattner aka Cynthia Louise Fonseca to Cindie Loue Fonseca.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: April 10, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
FONSECA 5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV005911

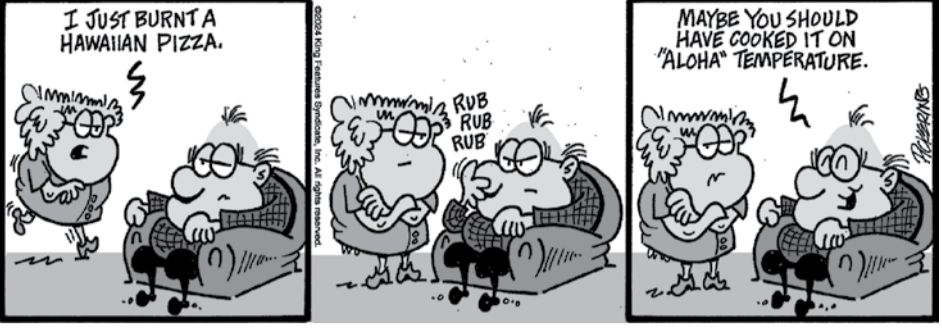
Rene John Osgood aka Rene J. Osgood has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rene John Osgood aka Rene J. Osgood to Rene Kline.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814,

COMICS & PUZZLES

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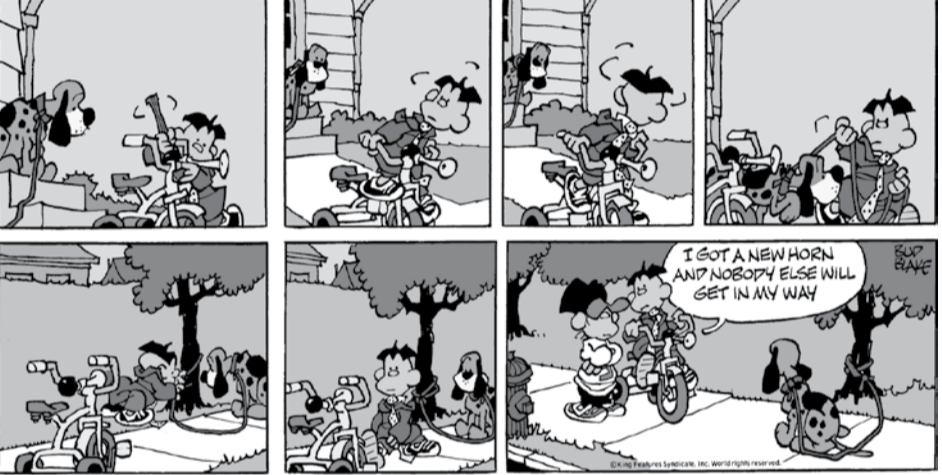
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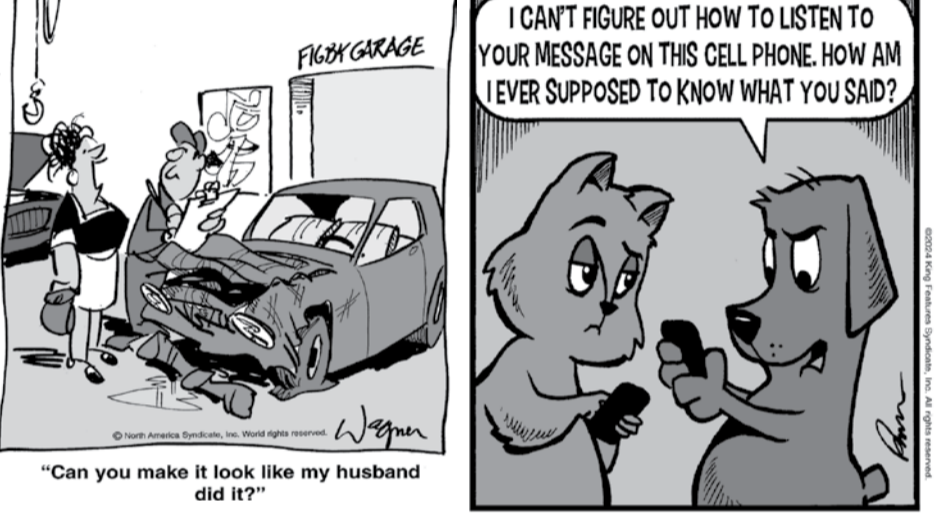
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Tap is longer. 3. Paint can is larger. 4. Window sill is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Top of doorway is different.

