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The California Aerospace Museum received more than \$26,000 on the BDOG. Photo courtesy of the California Aerospace Museum. Courtesy photo

**Story and photos
by Susan Maxwell
Skinner**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Local non-profit organizations were big winners in the May 7 Big Day of Giving. Many achieved support that surpassed their hopes. Choreographed by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, the 24-hour give-a-thon this year helped 826 organizations and raised record donations. Gifts totaled more than \$13.25 million. Since the 2013 inception of this annual appeal, public philanthropy has helped



Carmichael Kiwanis Club members rejoiced at \$12,500 in donations.

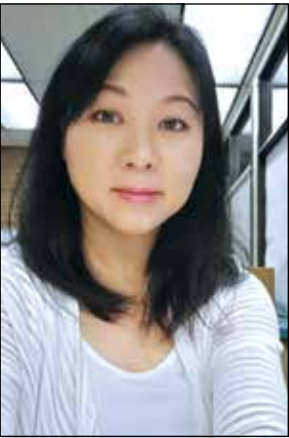
Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado and Placer County charities to the tune of \$100 million. Administered by the American River Natural

History Association, Effie Yeaw Nature Center is funded solely by public support. Big Day of Giving boosted donations by \$65,000.

“We had matching funds from two of our strongest supporters,” said staffer Kalee Christensen. “It was an exciting day for us watching our computers and seeing funds come in. They’ll help us enormously.” In North Highlands, California Aerospace Museum was refueled with more than \$26,000. “Sending kids to programs for hands-on STEM learning would not be possible for some families without this generosity,” said museum director Karen Jones. “Almost 86 per cent of

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Beyond the Call in Adult Protective Services



Irene Chu has been working for the County for 27 years. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - This month, Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) is celebrating employee, Irene Chu, as part of the video and story series “Beyond the Call: Chronicles of Compassion in Child, Family and Adult Services.” Having started her career with the County in Child Protective Services, Irene eventually transitioned to working with older adults through Adult Protective Services (APS). Irene has over 27 years of experience working for the County. Her background in counseling helps give her a unique perspective, allowing her to engage with clients and guide them through decision-making processes.

“The mission of Adult Protective Services is to protect the health and safety of older adults and dependent adults in our community in the least restrictive environment,” Irene explains. That mission involves a delicate balance of advocating for their well-being while also respecting their autonomy and choices.

Irene wants people to know that APS operates under regulations that encourage employees to respect the rights of older adults while addressing issues such as self-neglect, which is a unique challenge.

“Self-neglect cases require a nuanced approach,” Irene said. This is because self-neglect cases highlight the complex nature of ensuring the safety of someone while still honoring their boundaries and individual agency. Self-neglect is when someone doesn’t take care of their basic needs like personal hygiene or eating. Self-neglect can have many underlying causes including depression, isolation, or an underlying condition like undiagnosed

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Evacuate Pets to Sheltering Annex

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - When it comes to evacuations, the public needs to remember the five “Ps” before they leave: People and Pets, Prescriptions, Papers, Personal Needs and Priceless Items. In some cases, Pets (and livestock) can pose a unique challenge during evacuations. Sacramento County is addressing this issue.

In December, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted an Agricultural Pass program to facilitate the coordinated re-entry of commercial agricultural producers to care for their animals.

The Board of Supervisors has now introduced additional guidance for safeguarding evacuated animals. During its May 21 meeting, the supervisors approved the Sacramento County Animal Sheltering Annex, which outlines new protocols for protecting pets and livestock during evacuations.



In times of evacuations, be sure to prepare for your pets’ safety. On a side note, this puppy, Martin, is available for adoption at the county’s Bradshaw Animal Shelter, 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

The Annex’s development was driven by the necessity that arose from previous disasters in Sacramento County and aligned with new legislation. During the 2023 flood event, area farms reported more than \$38 million in losses, including losses of animals that could not be evacuated. The Annex was a

collaborative effort involving government officials and various agencies. It outlines the roles of entities such as the county agricultural commissioner, law enforcement, public health and the Office of Emergency Services in protecting or evacuating family pets and livestock. With the support of

partners such as the American Red Cross in coordinating shelter spaces that can accommodate animals and the appointment of an animal coordinator for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the plan aims to ensure that necessary measures are taken to address the needs of displaced animals. ★

Volunteers Honored with DOVIA Awards

By Omella Rossi,
photos by Bill Taylor

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The nonprofit Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) honored 23 volunteers from communities throughout Sacramento County and Yolo County at its annual awards ceremony on May 16.

Since its inception in 1978, DOVIA Sacramento has played a crucial role in connecting professional volunteer managers and leaders. It serves as a hub for exchanging ideas and resources among those who oversee volunteers in different organizations. Additionally, it collaborates with various groups to raise awareness about the importance of volunteering in the community. By fostering communications between member agencies, institutions, and the public, it aims to create a more supportive environment for volunteerism to thrive.

“We are committed to honoring exceptional people in our community and training volunteer program managers from a variety of local service organizations,” said DOVIA board member Twyla Teitzel.

DOVIA has a variety of agency members ranging from hospices to food banks and local government organizations. It covers Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba, El Dorado and Placer counties.

The May 16 reception held at the Girls Scout Heart of California office honored the 23 nominees and winners of the Youth Volunteer of the Year, the Individual Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Manager of the Year awards.

“The DOVIA executive board focuses on executing events such as this awards ceremony,” said communication chair Jacqueline Ramirez. “Volunteer events broaden the awareness of volunteerism and the critical role volunteers play in helping meet local needs required for the community to function at its best.”



Patty Estopinal, center, winner of the Individual Volunteer of the Year accepts her award alongside Miss Sacramento County, Helen Dang, left, and Miss Capitol City, Nicole Vicks.

Among the nominees, seven volunteers were nominated for Youth Volunteer of the Year, 13 were nominated for Individual Volunteer of the Year and three volunteer coordinators were nominated for Volunteer Manager of the Year. The evaluation was conducted by a panel of three judges: Barbara Fitzwater, retired volunteer manager at Kaiser Permanente; Tiffany Maese, volunteer coordinator at the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office; and Janice Wagaman, formerly associated with the Front Street Animal Shelter.

The Margaret Einspahr Youth Volunteer of the Year award acknowledges a youth volunteer under age 21 who has shown exceptional dedication to community service, having contributed a minimum of 25 hours of service between January and December 2023. Recipients of this award receive a \$500 scholarship funded by the Margaret Einspahr Memorial Fund to honor Margaret Einspahr’s legacy as a dedicated leader in the field of volunteerism.

The 2024 winner of the Youth Volunteer award was Riya Janardhan, a high school junior, nominated by WEAVE, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safe and healthy relationships and support survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking in Sacramento. Janardhan was

nominated for her dedication to advocating for women’s rights and gender equality.

“Being a girl myself and having to experience different stereotypes, I don’t want to have to experience this at such a young age,” Janardhan said. “It’s something I strive to want to fix.”

Other nominees for this position included Kevin Leach, nominated by Meristem in Fair Oaks; Kai Nakaoka, nominated by Scouting America in Sacramento; Maximum Truong, nominated by the Sacramento Tree Foundation; and Kristy Yu, Flynn Ng, and Cara Taylor, nominated by the Sacramento Public Library

The Individual Volunteer of the Year award is presented to a volunteer over age 21, who has dedicated a minimum of 25 hours of service. The award recipient receives a \$100 award for their organization.

The winner for this year’s award was Patricia Estopinal, nominated by Court Appointed Special Advocates Sacramento (CASA), an organization focused on ensuring support for children in the foster care system through volunteer advocates.

“This award means so much because for the past 14 years being able to have a relationship with foster youth, to have a relationship where you know that you’re the one constant, no



Riya Janardhan, center, Youth volunteer of the Year, accepts her awards alongside Miss Sacramento County, Helen Dang, left, and Miss Capitol City, Nicole Vicks.

matter what is going on in their lives, it’s just such a meaningful relationship,” Estopinal said.

The nominees for the positions included Beatriz Bueno and Jane Shapiro, nominated by the Sacramento Medical Serve Corps in McClellan; Anne Marie Christian, Daisey Maldonado and Karina Villanueva, nominated by Dignity Health Methodist Hospital in Sacramento; Mary Kay Edson, nominated by the Sacramento Public Library; Ron Hills, nominated by Vitalant in Mather; Marissa Honey-Plate, nominated by the Miss Sacramento County Scholarship Organization in Antelope; Rodney Horton, nominated by the American River Parkway Foundation in Carmichael; Nicky Smolter, nominated by the Lavender Library in Sacramento; Matthew Tran, nominated by the Sacramento Tree Foundation in Folsom; and Kristy Venrick Mardon, nominated by Only Sunshine Sanctuary in Fair Oaks.

Volunteer Manager of the Year honors a volunteer manager who demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to supporting volunteers. The winner received a \$100 award for their organization, along with a one-year complimentary DOVIA Sacramento organization membership.

The 2024 winner was Marlene

von Friederichs-Fitzwater nominated for her work with Joshua’s House and Health Communication Research Institute located in Yolo County. She has spent the past decade building Joshuas House, a hospice facility for terminally-ill homeless individuals. Von Friederichs-Fitzwater has raised \$2.5 million and created a volunteer organization to provide high-quality care.

Other nominations included Marissa Honey-Plata nominated by Miss Sacramento County Scholarship Organization and Justin Rubio with Sacramento Tree Foundation.

During the ceremony, several guest speakers talked about the importance of volunteering and the work they have done throughout the years. Lynn Pesely, winner of the 2023 DOVIA Volunteer Manager award, talked about her work with the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps. Helen Dang, Miss Sacramento County, and Nicole Vicks, Miss Capitol City, winners of the Miss Sacramento County Scholarship program, mentioned their work with advocacy and action for the houseless and Stomp Out Bullying respectively.

“One second, one minute, one action can change someone’s life,” Dang said. “All it takes is one good deed to build the foundation of lasting change.” ★

California Increases Groundwater Supply

Office of Governor
Gavin Newsom
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the first time since 2019, California’s groundwater storage has increased – a direct result of state and local actions to capture and store more water underground during last year’s historic wet season. California achieved 4.1 million acre-feet of managed groundwater recharge in 2023, with an overall increase in groundwater storage of 8.7 million acre-feet – equivalent to 26.1 million households’ usage

over an entire year.

Governor Gavin Newsom and the state took action to help local communities during last year’s wet season, expanding groundwater recharge by 1.6 million acre-feet:

Executive orders and legislation to capture more water. Governor Newsom signed executive orders to expand groundwater recharge by 400,000 acre-feet, as well as signing legislation to build more infrastructure.

Fast-tracking groundwater recharge projects. The state streamlined groundwater

recharge permits to allow for 1.2 million acre-feet of groundwater recharge, as well as investing in groundwater recharge projects.

Maximizing stormwater capture. Investing millions for 67 stormwater projects to take advantage of major storm events.

Ambitious goals. Setting the statewide goal to expand average annual groundwater recharge by at least 500,000 acre-feet as outlined in the Water Supply Strategy.

However, there is still a lot of work to do, as long-term

groundwater storage remains in a deficit of nearly 40 million acre-feet over the past two decades.

Recharging groundwater is key to California’s strategy for expanding water supplies and defending against hotter and drier conditions. Last month, Governor Newsom highlighted the state’s plans to protect water supplies for all Californians.

California’s other actions to boost future water supplies include billions of dollars in water investments over the last three years (track water projects in your community at build.

ca.gov), expanded water supply and storage through groundwater recharge and other projects by over 400 billion gallons, and streamlining projects and limiting litigation delays to spur new and improved water infrastructure.

More is needed to expand California’s water supplies. During this year’s storms alone, the Delta Conveyance Project could’ve captured enough water to supply 9.6 million people; the streamlined Sites Reservoir Project could hold enough water for 32 million households’ yearly usage. ★



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Alzheimer’s disease. Irene said APS workers encourage clients to weigh the pros and cons to decide whether they want help for self-neglect.

“Ultimately, we let them [the client] make the decision. Because ultimately, they have to feel that they own it, they have the ownership of that choice,” Irene explains.