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • OPPOSITES

- CLUES**
- ACROSS**
- Clothing joint
 - *Opposite of good
 - *Pre-
 - Guestimate (2 words)
 - Sudden impulse
 - Group dice game
 - Stead
 - Naive person
 - Fancy necktie
 - *Compass point opposites (2 words)
 - A pinch between the cheeks
 - Earth tremor
 - Before skip and a jump
 - Constantly worry about something
 - More infinitesimal
 - Catch a wink
 - One weber per square meter, pl.
 - *Pre-recorded
 - Deed hearings
 - Cribbage piece
 - Bread spreads
 - Plural of focus
 - Making the way, in a way
 - "I Like ___" 1952 campaign slogan
 - Of somber color
 - *Like bride's accessories (2 words)
 - 60 mins., pl.
 - Indiana ball player
 - One of Three Bears
 - *Day periods (2 words)
 - Vernacular
 - Part of church
 - Soap bubbles
 - Type of small salmon
 - Bound
 - Domingo, Pavarotti and Carreras, e.g.
 - Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
 - Key next to spacebar
 - Where users review
- DOWN**
- Fa follower
 - Between Ohio and Ontario
 - *Opposite of on land
 - Fluffy dessert
 - Hillsides in Scotland
 - Anti-seniors sentiment
 - *Opposite of awkward and clumsy
 - *Door instruction (2 words)
 - Fairy tale opener
 - Flat-bottomed boat
 - Bambino
 - Not like #26 Down
 - Popular breakfast item
 - MCAT and LSAT, e.g.
 - *Hers
 - *Switch positions (2 words)
 - Louisiana swamp
 - Glasses, for short
 - Three biblical sages
 - A logical connection (2 words)
 - Extract a memory, e.g.
 - Stitch again
 - R&R spots
 - Tolstoy's given name, in Russian
 - *Irwin Shaw's title opposites (2 words)
 - Checked out
 - Pimple fluid

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Californians Will See Lower Electricity Rates and a New Fee That Won't Vary with Power Use



Here are power lines in Sacramento on Sept. 20, 2022. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

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State utility regulators decided May 9 to let California's largest power providers stick their customers with a new monthly flat fee in exchange for a reduction in the overall price of electricity, a controversial change to the way that millions of households pay their utility bills with weighty implications for state climate change policy.

Under the new policy, utilities will be required to reduce the price households pay for the electricity they use every time they charge a phone or run an air conditioner. That rate cut will vary from between 8% and 18%, depending on the utility, season and time of day, according to the commission's analysis.

To make up for the lost revenue, regulators have introduced the concept of a "fixed charge," a break from California electric billing tradition. For decades electric bills from Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric have been the "pay as you go" variety, with households only paying for the electricity they use.

Starting in late 2025 for SCE and SDG&E customers and in early 2026 for those with PG&E, the state's investor-owned utilities will be able to charge customers a monthly fee regardless of how much power the customer draws from the grid. So-called fixed charges are a mainstay of electric billing across most of the country, with an average fee of roughly \$11.

The new California charge will be \$24 for most customers, but lower income households, who already qualify for discounted electric rates, will see fees of either \$6 or \$12.

WINNERS AND LOSERS FROM A FIXED CHARGE

For households that do not benefit from discounts, lower energy users will pay more every month.

The unanimous vote by the California Public Utilities Commission comes after months

of heated debate that pitted Assembly and Senate Democrats and Republicans against legislative leadership and the governor's office, advocates of rooftop solar against labor unions representing utility workers and environmental advocates against one another.

Backers of the billing change say it's a necessary step to bring down electricity rates in California, which are among the highest in the country. California regulators want all new cars sold to be electric by 2035 and are taking steps to discourage gas-powered indoor appliances. Those goals are hard to square with sky-high electric prices.

The state's planned "transition to all electric homes, cars and trucks is truly transformative," said CPUC President Alice Reynolds at today's hearing. Under the proposed change all customers "will be better off financially if they electrify — whether that's purchasing an electric vehicle or switching out a gas appliance with an electric one."

Opponents argue that the change in billing policy won't move the needle for most households considering dumping their gas-powered cars and appliances, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars, but will instead needlessly discourage energy conservation efforts while punishing rooftop solar customers.

The policy is a departure from 50 years of regulatory precedent in California, which is "if you use more you pay more and that encourages conservation," said Loretta Lynch, a former CPUC president and critic of what she sees as a "pro-utility" bias on the current body. Reducing the penalty on high energy use will also have "huge cost consequences down the road" for a grid that already struggles to keep up with summer-time demand, she said.