As a Program Planner, Irene’s job goes far beyond advocating for older and disabled adults. She helps newer staff members as they learn the ropes, provides presentations, runs statistical reports, and writes and monitors contracts. Currently, Irene is also handling a housing project that helps

shelter older adults through rehousing and homeless prevention services. The project, called HomeSafe, showcases Irene’s commitment to providing innovative solutions to address issues in her community.

Reflecting on her 27 years with the County, Irene says she is grateful for her career. These experiences helped her professionally and allowed her to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those she serves. As Irene continues her work, she hopes sharing her story will encourage others to seek out a long-lasting career with Sacramento County.

“I really like it so much because I really enjoy all the opportunities that I was

given through the years,” Irene said.

DCFAS is proud of the dedication and passion that Irene and many other employees demonstrate. Irene is a shining example of going beyond the call, and that is why the County is happy to feature her in the ongoing video series “Beyond the Call: Chronicles of Compassion in Child, Family and Adult Services.”

Throughout the year, the County will continue to explore different roles within DCFAS, share how workers use their personal experience to better serve those in need, and teach people about the ongoing efforts DCFAS makes to serve Sacramento County. ★

Big Day of Giving Big Deal

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our summer campers are on scholarships. These are largely enabled by BDOG.”

Carmichael Library Friends gained a share of almost \$98,000 donated to Sacramento Public Library’s Friends organization. Summer reading programs and a scheme that gives free books to hundreds of Carmichael children will be funded.

“We’re so grateful for community generosity,” said local Friends President Barbara Safford. “The lifetimes of many wonderful children will be enriched by reading.”

Carmichael Kiwanis raised \$12,500. Its bottom line also benefited from a \$500 booster prize for most donations between 5 and 6 a.m. A random prize from Big Day of Giving organizers brought in another \$100.

“I’m always impressed by the generosity of our club members and our community,” said Kiwanian Mike Koerner. “We’re all about helping kids. These donations go a long way toward that aim.”

Carmichael Parks Foundation gained almost \$20,000 to boost park beautification and youth programs. This total includes gifts from the Borman family, community benefactor Susan Marszal and former Supervisor Susan Peters.

Current Supervisor Rich Desmond included the Parks Foundation among 24 Big Day of Giving donations. His choices included Carmichael Kiwanis, Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Fair Oaks Rotary, Carmichael HART and the San Juan Education Foundation. “I dedicate District 3 discretionary funds, as well as my personal funds,” he said. “I chose organizations that help our most vulnerable residents, care for animals, promote arts and culture, and generally improve quality of life.”

Boosted by Desmond’s donation and a further \$20,000 in gifts, Sacramento Fine Arts Center exceeded Big Day of Giving hopes.

“These donations are vital to keeping the center and our programs going,” said Sacramento Fine Arts Center executive Angelia Gordon. “We’re grateful for so much generosity.”

Nature protectors opened wallets wide across the region. Placer Land Trust’s appeal yielded nearly \$194,000. The American River Conservancy was

enriched by more than \$34,000. The American River Parkway Foundation and Save the American River Association gained \$21,048 and \$18,395 respectively. Soil Born Farms, a Rancho Cordova enterprise that promotes sustainable food production, harvested almost \$21,000.

May 7 also restocked food closets. Donors fed Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services more than \$255,000; Sacramento Loaves and Fishes more than \$165,000; Yolo Food Bank almost \$146,000. Locally, Fair Oaks/Orangevale Food Bank gained more than \$33,000. Carmichael’s Homeless Assistance Resources Team was boosted by almost \$5,000.

Top regional beneficiaries included Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera with more than \$327,000 to sing about. The Salvation Army drummed up more than \$322,000; Sacramento SPCA scooped \$221,705; ACC Senior Services got \$204,957.

Culture was handsomely applauded. B Street Theatre (The Sophia) raised nearly \$104,000. The Crocker Art Museum collected more than \$92,570. CapRadio beamed in around \$94,000. Stage patrons backed Fair Oaks Theater Festival to the tune of \$10,000.

Youth charities compelled grown-up generosity. Sacramento Children’s Home collected more than \$176,500. Shriners Hospitals brought in \$82,677. Kiwanis Family House banked \$73,500-plus. Children’s Receiving Home of Sacramento supporters gave more than \$59,000.

“Big Day of Giving allows the community to learn about nonprofits,” explained Sacramento Region Community Foundation officer Kelly Siefkin. “Participating organizations also love to build relationships with new donors. This year, we lowered the gift minimum to \$10. This made philanthropy more accessible. “

Perhaps \$10 doesn’t seem much. But small donations make a huge difference. With average gifts still under \$50, they added up to \$13.2 million.”

The next Big Day of Giving is scheduled for May 1, 2025. For more details, visit www.bigdayofgiving.org.

Footnote: This report reflects BDOG leaderboards. Some May 7 donations are not recorded by this source. ★

Dignity Health and Aetna® Reach Agreement

Dignity Health News Release


SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health and Aetna, a CVS Health Company, have reached agreement on a new, multi-year contract that allows Aetna members to maintain in-network access to Dignity Health services, facilities and providers in Arizona, California and Nevada. The effective date of the new agreement is April 1 and health care services received by Aetna members since April 1 will be covered at the members’ in-network benefit levels.

“This is a win for our patients who deserve access to local high-quality care,” said Robert Quinn, MD, president of Dignity Health Medical Foundation. “Our goal in working with Aetna has always

been about ensuring we can meet the needs of our patients today and in the future. This agreement ensures we can continue to provide value-driven care for Aetna members.”

Said Cathy Hughes, Aetna vice-president and chief network officer for the Western and South-Central region, “We are committed to serving Aetna members with access to quality, convenient, affordable care through our network of providers. We are pleased to reach an agreement with Dignity Health that enables us to continue working together to meet the health care needs of our members.”

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Caitlin Clark and the Gender Gap

By Dr. Gary Scott Smith

Social media has been abuzz since it became known that Iowa superstar Caitlin Clark, the number one draft pick in the WNBA, will make only \$76,535 this year playing with the Indiana Fever. By contrast, the NBA’s most recent No. 1 pick, San Antonio Spurs center Victor Wembanyama, will make almost \$12.2 million, 161 times as much. Moreover, Wembanyama will earn \$55 million during the next four years, while Clark’s salary for this period will be \$338,056. This disparity is leading many commentators to criticize the gender inequities that continue to plague most professional and collegiate sports.

Even President Joe Biden joined the fray. On X, he argued that the pay gap between the NBA and the WNBA reflects the differing opportunities of men and women. Even the best women athletes, he asserted, “are not paid their fair share.” He added that “women in sports continue to push new boundaries and inspire us all.”

Although Clark helped attract record-breaking TV audiences to Iowa’s regular season and March Madness games and sell-out crowds to arenas throughout the nation, she will earn a meager salary compared with her NBA counterparts. Moreover, in 2023, the highest-paid WNBA player earned \$242,000, while Steph Curry earned \$55.7 million, and the NBA minimum salary was more than one million dollars. Defenders of these differential salaries stress that the NBA has existed 50 years longer than the WNBA, that it has more than twice as many teams, and that its revenue is \$10 billion a year, while that of the WNBA is only \$200 million. However, NBA players receive 50 percent of their league’s revenue, while WNBA players get only 10 percent of



Iowa Hawkeyes guard Caitlin Clark (22) smiles following a game between the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Michigan Wolverines in Iowa City, Iowa on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wolverines 106-89. (Nick Rohlman/The Gazette)

their league’s proceeds. “We are not asking to get paid what the men get paid. We’re asking to get paid the same percentage of revenue shared,” Las Vegas Aces star Kelsey Plum declared in 2022.

Clark, of course, will make millions from endorsing various products. Her sponsorship deals with companies including State Farm and Gatorade are valued at \$3 million. Nike will reportedly sign a deal with her worth more than \$20 million that will feature a signature sneaker. Clark, who also earned several million dollars through NIL (name, image, and likeness) while at Iowa, however, is the exception. Far fewer female collegiate athletes than their male counterparts earn large amounts through endorsements.

The low salaries WNBA players, even the league’s greatest stars, earn prompt many of them to play almost year-round by suiting up for teams in Russia, Turkey, and other international venues. Many of them have played in the EuroLeague, where they earned salaries 10 times higher than those they receive in the United States. The pay of the WBNA’s all-time league scorer Diana Taurasi ranged from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million

while playing overseas, while the WNBA’s current maximum salary is \$242,000.

While playing abroad, WNBA athletes enjoy additional perks including living in fancy villas equipped with indoor pools and saunas, cooks, chauffeurs, cash bonuses, diamond jewelry, catered lunches, shopping sprees in Paris and Venice, stays at seven-star hotels, and travel by private jets. Compared with playing in Russia, Taurasi ironically noted, playing in the WNBA was like living in nations under communist governments before the fall of the Soviet Union. Playing overseas, though, can involve risks. Remember that Brittany Griner went to play in Russia during the WNBA’s off-season in 2022 where she was arrested and wrongly detained for ten months.

This wage inequality also exists in golf, soccer, and tennis where male professional athletes make anywhere from 15 percent to almost 100 percent more than female athletes. In 2023, the total prize purse for men’s golf was about \$450 million compared to the \$100 million total for women’s golf. The current minimum salary in Major League Soccer (MLS) is \$85,444, while

in the National Women’s Soccer League (NWSL) it is \$46,500. In 2022, soccer star Lionel Messi, the male athlete with the highest earnings (\$130 million), made 87 percent more than tennis star Naomi Osaka, the highest-grossing female athlete (\$51.1 million). Tennis is somewhat of an outlier as the prize money at its four major tournaments is the same for men and women, but the purse at many other events is less for women. Moreover, the total compensation female collegiate athletes are receiving through NIL pales compared with their male counterparts.

Although the large disparities in men’s and women’s salaries in numerous professional sports is deplorable, the bigger issue is the gender gap across all work platforms. American women still earn less than men for doing the same work and are underrepresented in management positions. They also hold far fewer political positions than men, and they often face numerous sexist barriers when they run for office and engage in political decision-making. Meanwhile, laws still discriminate against women in the areas of divorce, inheritance, and domestic violence.

In the past two decades, the gender pay gap has hardly narrowed in the United States. In 1982, women earned only 65 cents for each dollar men earned. By 2002, the situation had improved, as women made 80 cents for each dollar men received. In the next 20 years, however, little progress was made. In 2022, American women brought home 82 cents for every dollar men grossed. This gender pay gap persists even though since 1981 more women have graduated annually from college than men and today about 57 percent of college graduates are women.

Certainly, the types of jobs women hold and their giving birth to and rearing children contribute to women earning less than men, but sexual stereotyping and discrimination also play a major role. Perhaps the heated conversation about the disparity in the salaries of professional male and female athletes can inspire us to increase our efforts to end all differences in hiring and earnings based on gender.

Gary Scott Smith is the author of recently published “The Greatest of All-Time: Fifteen Fantastic Athletes.” Gary Scott Smith is Professor of History Emeritus at Grove City College and is a fellow for faith and politics with the Institute for Faith and Freedom. He is the author of "Strength for the Fight: The Life and Faith of Jackie Robinson" (2022), "Duty and Destiny: The Life and Faith of Winston Churchill" (January 2021), "A History of Christianity in Pittsburgh" (2019), "Suffer the Children" (2017), "Religion in the Oval Office" (Oxford University Press, 2015), "Faith and the Presidency From George Washington to George W. Bush" (Oxford University Press, 2009), "Religion in the Oval Office" and "Heaven in the American Imagination" (Oxford University Press, 2011). ★

New Measure Eligible for California's November 2024 Ballot

Restricts Spending by Health Care Providers Meeting Specified Criteria

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. announced that an initiative became eligible for the November 5 General Election ballot on May 21.

In order to become eligible for the ballot, the initiative needed 546,651 valid petition signatures, which is equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 General Election.

A measure can become eligible via random sampling of petition signatures if the sampling projects that the number of valid signatures is greater than 110 percent of the required number. The initiative needed at least 601,317 projected valid signatures to become eligible by random sampling, and it has exceeded that threshold today.