The ultimate impact of the policy change may be more muted than either side wants to admit, said Merideth Fowlie, a UC Berkeley economist and one of a handful of researchers to initially float the idea in 2021 of an income-graduated fixed charge as

one way to pay for reduced electricity rates.

The three-tiered CPUC-approved change doesn't vary much by income and its promised rate reductions are relatively modest, said Fowlie.

"Clearly, I'm disappointed, because I don't think it comes close to where I think we should be in terms of reductions," she said. "If this forces another conversation — which is, 'Why are we paying for wildfire risk mitigation, which is essentially climate change adaptation, or some of these major investments in decarbonisation, on bills?' — I think that's an important conversation to have."

WINNER AND LOSERS IN NEW CALIFORNIA UTILITY FEE

Though utilities won't earn any more revenue or profit as a direct result of the change, there will be winners and losers under the new billing program.

The reduced price of electricity will likely save money for people who use a lot of electricity, such as a large household in an AC-dependent part of the state or the owner of an electric SUV, a heat pump and an induction stove. That reduction will be more than enough to offset the cost of the new fee. Many, if not most, low-income households who qualify for the discounted fixed charge will also emerge as financial winners.

But there are sure to be plenty of losers, too. Smaller households, Californians living along the temperate coast, energy-conscious customers and people with solar panels on their rooftops are all more likely to see their total utility bills rise.

That group makes for a powerful political bloc that has fiercely rallied against the regulatory change for months. Many showed up or called in at the commission hearing.

"The big utility tax will increase monthly utility bills on four million households while doing nothing to encourage electrification," said Yvette DeCarlo, speaking on behalf of a coalition of environmental nonprofits,

tenant rights groups, liberal advocacy organizations and anti-tax activists.

Severin Borenstein, another Berkeley economist who co-authored the 2021 study with Fowlie, said modeling suggests that the lower electricity rates under the policy will only increase electric vehicle purchases by roughly 5% above what they would otherwise be.

"It's in the right direction, though, and I think that we can't get to where we need to go unless we start," he said.

The fixed charge policy was included in a budget proposal by Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration in 2022, but it wasn't until last year that many state legislators woke up to it. Twenty-one coastal Democrats, led by Thousand Oaks Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, introduced a bill ordering the CPUC to reverse course. So too did Senate Republican leader Brian Jones. Both efforts were quietly put on ice at the behest of legislative leadership.

In a letter Jones and the rest of the Senate GOP caucus sent to CPUC president Reynolds earlier this week, the San Diego Republican expressed some skepticism that the state regulatory body could be trusted to keep the fixed charge at its current level.

"We are particularly concerned that this will only be the beginning," the letter said. "The CPUC has been granted unchecked power to increase this new charge at any time. If the \$24.15 plan is approved, the next proposal may see the fixed charge hiked to \$50, \$100, or even higher!"

More even directed at the rooftop solar industry

For California's residential solar industry, the vote is just the latest regulatory broadside.

Over the last two years, the CPUC has slashed the payments that utilities are required to give to single family homeowners, apartment buildings, schools and businesses that install solar panels.

That's based on the argument, advanced by the commission,

the regulated utilities and many energy economists, that relatively well-to-do solar customers have been overcompensated in California since the early 2000s, which has had the effect of off-loading the costs of running the grid onto non-solar households.

Advocates for the fixed charge say assigning solar customers an unavoidable monthly charge is yet another way to balance out who pays for major utility line items like wildfire prevention, subsidies for low income households, EV charging networks and distribution system upkeep.

"What the fixed charge does is ensure that we're no longer going to have freeloaders," Scott Wetch, a lobbyist who represents many unionized workers employed by California's for-profit utility companies, told CalMatters earlier this month.

Outraged homeowners with solar panels were well represented among those who called in to give public comment.

"I have solar panels on the home, which we got right away to cooperate with California's move to have 100% renewable energy. But yet we're getting hit with this unfair tax," Joy Frew, a self-described senior citizen from San Diego County, told the commission over the phone.

"People that really invested in solar trying to do the right thing for the planet — all of a sudden we're being slapped in the face for doing it," said a caller named Steve Randall from San Clemente.

Not that every Californian with a solar panel above their head is opposed to the fixed charge. Fowlie, one of architects behind the idea, said her family hopped on the solar bandwagon as a way to bring down their monthly utility bill.

"I'm gonna be the biggest loser under this proposal," she said, prior to today's vote. "I would be in that higher income bracket and I have solar, so my bills would go up. But I think it's a win for California, so I'm a big supporter." ★



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