On June 27, the Secretary of State will certify the initiative as qualified for the November 5 General Election ballot, unless

it is withdrawn by the proponent prior to certification pursuant to Elections Code section 9604(b).

The Attorney General’s official title and summary of the measure is as follows:

Restricts spending by health care providers meeting specified criteria. Initiative statute. Requires certain health care providers to spend 98% of revenues from the federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Applies only to health care providers that: spent over \$100,000,000 in any ten-year period on anything other than direct patient care; and operated multifamily housing with over 500 high-severity health and safety violations. Penalizes non-compliance by revoking health care licenses and tax-exempt status. Permanently authorizes state to negotiate Medi-Cal drug prices on statewide basis. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased costs to state government, potentially up to the

millions of dollars annually, to review entities’ compliance with the measure and enforce the measure’s provisions. These costs would be paid for by fees created under the measure. Uncertain fiscal impacts to state and local government health programs, depending on how the affected entities respond to the measure’s requirements. (23-0021A1.)

The Secretary of State’s tracking number for this measure is 1963 and the Attorney General’s tracking number is 23-0021A1.

The proponent of the measure is Thomas Bannon. They can be reached c/o Kurt R. Oneto, Nielsen Merksamer LLP, at (916) 446-6752 and koneto@nmgov-law.com. The address for Nielsen Merksamer LLP is 1415 L Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in California, visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/how-qualify-initiative>. ★

Gov. Newsom Announces New Appointments to Sacramento Superior Court

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gov. Gavin Newsom recently announced the appointment of three judges to the Sacramento Superior Court bench.

“The court looks forward to these additions to the bench,” Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi. “The collective experience that comes with Commissioner Badiga, Ms. Holliday and Ms. Zuvela will serve continued access to justice in Sacramento County.”

Jaya Badiga, of Sacramento County, has served as a Commissioner at the Sacramento Superior Court since 2022. She was a Sole Practitioner from 2018 to 2022. She served as an Attorney at the California Department of Health Care Services in 2020 and at California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services in 2018.

Badiga was Managing Attorney at WEAVE Inc. from 2013 to 2018 and

Attorney Advisor at Galaxy Architects & Infrastructure from 2010 to 2013. She served as Staff Counsel at the California Employment Development Department from 2009 to 2010.

Badiga earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations and International Communications from Boston University. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert S. Lapham.

Amy Holliday, of Sacramento County, was elected in March 2024 to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Allen H. Sumner. The Governor’s interim appointment allows her to immediately assume the position she would otherwise begin in January 2025.

Since January 2020, Holliday has served as Assistant Chief Deputy managing prosecutors in the Central Operations Bureau and use of Forensic Investigative

Genetic Genealogy to solve and prosecute cases. She has prosecuted several cold cases including People of the State of California v. Joseph James DeAngelo (the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer).

Holliday earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Allison Zuvela, of Sacramento County, has served as a Retired Annuitant Deputy Public Defender at the Yolo County Public Defender’s Office since 2023 and served in several positions there from 2003 to 2021, including Chief Deputy Public Defender and Assistant Chief Deputy Public Defender. She served as a Deputy Public Defender in the Tulare County Public Defender’s Office from 1995 to 2003.

Zuvela earned a Juris Doctor degree from California Western School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Sharon A. Luceras. ★

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Four Chaplains, One Faith



Today, I'm on the Zuiderdam, a Holland America cruise ship, sailing the Baltic Sea enjoying some amazing food and fun entertainment.

But sailing in such luxury over Memorial Day gives me a pang of guilt. I can't help but wonder how sparse it was for the men and women of our armed forces who boarded troop ships bound for war.

I can't help but wonder what it was like for the "Four Chaplains" of World War II.

Their story begins in 1943 on board the USS Dorchester, a 5,649-ton luxury liner converted into a U.S. Army troopship. Heavy with more than 900 men, the ship fell behind its escort off the Greenland coast.

Gale-force winds made for a nauseating voyage, according to later reports. Fortunately, among those doing their best to alleviate the discomfort were four chaplains: Father John Washington, the Rev. Clark Poling, Rabbi Alexander Goode and the Rev. George Fox.

Like a lot of chaplains on ships, they pulled double duty as activity directors. They organized sing-alongs and talent shows, but mostly they took confessions and held worship services, no matter what their faith.

On the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, the ship's captain, concerned over the

sightings of three enemy submarines, instructed passengers to wear life jackets to bed. Deep in the ship, the engine heat and overwhelming claustrophobia made it too uncomfortable for those sleeping in the lower decks to follow the order.

On Feb. 3 at 12:55 a.m., as the Dorchester approached Greenland, a German periscope sliced through the icy Atlantic waters. An officer aboard the submarine U-223 gave orders to fire a fan of three torpedoes. One decisive hit on the Dorchester's starboard side below the water line killed scores in a searing flash of flames.

Troops, some dressed only in their underwear, clambered on deck. Among them were the four chaplains: two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi. Survivors would later recall these men of faith seeking to calm the passengers and organize them into lifeboats.

When the chaplains saw many were without life vests, they dug around and found extras to give to the men. They instructed the soldiers to pray as they abandoned their ship and imbued them with courage to remain steadfast in their purpose.

Eventually, the chaplains discovered that there just weren't enough life jackets. With the supply depleted, each chaplain removed his own vest and gave it to another man.

The following information comes from the vantage point of those who made it into the lifeboats.

"I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," a soldier named William B. Bednar recalled. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching

courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

It is said that in the light of the fiery oil, the chaplains were seen standing arm in arm on the ship's deck, leading an interfaith service. Eighteen minutes after the torpedo hit, the Dorchester rolled into the Labrador Sea on its starboard side.

In the most published quote of the tragedy, survivor John Ladd called the chaplains' steadfastness as "the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

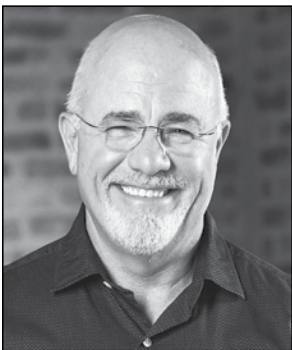
It would be the third largest U.S. maritime loss during World War II: 672 men died on the Dorchester, most from hypothermia. Only 230 men saw the sun rise in Greenland.

A Memorial Day eulogy 60 years later repeated the sentiment when it recalled the chaplains' act as "Despair caught in hope's grasp. Four chaplains. Two faiths. One God."

The nephew of Chaplain Fox, David Fox-Benton, urges us to "Remember, this was 1943. Protestants didn't talk to Catholics back then, let alone either of them talk to a Jew."

The chaplains were never eligible for the Medal of Honor since they were never under "direct fire." Therefore, Congress created a special medal in 1960 that praised the chaplains for their "selfless acts of courage, compassion and faith." The award was called the "Chaplain's Medal for Heroism," and it can never be awarded again.

I expect to come home next month on a commercial airline. But to those who never made it home from war, let us pledge to never forget. ★



Compassion and Reasonable Boundaries

Dear Dave,

The fact that you're conflicted about this shows you have a good heart. Team members are individuals, not units of production. We all have unique hopes and dreams, and you should recognize and respect that. But it sounds like this particular employee also has a habit of making dumb mistakes where her time off is concerned.

I've experienced this kind of behavior from time to time as my company's grown. And as time's gone by, I've started listening to my gut to differentiate actual needs from stupidity. I try to treat other people the way I'd like to be treated, instead of just through the lens of what I want or what's good for Ramsey Solutions.

If a team member is going to make a series of bad choices, I'm going to assume at some point they don't really want to work

Dave Ramsey Says

here. You can be the nicest, sweetest person in the world and still do dumb things that make you unemployable. But holding someone accountable for their actions doesn't mean you lack compassion.

We've had situations at my company where someone runs through their PTO, then something comes up. We evaluate the situation, and we might extend some grace and give them extra paid time off. Sometimes we might give time off, but it's unpaid. Other times, it might be out of the question to give the time off (or for the person to keep their job at that point). Every situation's different, and we decide things like that on a case-by-case basis.

Now, there's absolutely nothing wrong with this lady's desire to have a family. I think that's a great thing. But she knew these treatments were in her future when she took the other PTO. You're showing great concern and compassion for your employee, Kate, but it's almost like you want her to win more than she wants to win.

God forbid, but let's pretend this lady's husband was in a bad car wreck. She's going to need time off to help take care of him. Of course, she gets extra PTO. No question, that deserves some grace. And if any of your other employees don't understand that or like it, they can hit the road. But that's not the case, is it? This lady had a planned life event, and she messed up her time off situation all by herself.

I think in this situation, you probably let your compassion go a little too far, and now you're having a hard time with the consequences. If it were me, I'd give this lady a little extra PTO for the treatments, but I'd also have a gentle but firm talk with her about managing time off more wisely.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with putting reasonable boundaries on compassion.

— Dave

Leadership and small-business expert Dave Ramsey is the CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored eight national bestselling books, including "EntreLeadership," and he's a host of "The Ramsey Show" and "The EntreLeadership Podcast." ★

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2024 DAR Community Service Awards Honors Three



Shown are Dianne Poppert, Citrus Heights Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service Award chairperson, Kaye Lynn and David Peterson of Sacramento, leaders of the U.S. Constitution Study Group, and Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost.

Story and photo
by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

- Three community leaders were honored for their community service by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) General John A. Sutter Citrus Heights Chapter on May 11 for their many volunteer contributions to the local community.

Lorie Rheams, a resident of Orangevale and an active member of the Orangevale Rotary Club with her husband, Russ, were recognized for two volunteer activities in which they both made a difference in their community.

For the past 17 years, the Rheams have volunteered to distribute Christmas baskets to local families in need at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Orangevale. Some 43 such baskets were distributed at Divine Savior in December 2023.

“There’s such an incredible need and so many ways in which all of us can help our community,” she said modestly. Rheams acknowledged the support of her husband who is “always by my side,” fellow church members at Divine Savior and her fellow Orangevale Rotarians in being able to “model and live a full life of service to others.”

Rheams was also cited for leading a clothing collection program for the nonprofit Underground Clothing Connection store in the Citrus Heights Sunrise Mall for young adults and children in need.

“What the Underground needs now, besides clothing donations, is consistent volunteer support hours helping out in the store to

better help it thrive,” she said. “It’s an important resource for so many people it serves,” she said.

The free clothing store, exclusively for students and their families of San Juan Unified School District, by school referral only, is the product of a community partnership between the Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART), Sunrise Mall, San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) and Sunrise MarketPlace (SMP).

To volunteer or make a clothing donation to the Underground Clothing Connection, call 916-952-9797 or email TheUnderGround444@gmail.com.

The couple also own and operate Orangevale Copy Center at 9267 Greenback Lane, Suite C5, Orangevale since February 1990.

Kaye Lynn and David Peterson of Sacramento were recognized for volunteering their time leading a non-partisan U.S. Constitution Discussion Group (CDG), which meets at Epic Bible College at 4330 Auburn Boulevard in Sacramento. Both received an award for their outstanding service to the community.

The couple lead a free eight-week course on the U.S. Constitution through Aug. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. hosted at Epic Bible College with discussion topics including state sovereignty, nullification and taxation, unconstitutional powers, the Electoral College, and the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution prohibiting unreasonable search and seizures.

“We the people, no longer understand our relationship to, and our

responsibilities under the Constitution,” Kaye Lynn Peterson told the Daughters of the American Revolution members. “Our purpose is to help adults review, re-learn and discuss what a Constitutional Republic is, and review the documents left to us by the Founding Fathers of our nation.”

The Sacramento U.S. Constitution Discussion Group, running for the past three years, is conducted in a seminar-style presentation, with instruction followed by open discussion and questions. Kaye Lynn is the moderator and searches for material to cover, while David runs the video equipment used to present audio-visual materials.

The couple said a “thorough understanding and refresh of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship under the U.S. Constitution are an important part of an active civics education.”

The public is also invited to bring a dish to share and attend a Memorial Day patriotic potluck from 6 to 8 p.m. May 30 hosted by the group on the main floor at Epic Bible College, 4330 Auburn Blvd.

The General John A. Sutter Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR or DAR), a nonprofit, non-political organization, meets at the Sylvan Community Center, 7521 Community Drive in Citrus Heights.

Women who are 18 years of age and older and descended from a parent who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, can apply for Daughters of the American Revolution membership. ★

Decades Long Delta Tunnel Water Project May Finally Be Nearing a Historic Decision



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

It’s been almost a half-century since I first heard the term “peripheral canal” uttered by William Gianelli, who was then-Gov. Ronald Reagan’s top water official. The project, in one form or another, had already been kicking around for decades.

The California Water Project became operative in the 1960s and was the most prominent legacy project of Pat Brown, whom Reagan had defeated in 1966.

The project dams the Feather River near Oroville and releases impounded water to flow down the Feather into the Sacramento River and eventually into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Pumps at the southern edge of the Delta suck the water into the California Aqueduct, which carries it down the San Joaquin Valley to more pumps over the Tehachapi Mountains into Southern California.

Pumping water out of the Delta changes the massive estuary’s natural flows and, as widely recognized, damages habitat for fish and other wildlife. The envisioned 44-mile-long peripheral canal would have carried water around the Delta to the head of the aqueduct thereby, it was said, improving water supply reliance and protecting fish.

However, there was

widespread opposition, mostly from environmentalists who doubted the canal would have a beneficial impact. The project stalled until Pat Brown’s son, Jerry, became governor in 1975 and attempted to complete the last remaining link in his father’s landmark water plan.

Brown relentlessly pressed the Legislature to authorize the canal and finally succeeded, but the compromise version failed to mollify environmentalists and alienated San Joaquin Valley farmers. The two disparate groups formed an odd-bedfellows alliance that defeated the project in a 1982 referendum, the same year Brown’s bid for a U.S. Senate seat failed.

Voter rejection put the project in political limbo for two-plus decades, until Arnold Schwarzenegger became governor and proposed twin tunnels, instead of a canal, to bypass the Delta. Jerry Brown returned to the governorship in 2011 and once again sought to get it done.

It was still just an idea when Gavin Newsom succeeded Brown in 2019. Almost immediately he downgraded it to one tunnel and ordered the Department of Water Resources to get it going. The much-revised project barely survived a 2016 ballot measure that probably would have killed it, and with Newsom’s governorship down to its last couple of years, it is nearing the decisive moment.

The project has undergone several name changes over the decades but is now dubbed the Delta Conveyance Project. Recently, the water agency released an updated report on the tunnel, raising its cost to \$20 billion but

insisting that it still pencils out in a cost-benefit analysis.

“For every \$1 spent, \$2.20 in benefits would be generated,” Department of Water Resources officials declared. “The report also shows the very real cost of doing nothing, posing significant future challenges to supplying water to California communities.”

Cost-benefit claims of big public works projects are notoriously subjective because they rely on notoriously unreliable cost estimates and equally squishy definitions of benefits.

The tunnel’s \$20 billion cost is already many billions of dollars over earlier estimates. As costs climb, the willingness of downstream water agencies to cover construction bonds is still uncertain, and environmental groups are still as opposed as they were in 1982.

By its nature, a bypass tunnel would reduce water flows through the Delta. As Newsom’s administration tries to clear financial and environmental issues, it is also trying to get San Joaquin Valley farmers to take less water from its rivers so that more can flow through the Delta.

The interplay between those two somewhat contradictory efforts is one of the project’s most intriguing aspects.

Dan Walters is one of most widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. He has been at CalMatters since 2017. ★



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Sohail Samiee and Shiva Ghaseini, 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 Minwood Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wake N Lake" 6632 Minwood 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03442
Naqib Jami, 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 27, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fast Service Towing" 2740 Fulton Avenue Suite 27, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
FAST 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03901
Eric Lee Van Skike, 5541 Montia Court, Orangevale, CA 95662

is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Morgan-Nels Industrial Supply" 5541 Montia Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 16, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
MORGAN 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03881
Benjamin Tivadar, 7317 Poseidon Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tiva Electric" 7317 Poseidon Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
TIVA 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02848
Jason Francis Morgan, 7705 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DJ's Auto and Tire" 7705 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
DJS 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03625
Volodymyr Buchynskiy, 1151 Bell Street Apt 8, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "917 Fridge" 1151 Bell Street Apt 8, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
FRIDGE 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03896
Phelecia Anne Curtis, 6633 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Courage Career Coaching" 6633 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 16, 2024
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COURAGE 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03663
The Bee Box LLC, 4765 J Street Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PollenBoost" 4765 J Street Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 9, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
POLLENBOOST 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03808
Advanced Equipment Repair, Inc, 2795 E. Bidwell Suite 100-334, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Camp 61 Apparel/Jack Frost Co" 3298 Monier Circle, Suite 130, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
CAMP 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03672
Anusha Mangadu, 12155 Tributary Point Drive Apt-188 Cobble Oaks, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Annu's Arts & Drapes" 12155 Tributary Point Drive Apt-188 Cobble Oaks, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 9, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
ANUJS 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03179
Mortuary Support Services of Northern CA, LLC, 35 Quinta Court Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Postal Source" 7330 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 7, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
POSTAL 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03518
Pavlo Herasymovych, 5717 Callie Lane Apt D, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GP Transportation" 5717 Callie Lane Apt D, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 3, 2024
Publish: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2024
GP 6-14-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03942
BMKT Inc, 10319 Frank Greg Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Auto Splash" 7320 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 17, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
AUTO 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03120
Christian Baird, 3511 Del Paso Road Suite 160, PMB419, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "On The Fly Notary" 5433 Duck Walk Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
NOTARY 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04015
Martin Smith, 6860 Woodlock Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Comfort Financial" 6860

Woodlock Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 21, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
COMFORT 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02537
Deborah Alexander, P.O. Box #4, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rental Turnover Specialist" 8134 Dart Way, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 3, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
RENTAL 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03250
Raymond Dacanay and Mathew Flower, 5208 Heritage Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gotcha Safe" 5208 Heritage Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 26, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
GOTCHA 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03554
Dr. Kellen Grayson, 4070 Bridge Street Suite 3, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SacTown Therapy" 4070 Bridge Street Suite 3, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 6, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
SACTOWN 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03445
Keyes Entertainment LLC, 9353 Greenback Lane, Suite 9, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Scotty's Hideaway" 9353 Greenback Lane, Suite 9, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 2, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
SCOTTYS 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03879
Katherine Kruser, 10419 Old Placerville Road #252, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Center for Neuropsychology" 10419 Old Placerville Road #252, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
SACRAMENTO 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04046
Zimei Chinese Culture Academy, LLC, 2848 Arden Way Suite 210A, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zimei Chinese Culture Academy" 2848 Arden Way Suite 210A, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
ZIMEI 6-21-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03619
Guest Innovations, Inc., 1740 Creekside Oaks 175, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rezku/ Rezku POS" 1740 Creekside Oaks 175, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2024
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024
REZKU 6-21-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008356

Ramon Raya has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ramon Raya to Ramon Cruz Raya.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 31, 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 30, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024
RAYA 5-31-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV001491
Ghulam Mustafa Alizada has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ghulam Mustafa Alizada to Mustafa Sadat.
Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
GRIFFIN 6-7-24

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 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: May 1, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ALIZADA 5-31-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV001495
Ghulam Atiq Alizada & Marzya Alizada has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ghulam Reza Alizada to Omar Sadat.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 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: May 1, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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SADAT 5-31-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV009038
Davieon Roshun Hammond has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Davieon Roshun Hammond to Davieon Roshun Jackson.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 8, 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: May 1, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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HAMMOND 5-31-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV009038
Davieon Roshun Hammond has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Davieon Roshun Hammond to Davieon Roshun Jackson.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 8, 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: May 8, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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HAMMOND 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008376
Akweley Karene Beecham has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Akweley Karene Beecham to Akweley Karene Bortey.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 31, 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 26, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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BEECHAM 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008376
Akweley Karene Beecham has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Akweley Karene Beecham to Akweley Karene Bortey.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 31, 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 26, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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BEECHAM 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV007918
Michelle Yvonne Roush has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jonathan Michael Roush to Jonathan Carl Roush and Caleb Douglas Roush to Caleb Michael Roush.
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 22, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
ROUSH 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008356
Ramon Raya has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ramon Raya to Ramon Cruz Raya.
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 22, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ROUSH 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008541
Madison Stephens Griffin has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Madison Stephens Griffin to Madison Stephens Griffin-Namkung.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 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: May 3, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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GRIFFIN 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008541
Madison Stephens Griffin has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Madison Stephens Griffin to Madison Stephens Griffin-Namkung.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 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: May 3, 2024
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GRIFFIN 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV003391

Muhammad Faisal Momand has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Muhammad Faisal Momand to Faisal Momand.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 8, 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: May 9, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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FAISAL 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV003402
Muhammad Salahuddin Momand & Freeba Momand has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Muhammad Aimal Momand to Aimal Momand.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 20, 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: February 26, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
MOMAND 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV003397
Muhammad Salahuddin Momand has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Muhammad Salahuddin Momand to Salahuddin Momand.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 20, 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: February 26, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024
SALAHUDDIN 6-7-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008945
Taqwaallah Hasnawi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Taqwaallah Hasnawi to Nancy Aram.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 18, 2024, at 1:3

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CalAnimals and More to Host First-Ever California Adopt-A-Pet Day On June 1

Will Reisman,
Progress Public Affairs
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

The California Animal Welfare Association (CalAnimals), the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF SPCA), and the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) recently announced the first-ever California Adopt-a-Pet Day, taking place on Saturday, June 1.

The statewide adoption day will feature more than 150 California animal welfare sites offering free adoptions to find homes for 2,024 shelter pets. The ASPCA will be providing funds to cover the cost of free adoptions at participating shelters. California animal welfare groups that would like to take part in the event have until Friday, May 10 to register online at caadoptapetday.org.

“California shelters are facing enormous pressures due to overcrowding conditions, as the number of animals entering shelters is outpacing those leaving,” said Jill Tucker, CEO of CalAnimals. “By increasing adoption demand and encouraging pet-ready families to visit their local shelter first, we can make a change. This unprecedented and collaborative statewide effort can help reduce the number of animals in our shelters while also providing loving, caring families for our most vulnerable pets. There has never been a better time or better selection of incredible animals ready for new homes, and we know the



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people of California will rise to this challenge.”

The large influx of animals being brought into shelters in recent years is due to a severe nationwide shortage of veterinary professionals as well as a confluence of other factors, such as inflation and pet-friendly housing restrictions. Many communities in California do not have access to affordable veterinary care, including spay and neuter services.

“Shelters are such integral parts of our communities—we are where families find their next cat or dog or get treatment for their beloved pets—and now we are asking for the community’s help,” said Dr. Jennifer Scarlett, CEO of the SF SPCA. “By working together, we can find homes for thousands of animals throughout the state. Californians are famous for their compassion, empathy, and care. California Adopt-a-Pet Day is a perfect time to put those emotions into action.”

“Shelters in California and around the country are facing an overcrowding crisis that requires the support and collaboration of national and local organizations working together with communities to help our

most vulnerable animals,” said Matt Bershadker, President & CEO, ASPCA. “The lifesaving impact of our collective efforts will be felt by the animals, the participating organizations, and communities across the state.”

California Adopt-a-Pet Day is being managed by CalAnimals, an organization that focuses on the success of California animal welfare and sheltering organizations in meeting the needs of animals and people in their communities.

The initiative is being generously supported by the SF SPCA, a nonprofit that works in San Francisco, the Central Valley, and across California to ensure that every companion animal has access to quality medical care, compassionate shelter, and a loving home, and the ASPCA, the longest-standing animal welfare organization in North America that works on the frontlines to save, transform, and protect the lives of millions of dogs, cats, equines, and farm animals in the fight against animal cruelty and homelessness.

To find a participating animal shelter in California Adopt-a-Pet Day, please visit <https://caadoptapetday.org> ★

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 our 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 unhoused 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. ★

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